

ILLINOIS GRADE SCHOOL MUSIC ASSOCIATION
Northern Division
78th ANNUAL STATE FALL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Monday, September 26, 2016
Joliet Junior College

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The 78th 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 and introduced members of the Executive Board followed by introductions by those in attendance.

The Cloyd Myers Memorial Award, presented by President Lisa Kiener-Barnett, was given to Georgia Alemis, Orchestra Director at Hadley JHS, Glen Ellyn School District 41. Georgia has performed with the Chicago Civic Orchestra and Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra. She has been teaching in Glen Ellyn since 1994. Her orchestras have received a Division I at IGSMCA Contests 22 consecutive times. From April 2003 to 2016 her group has achieved "Honors Status" at the State level 12 times. Lisa described Georgia as being very enthusiastic, positive and upbeat and a joy to know.

Phil Robb presented the Barbara Buehlman Young Conductor's Award to Audrie Burk, Choir Director at Richland School District 88A, Crest Hill. Audrie began teaching at Richland eight years ago. During that time, she has developed a wonderful program for the Choir students. Audrie has prepared and secured positions in the ILMEA Honor Choir for over 60 students. Her 5th/6th Grade Choir performed at the 2015 ILMEA Convention in Peoria. Since 2009 her groups have received Best of the Day at IESA Organization Contest. She takes over 50 students to the IGSMCA Solo and Ensemble Contest where they consistently received Division I's. Audrie started participating at the IGSMCA State Contest/Festival in 2014 and has received "Honors Status" consecutively for three years. Audrie is a leader in her profession.

A motion to accept the minutes of the 2015 Annual State Fall Membership Meeting as written was made by Lisa Eaton. Seconded by Ina Allen. **MOTION CARRIED**

Vice President Terry Melbourn reported that we have 1506 medals and 26 plaques in our inventory resulting in a net worth of \$2,125.60.

Jeff Muraida reported that the Audit Committee met and the books are in order. Jeff Muraida moved to accept the Audit Report. Seconded by Linda Betzelberger **MOTION CARRIED**

Secretary-Treasurer Edward Jones indicated the Association's total liabilities and assets in the Secretary-Treasurer's fund as of June 30, 2016 was \$38,857.37 and the District Funds total liabilities and assets are \$69,351.35. Hearing no questions, the report will be filed for audit.

Old Business

The new State Contest/Festival proposal was presented by Terry Melbourn. Each item will be voted upon individually.

- 1) Terry Melbourn moved to change the name from State Contest/Festival to State Festival. **MOTION CARRIED**
- 2) Terry Melbourn moved that all groups shall receive a clinic. **MOTION CARRIED**
- 3) Terry Melbourn moved to redesign Comment Sheets to include rubrics and that groups be evaluated and rated as "Superior" or "Excellent" with any group receiving perfect scores from all three adjudicators be designated "Superior with High Honors." **MOTION CARRIED**
- 4) Terry Melbourn moved that consequences for rules violations shall not occur at the State Event. **MOTION CARRIED**
- 5) Terry Melbourn moved that all participants receive the current Festival red/white/blue medals. **MOTION CARRIED**
- 6) Terry Melbourn moved that all participants receive the same plaque design, personalized for each group and including a medallion indicating "Superior" or "Excellent" and that groups receiving the High Honors distinction receive the medallion indicating "Superior with High Honors." **MOTION CARRIED**
- 7) Terry Melbourn moved that all three adjudicators will record and that additional recorders be purchased as needed. **MOTION CARRIED**
- 8) Terry Melbourn moved to increase the State Fees from \$4.00 per student to \$4.50 per student. **MOTION DEFEATED**

Phil Robb moved to change State Fees from \$4.00 per student to \$4.50 per student effective for the 2018 Festival. Seconded by Nicole Plagman. **MOTION CARRIED**

Report of the Executive Board - Recommendations

Terry Melbourn moved to accept a three-year medal contract, 2018-2021, with Award Emblem at the cost of \$1.15 per medal. Seconded by Ina Allen. **MOTION CARRIED**

Kimberly Farris moved that the IGSMA cosponsor with NBA the 2016 Band Director Workshop hosted by McCracken MS on November 8, 2016 with a contribution of \$500.00 towards expenses. Seconded by Joel Matter. **MOTION CARRIED**

Allison Reatherford moved that in 2018 the Choirs may be moved to the State Festival Jazz Date. Seconded by Lisa Eaton. **MOTION DEFEATED**

Jeff Muraida moved that under Bylaws, Page 11, Contests-General Information, Contest Fees to add an Item 4 6 A standard gate fee of \$1.00 shall be collected at all State Contest/Festival venues. Seconded by John Versluis. **MOTION CARRIED**

District VI Resolution:

Jeff Muraida moved to update the District Organization Comment Sheets by adding rubrics, eliminating the fourth rating column and changing the Division III score to a 16-21 spread. **MOTION DEFEATED**

Jennifer Ketchmark moved for District VI to pilot an updating of the District Organization Comment Sheets by adding rubrics, eliminating the fourth rating column and changing the Division III score to a 16-21 spread. Seconded by Becky Wagnon. **MOTION DEFEATED**

Linda Betzelberger moved that the IGSMA District Chairpersons present the District Organization rubrics as developed by District VI to their respective memberships for review and input. The collective input from the District Chairs will be reviewed and the District Comment Sheets will be developed based on that input. Seconded by Linda Pierson. **MOTION CARRIED**

New Business

The Five-Year Calendar was updated with the 2021 year.

The Annual State Fall Meeting date is September 25, 2017.

Patrick Baker, Joliet District 86 Fine Arts Coordinator, asked about the declining enrollment. Discussion was held explaining the many variables across all of the IGSMA Districts for schools not joining our Association.

Report of the Nominating Committee

Kimberly Farris, Chairperson of the Nominating Committee, reported that the slate of officers for 2016-2017 is Lisa Kiener-Barnett for President and Terry Melbourn for Vice President.

Lisa Kiener-Barnett was elected President. Terry Melbourn was elected Vice President.

Kimberly Farris announced that Edward Jones was appointed Executive Secretary-Treasurer by the Executive Board.

Kimberly Farris moved that a 2% salary increase be given to the Officers and Administrative Assistant for a total of \$561.00 in new money. Seconded by Lisa Eaton. **MOTION CARRIED**

Hearing no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM.

Edward F. Jones
Executive Secretary-Treasurer