

**ILLINOIS GRADE SCHOOL MUSIC ASSOCIATION**  
**Northern Division**  
**75th ANNUAL STATE FALL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
**Saturday, September 21, 2013**  
**Harrah's Joliet – Joliet, IL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

The 75th Annual Fall Membership Meeting of the Illinois Grade School Music Association, Northern Division, held at the Harrah's in Joliet, was called to order at 4:13 PM by President Terry Melbourn. President Melbourn informed the membership that a recording was being made for note taking purposes. A welcome was extended by President Melbourn, followed by introductions of the Executive Board members, including new member from District III, Becky Meadows. Executive Secretary-Treasurer Ed Jones read correspondence from the family of George Quinlan, Sr.

President Terry Melbourn introduced Ellen Singer, District VIII Chairperson, to present the Cloyd Myers Memorial Award. The award was given to Sandra P. Thompson. Ellen read Sandy's history in music education. Some of the highlights include her 34 years of teaching in the State of Illinois, having served for 16 years on the IGSMA Executive Board in the capacity of District VIII Chairperson, Vice President and President. Sandy has been an adjudicator and continues adjudicating in her retirement. She is currently involved in music education in Arizona where she resides part time. Sandy remarked that having worked with Cloyd C. Myers was an honor and privilege. She thanked the District Chairpersons, the Officers, Ellen and the District VIII directors for their support.

Lisa Kiener-Barnett, District Seven Chairperson, presented the Barbara Buehlman Young Conductor's Award to George Andrikokus. Lisa indicated that George is an excited and enthusiastic director meeting the qualifications of the award. He taught at Indian Trail JHS in Addison and this year he will be teaching at Blackhawk MS in Bensenville. George is very organized and has hosted contests providing the participants a wonderful experience. Lisa thanked George for his service to the IGSMA. George announced he is an IGSMA lifer as a student and director. He feels he is paying forward to the Association that helped him become the director he is now.

A motion to accept the minutes of the 2012 Annual State Fall Membership Meeting was made by Ellen Singer. Seconded by Debbie Johnson. **MOTION CARRIED**

Vice President Terry Melbourn reported we have 2,415 medals and 29 plaques in our inventory. Terry indicated we are in the final year of our three-year contract with Medalcraft. The Medalcraft company has offered a new three-year contract with the cost of the medals to remain at our current rate of \$1.14 per medal. Noting some issues with the quality of medals, Terry has also received a bid from Award Emblem in Bolingbrook, IL quoting \$1.10 per medal. While the medals will still be outsourced, Award Emblem guarantees the quality of medal would be closer to the domestic made medals from Medalcraft.

Terry Melbourn, Audit Committee Member, moved to accept the audit. Seconded by Ellen Singer **MOTION CARRIED**

Executive Secretary-Treasurer Ed Jones reported our financial status as good with a June 30<sup>th</sup> balance of \$39,100.89. Hearing no questions, the report will be filed for audit.

A District VIII Resolution was presented by Ellen Singer. Bylaws, Page 15, Rules Governing Ensembles, Item 3 currently reads, "Any ensemble appearing with any required parts/voices missing will be judged "For Comment Only" and will not be eligible for ratings or awards." Change to read, "Any ensemble appearing with any required parts/voices missing will be rated at the discretion of the adjudicator." After discussion, it was moved to amend the wording to read "at the discretion of the Contest Host." **MOTION CARRIED** The main motion was then presented as "Any ensemble appearing with any required parts/voices missing will be rated at the discretion of the Contest Host." **MOTION CARRIED**

**Report of the Executive Board - Recommendations**

Sarah Corkins moved that language on Page 8, Article X, Rules of Procedure, Item 3, "No refunds of any contest fees shall be made unless an error of over-payment is made or an inadequate number of rooms is found to host entries." - be moved to page 12, Bylaws, Contest-General Information, Contest Fees, new Item 3. **MOTION CARRIED**

Lisa Eaton moved that language on Page 8, Article X, Rules of Procedure, have a new Item 3, "District Bylaws and Operational procedures shall not be in conflict with the State Constitution and Bylaws." **MOTION CARRIED**

Sarah Corkins moved to make the following change under Eligibility, page 13, Item 7 which now reads "A student may participate in only one concert band, one orchestra and one jazz band. Exception: An instrumental student may participate in two concert bands, two orchestras or two jazz bands provided the student performs on two different instruments." Change wording to "A student may participate in a total of five Organization events, but is limited to two Concert Bands, two Orchestras, two

Jazz Bands, two Choirs and two Swing/Show Choirs. Following discussion, the vote was taken requiring a 2/3 majority. The decision was made to move ahead on the agenda giving the Executive Secretary-Treasurer time to determine the results of the vote.

Lisa Kiener-Barnett moved that on Page 13, Student Discipline ó Contest/Festival Centers, 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence: "It is expected that all participating students are supervised at all times by directors and chaperones." to change the word "expected" to "required."  
**MOTION CARRIED**

Debbie Johnson moved to accept a three-year contract with Award Emblem for medals from 2015 ó 2017.  
**MOTION CARRIED**

Ellen Singer moved to add features and functionality to our website at a cost not to exceed \$3000.00. **MOTION CARRIED**

Ellen Singer moved to purchase 1000 pens not to exceed \$1000.00. **MOTION CARRIED**

Returning to the Eligibility motion presented by Sarah Corkins, the vote tally was 14 Yes and 7 No. **MOTION CARRIED**

John Versluis moved for a 2% Salary Increase: Executive Secretary-Treasurer from \$10,854.00 to \$11,071.00, President from \$4,341.00 to \$4,428.00, Vice President from \$4,884.00 to \$4,982.00 and Clerical from \$5,970.00 to \$6,089.00. Total additional monies will be \$521.00. **MOTION CARRIED**

### Old Business

Terry Melbourn announced that the continuation of work will be done to develop the Mentoring Program.

President Melbourn also commented that the first phase for the web page and logo are completed. He thanked Cindy Bridges for her work on the new Association banner.

### New Business

The Five-Year Calendar was presented noting there will be an early State Contest/Festival Site on April 12, 2014 due to the holiday conflict.

The Annual State Fall Meeting date will be September 22, 2014 at the Holiday Inn in Joliet.

### Report of the Nominating Committee

John Versluis, Chairperson of the Nominating Committee, reported that the slate of officers for 2013-2014 is Lisa Kiener-Barnett for President and Terrence Melbourn for Vice President. John announced Edward Jones was appointed Executive Secretary-Treasurer by the Executive Board.

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.

President Melbourn thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Debbie Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:13 PM. Seconded by Cindy Bridges **MOTION CARRIED**

Edward Jones  
Executive Secretary-Treasurer