

ILLINOIS GRADE SCHOOL MUSIC ASSOCIATION
Northern Division
77th ANNUAL STATE FALL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Monday, September 28, 2015
Joliet Junior College

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The 77th Annual Fall Membership Meeting of the Illinois Grade School Music Association, Northern Division, held at Joliet Junior College, was called to order at 10:30 AM by President Lisa Kiener-Barnett. President Kiener-Barnett welcomed everyone, followed by introductions of the Executive Board members. She also introduced Superintendent of Richland Schools, Dr. Michael Early.

Lisa Eaton, Cloyd Myers Memorial Award Committee Chairperson, was introduced and deferred to President Lisa Kiener-Barnett to make the presentation. The award was given to Terry Melbourn. Terry, Director of the Clarendon Hills Symphonic Band, has been teaching in District 181 for 19 years. His bands have attended Superstate Band Festival, including performance as Honor Band. They have participated in the National Concert Band Festival in Indianapolis and Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic as a clinic band. Terry has served on the IGSMA Executive Board for five years, bring innovative ideas to our website and initiating the Mentor Program.

Jeff Muraida, Committee Chairperson, presented the Barbara Buehlman Young Conductors Award to Phil Robb. Phil is a member of several music organizations and has been teaching for seven years at Richland Grade School. At the onset he had 17 students and now has over 200 in the program. Mr. Robb's students have participated in Solo and Ensemble Contest for the past seven years and the last three years they have participated in Organization Contest, receiving Division I ratings at both District and State the past two years. His administration is very supportive and this year Phil acquired a new band room due to the growth of the program. Mr. Robb is well respected amongst his colleagues in his District and is always willing to help when needed.

A motion to accept the minutes of the 2014 Annual State Fall Membership Meeting as written was made by Lisa Eaton. Seconded by Linda Betzelberger. **MOTION CARRIED**

Vice President Terry Melbourn reported that we have 651 medals and 21 plaques in our inventory resulting in a net worth of \$1,116.10.

Phil Robb reported that the Audit Committee met and the books are in order. Phil Robb moved to accept the Audit Report. **MOTION CARRIED**

Secretary-Treasurer Edward Jones indicated the Association is in sound condition with a balance of \$41,969.76 as of June 30, 2015. Mr. Jones indicated asset reports had been received from the Districts and will be prepared for the IRS Report. Hearing no questions, the report will be filed for audit.

Report of the Executive Board - Recommendations

John Versluis moved that on Page 14, Rules Governing Ensembles, Item 3: Currently reads, "Any ensemble appearing with any required parts/voices missing will be rated at the discretion of the Contest Host." **Reword: "Any ensemble missing instrumental or voice parts shall be heard and rated on the performance presented."**

MOTION CARRIED

Kimberly Farris moved to offer an additional location for State Contest/Festival in 2016 in order to accommodate the Jewish Holiday of Passover on Friday/Saturday 4/22/16 and 4/23/16. Date to be determined.

MOTION CARRIED

John Versluis moved to add Honors Status to groups who choose the rating format at State Contest/Festival for those receiving perfect scores from all judges.

MOTION DEFEATED

Sarah Corkins moved to remove the restrictive number of ensembles that can receive "Honors" Status for those groups choosing Festival Format at the State Contest/Festival.

MOTION CARRIED

Lisa Eaton moved that the IGSMA co-sponsor with NBA the 2015 Band Director Workshop hosted by McCracken MS on November 3, 2015 with a contribution of \$500.00 towards expenses.

MOTION CARRIED

Kimberly Farris moved that the IGSMAs purchase 10 to 12 new digital recording devices as determined by the Executive Committee to replace our current CD recorders, not to exceed \$150.00 each.

MOTION CARRIED

Allison Reatherford moved that the State Contest/Festival adjudicator pay be increased to \$40.00 per hour including the half-hour meeting and lunch with no mileage allowance.

MOTION CARRIED

Edward Jones moved that under Article III to Membership in the Constitution on page three, that the language shall indicate: Active members of the Association shall be those public and/or private elementary, middle and junior high schools represented by one governing body, including those agencies and their representatives sanctioned by a given school to deliver instruction to students within the school, who have paid a school district membership fee of \$70.00 and a \$20.00 fee for each participating elementary, middle or junior high school director.

MOTION CARRIED

District IX Resolution:

Sarah Corkins recommended that in the Bylaws to Page 16-Rules Governing the District and State Organization Contests/Festivals; Chorus, Swing/Show Choir to Swing/Show Choirs to add new item d) Swing/Show choirs may use recorded accompaniment at Organization Contests/Festivals.

MOTION DEFEATED

Old Business

Since the State Contest Committee Chairperson was not in attendance, committee members present were asked to comment. Cliff Hunt researched performing venues with auditoriums. Elmhurst College was the only one showing interest. Kim Farris reported the outcome of the survey sent to all members revealing one half wanted to keep Ratings Format and one half wanted to keep Festival Format. President Lisa Kiener-Barnett indicated the officers prepared a proposal to present to Benedictine University and North Central College in Naperville. Benedictine was very positive about the proposal and is awaiting the completion of current construction of the performing arts area. North Central College, while believing it was a great venture, did not feel they could accommodate us this year. A new State Contest Committee has been formed with the Executive Board serving as the committee along with any member volunteers. Volunteers from the meeting include Raymond Cannon, Chip De Stefano, Sarah Giordano, Joe Koppel, Rich Lehman, Jim Shaw and Judy Mastalski. For this year we will continue to seek better venues. Joliet Junior College will not be hosting the State Jazz site due to financial reasons.

Sarah Corkins moved that Swing/Show Choirs may use recorded instrumental accompaniment at Organization Contests/Festivals. Swing/Show Choirs choosing to use recorded instrumental accompaniment are responsible for providing their own audio equipment. Seconded by Phil Robb. **MOTION CARRIED**

New Business

The Five-Year Calendar was updated with the 2020 year.

The Annual State Fall Meeting date is September 26, 2016.

Report of the Nominating Committee

Kimberly Farris, Chairperson of the Nominating Committee, reported that the slate of officers for 2015-2016 is Lisa Kiener-Barnett for President and Terrence Melbourn for Vice President.

Lisa Kiener-Barnett was nominated for President. Hearing no further nominations from the floor, the nominations were closed. Terrence Melbourn was nominated for Vice President. Hearing no further nominations from the floor, the nominations were closed.

Lisa Kiener-Barnett has been nominated for President. **MOTION CARRIED** Lisa Kiener-Barnett has been elected President.

Terrence Melbourn was nominated for Vice President. **MOTION CARRIED** Terrence Melbourn has been elected Vice President.

Lisa Kiener-Barnett announced that Edward Jones was appointed Executive Secretary-Treasurer by the Executive Board. Kimberly Farris gave the Board Recommendation that a 2% salary increase be given to the Officers for a total new money of \$426.00. **MOTION CARRIED**

Hearing no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 PM.

Edward F. Jones
Executive Secretary-Treasurer