

ILLINOIS GRADE SCHOOL MUSIC ASSOCIATION
Northern Division
76th ANNUAL STATE FALL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Monday, September 22, 2014
Clarion Hotel Joliet Banquet & Convention Center

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The 76th Annual Fall Membership Meeting of the Illinois Grade School Music Association, Northern Division, held at the Clarion Hotel Joliet Banquet and Convention Center, 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 announced Ed Jones had been hospitalized and Rhonda Jurgel will be Secretary Pro Tem. Lisa recognized two directors retiring at the end of the year, Lisa Friedman having taught for approximately 30 years and Ann Marie Markel in her 38th year.

After reading the criteria for the Cloyd Myers Award, President Kiener-Barnett introduced Lisa Eaton, Committee Chairperson, to make the presentation. The award was given to Cindy Bridges. Cindy has served on the Executive Board for 12 years and currently is serving as Advisor to the Board. She has organized and hosted numerous Contests in her District. Her bands and jazz bands received consistent Division I ratings from 1992-2001. Cindy is very dedicated to students and staff and an excellent role model.

Terry Melbourn, Vice President, presented the Barbara Buehlman Young Conductors Award to John Versluis. John's students have participated in the IGSMA since his first year as a teacher. He has served on the Executive Board for three years. John was nominated by his principal. The principal wrote that John has turned the band program into an outstanding, award-winning program. His group has been selected to perform at IMEA and Super State this coming year. John also serves on his Building Leadership Team and has been a mentor and leader among the staff.

A motion to accept the minutes of the 2013 Annual State Fall Membership Meeting was made by Lisa Eaton. Seconded by Sarah Corkins. **MOTION CARRIED**

Vice President Terry Melbourn reported that we have 1,265 medals and 24 plaques in our inventory worth a total of \$2,173.48. There were 39,168 District medals and 5,557 State medals used this year, which is consistent with the past years. Terry informed the membership of our new three-year medal contract with Award Emblem. Having seen samples of the medal everyone should be pleased with the quality. The price will remain consistent over the three years.

Terry Melbourn reported that the Audit Committee met and the books are in order. Kim Farris moved to accept the Audit Report. Seconded by John Versluis **MOTION CARRIED**

Secretary Pro Tem Rhonda Jurgel indicated the Association is in good financial standing with a balance of \$42,026.71 at the end of the fiscal year. Hearing no questions, the report will be filed for audit.

Report of the Executive Board - Recommendations

Kimberly Farris moved to add a new section on Page 5, Article IV - Officers:

Administrative Assistant ó The Administrative Assistant shall assist the Officers with clerical duties as requested. These duties may include preparation of reports and forms, reconciliation of bank statements, meeting preparations and arrangements, fee collections, maintenance of director data, mailing preparations, web site updating and other duties as assigned. The position will be appointed by the Officers of this Association and will carry an annual stipend as indicated in the current Constitution Addendum. The Administrative Assistant may attend Executive Board and General Meetings but shall have no voting privileges. **MOTION CARRIED**

Sarah Corkins moved to add a new section on Page 5, Article IV - Officers: Salaries: The annual salary of the President shall be 40% of the Executive Secretary-Treasurer's salary. The annual salary of the Vice President shall be 45% of the Executive Secretary-Treasurer's salary. **MOTION CARRIED**

Lisa Eaton moved that on Page 7, Article X ó Rules of Procedure ó Item 3: Currently reads, "District Bylaws and Operational Procedures shall not be in conflict with the State Constitution and Bylaws." Reword: "District Operational Procedures shall not be in conflict with the State Constitution and Bylaws." **MOTION CARRIED**

John Versluis moved that on Page 7, Article XI ó Cloyd Myers Memorial Award ó Under Logistics, Item 2, Sentence 1 ó Currently reads, "A selection committee will be appointed annually by the President, which shall include the past two previous award recipients." Reword: The selection committee shall be the Executive Board. The President shall appoint a committee chairperson annually at the Fall Executive Board Meeting. **MOTION CARRIED**

Lisa Eaton moved that on Page 10, Districts ó Add New #1 and New #2 and renumber accordingly:

1. Districts shall abide by the current Constitution and Bylaws of the State Association when conducting business within the Districts. öOperational Proceduresö may be established to reflect the manner of operation in the individual districts.
2. No District shall have the authority to deny participation of individual schools without the approval of the Executive Committee, other than for failure to meet established deadlines. In the event an attempt to deny participation occurs, documentation describing the circumstances shall be forwarded to the Executive Committee who in turn shall determine the need for consideration by the Executive Board as a whole.

MOTION CARRIED

Keith Wiemelt moved that on Page 12, Contest ó General Information, Entries ó District Chairpersons shall provide entry information and procedures to all participating members. District chairpersons shall not accept entries completed improperly or on incorrect forms. **Delete entire section.** Following discussion, the decision was made to amend and present later.

Sarah Corkins moved that on Page 17, Rules Governing the District and State Organization Contests/Festivals, State Contest/Festival Procedures - Add new item 10 and renumber accordingly: State Contest/Festival Hosts whose performing groups did not receive a Division I rating at their District level Contests may perform for öComments Onlyö at the State Contest/Festival they host.

Motion was amended to read: State Contest/Festival Hosts whose performing groups did not receive a Division I rating at their District level Contests may perform in exhibition for öComments Onlyö at the State Contest/Festival they host.

MOTION CARRIED

Lisa Eaton moved that on Page 17, Rules Governing the District and State Organization Contests/Festivals, State Contest/Festival Procedures, Item #3 ó State Contest/Festival Entry Form information will be forwarded to the State Hosts by the Executive Secretary-Treasurer.ö **Delete entire item** **MOTION CARRIED**

John Versluis moved that on Page 17, Rules Governing the District and State Organization Contests/Festivals, State Contest/Festival Procedures, Item #4 ó Currently reads, “Each participating director shall be provided with an Adjudicator Evaluation sheet at the State Contest/Festival site that is to be completed and forwarded to the State President. District chairpersons shall poll their membership at District meetings concerning additions or deletions to the list. Additions or deletions to the State Adjudicator list will be made by the Executive Board at the State Annual Fall Meeting.ö

Reward: Each participating director shall be provided an opportunity to evaluate Adjudicators. Additions or deletions to the State Adjudicator list may be made by the Executive Board at the Annual State Fall Executive Board Meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

John Versluis moved that on Page 17, Rules Governing the District and State Organization Contests/Festivals, State Contest/Festival Procedures, Item #7 ó Currently reads, öBrochures for State Contests/Festivals are to be mailed directly to the participating directors 10 to 14 days in advance of the State Contest/Festival date.ö

Reward: Information regarding State Contests/Festivals is to be provided by the Contest Hosts to the participating directors 10 to 14 days in advance of the State Contest/Festival date.

MOTION CARRIED

Keith Wiemelt moved that on Page 17, Rules Governing the District and State Organization Contests/Festivals, State Contest/Festival Procedures, Item #8 ó Currently reads, öMedal orders are processed by the Contest/Festival Host the day of the contest. Three-master copies of State Contest/Festival results shall be mailed to the Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Association by the Contest/Festival Host.ö

Reward: Medals are to be provided by the Contest/Festival Host the day of the Contest/Festival. Contest/Festival results shall be immediately forwarded to the Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Association by the Contest/Festival Host.

MOTION CARRIED

Bylaws, Page 12, Contest ó General Information, Entries ó Currently reads: öDistrict Chairpersons shall provide entry information and procedures to all participating members. District chairpersons shall not accept entries completed improperly or on incorrect forms.ö Linda Betzelberger moved to delete sentence two and move sentence one to page 10, item 10. Seconded by Lisa Eaton **MOTION CARRIED**

Old Business

Vice President Terry Melbourn explained the Mentoring Program. District Chairpersons will identify mentors in their District, providing them with a list of objectives. New members will then be paired up with a mentor. A suggestion was made to consider using retirees as possible mentors.

Terry gave an update regarding our website. A new Member Directory has been added with password protection. Members are sent the password when their fees and forms have been received. This is a cost effective measure in that we will eliminate the CD mailing to the membership. Terry will be working with the District Chairpersons to utilize the website more by adding information for their members.

New Business

The Five-Year Calendar was updated with the 2019 year.

The Annual State Fall Meeting date is September 21, 2015.

Lois Siegel moved to reformat State Contest so it is not the same as District Contest or just a repeat. Seconded by Ellen Singer
MOTION DEFEATED

Lois Siegel moved to form a committee to research the reformatting of State Contest. Seconded by Lisa Eaton
MOTION CARRIED

President Kiener-Barnett appointed Lois Siegel as Chairperson of the State Contest Committee. Chip De Stefano, Kim Farris, Lisa Eaton, Laura Armstrong, Cliff Hunt and Ann Marie Markel will serve on the Committee.

Report of the Nominating Committee

John Versluis, Chairperson of the Nominating Committee, reported that the slate of officers for 2014-2015 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.

John announced that Edward Jones was appointed Executive Secretary-Treasurer by the Executive Board. Mr. Versluis gave the Board Recommendation that a 4% salary increase be given to the Officers and Administrative Assistant for a total new money of \$1,064.00. **MOTION CARRIED**

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

Rhonda Jurgel
Secretary Pro Tem