

ILLINOIS GRADE SCHOOL MUSIC ASSOCIATION

Northern Division

80th ANNUAL STATE FALL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Sunday, September 23, 2018

Joliet Junior College

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The 80th Annual Fall Membership Meeting of the Illinois Grade School Music Association, Northern Division, held at Joliet Junior College, was called to order at 2:35 PM by President Lisa Kiener-Barnett. President Kiener-Barnett welcomed everyone. Introductions were made by the Executive Board members followed by those in attendance.

The Cloyd Myers Memorial Award was presented to John Armstrong by Bill Goetz. John was the former Fine Arts Coordinator for Joliet School District 86. He has served on the Executive Board as District Chairperson and Vice President. For more than 22 years John has taught Band, Chorus and General Music and co-directed the Joliet All City Band. He has also served as an IGSMA adjudicator, providing excellent comments. His gracious acceptance indicated his humbleness to receive this award.

The Barbara Buehlman Young Conductor's Award was awarded to Amy Keipert, choral conductor from McCracken MS. Phil Robb read her nomination and said that Amy directs six ensembles, teaches General Music and directs the school musicals. She has developed an outstanding choral program resulting in many accolades for student achievement at solo/ensemble contests and organization contests. One of her groups received a perfect score this past year at the State Festival. Amy gives private voice lessons and is a member of the Chicago Chamber Choir and performs with a variety of Chicagoland ensembles. The award was accepted by Chip De Stefano who indicated that Amy is honored and humbled to receive this award.

A motion to accept the minutes of the 2017 Annual State Fall Membership Meeting as written was made by Lisa Eaton. Second by Kim Farris. **MOTION CARRIED**

President Kiener-Barnett reported for Vice President Terry Melbourn. We have medals, plaques and medallions in stock valued at \$3775.62. The mentor program is going well. Chip De Stefano's comments about sharing our mentors with the NBA evoked favorable responses from the Executive Board.

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

Secretary-Treasurer Edward Jones reported a balance as of June 30, 2018 to be \$15,615.29. Joe Koppel asked about the 25% drop in the balance from the year before. Hearing no other questions, the report will be filed for audit.

Old Business

President Kiener-Barnett indicated to the members that we are still searching for better venues to host State Festival. A proposal is being sent to the Music Department at Illinois State University to be followed by an on-site meeting.

Bill Goetz, District Six, inquired about the Superior with High Honors Award. After considerable discussion, the following motion was presented.

Bill Goetz moved that at State Organization Festivals, groups earning 21 or 22 points will earn "Superior with High Honors." Seconded by Kelsey Hagan. **MOTION CARRIED**

Report of the Executive Board - Recommendations

Lisa Eaton moved that the IGSMA cosponsor with NBA the 2018 Band Director Workshop hosted by McCracken MS on November 6, 2018 with a contribution of \$500.00 towards expenses. **MOTION CARRIED**

Kim Farris reported that Edward Jones was appointed Executive Secretary-Treasurer.

Kim Farris moved that a 2% salary increase be given to the Officers and Administrative Assistant for a total of \$573.00 in new money. **MOTION CARRIED**

New Business

The Five-Year Calendar was updated with the 2023 year.

After discussion was held concerning when to hold next year's General Meeting, Kim Farris moved to keep the meeting on Sunday. Seconded by Bill Winters. **MOTION CARRIED** The meeting will be September 22, 2019.

Lisa indicated a committee will work on the revision of the Solo/Ensemble Comment Sheets with a report to come next year. The Executive Board will be a part of the committee and she would like to include at least one person from each district with representation for Band, Orchestra, Choir and Percussion. The first meeting may be at IMEC in January with additional meetings to be announced.

Report of the Nominating Committee

Kimberly Farris, Chairperson of the Nominating Committee, reported that the slate of officers for 2018-2019 is Lisa Kiener-Barnett for President and Terry Melbourn for Vice President.

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

Other Business

Joe Koppel asked if the Executive Board was aware of the ILMEA's discussion of providing contests for junior high school students. President Kiener-Barnett indicated that we are aware and she will be making contact with the President of ILMEA to ask about their intent.

Hearing no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:45 PM.

Edward F. Jones
Executive Secretary-Treasurer