

ILLINOIS GRADE SCHOOL MUSIC ASSOCIATION
Northern Division
68th ANNUAL STATE FALL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Monday, September 25, 2006
Maria's Restaurant - Morris, IL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The 68th Annual Fall Membership Meeting of the Illinois Grade School Music Association, Northern Division, held at Maria's Restaurant in Morris, was called to order at 10:02 A.M. by President Wesley Russell. A welcome to the members in attendance was extended by President Russell, followed by his introduction of the District Chairpersons, members of the Executive Committee and the Advisors. President Russell introduced George Pierard as the newly appointed Advisor, who will replace Advisor Emeritus Hal Hokenson. Mr. Hokenson was awarded Emeritus status in the result of his retirement from 50 years of teaching.

President Russell asked the members to complete the attendance forms and outlined the procedure for the motions form.

Joseph Goble, Cloyd Myers Memorial Award Committee member, made introductory comments before presenting the 2006 Award to Mike Mathews. Mr. Goble presented information regarding Mr. Mathews career and accomplishments. Mr. Mathews graciously accepted the Award.

The Barbara Buehlman Young Conductor's Award was presented by John Armstrong to William Goetz, a seventh year teacher. Descriptive comments were made by Mr. Armstrong, highlighting his achievement and activities.

A motion to accept the minutes of the 2005 Annual Fall State Membership Meeting was made by Joseph Titus.
Second: Mike Brown **Motion Carried**

Vice President John Armstrong reported on the status of medals and plaques in inventory and commented on the activities of his office. He indicated that medal inventory has been significantly reduced. He further stated that we are enjoying a price freeze on medals, but anticipates an increase in the future. The Honors plaque will be changed for this year.

The Audit Report of the Association's financial activity for the previous year was presented. The records were found to be in order. A motion to accept the Audit Report was made by Gerry Romack. Second: Tom Dorner **Motion Carried**

Executive Secretary-Treasurer Edward Jones presented the Financial Report, a copy of which was included in the members' folders. The detailed report indicated total assets of \$16,444.74 and a cash balance of \$8,188.42.

Report of the Executive Board:

Each member folder contained a copy of the Resolutions forthcoming from the Executive Board for their convenience in considering the Resolutions. Resolutions presented by members of the Executive Board were in the form of motions and required no second.

Michael Brown recommended the following bylaw change on Page 12, Item 7: Change the number of minimum measures for ensemble to 24 from 28. **Motion Defeated**

Lisa Kiener-Barnett recommended to designate either Festival or Rating Format at State Contest/Festival sites.
Motion Defeated

Deb Shofner recommended the following bylaw change on Page 15, Item 4, under Ratings: Organization Contest Ratings do not have to be posted. **Motion Defeated**

Edward Jones recommended the following Constitution change on Page 5, Article VII, last sentence: Change the word "will" to "may." **Motion Carried**

Deb Shofner recommended the following bylaw change on Page 9, Item 8, Sentence Two: Eliminate the wording "at least two weeks." **Motion Carried**

John Armstrong recommended the following bylaw change on Page 13, Item 7, under Rules Governing Soloists: Eliminate the entire item and renumber accordingly. **Motion Carried**

John Armstrong recommended the following bylaw change on Page 13, Item 7, under Rules Governing Ensembles: Reword the item as follows: Woodwind, Brass, String or Percussion ensembles consisting of 9-24 members may be entered. The instrumentation of these ensembles shall follow the instrumentation of the score and may be conducted. **Motion Carried**

Wesley Russell recommended the following bylaw change on Page 13, Item 8, under Rules Governing Ensembles: Reword the Item 8 as follows: Percussion Ensembles: Groupings may be made of any combination of percussion instruments as follows: Duets, Trios, Quartets, Quintets, Sextets, Septets and Octets. **Motion Carried**

Ellen Singer recommended the following bylaw change on Page 13, Item 10, under Rules Governing Ensembles, to eliminate the entire item and renumber accordingly. **Motion Carried**

Jim Weir recommended the following Constitution change on Page 4, Article V: To increase the Board Stipend to \$125.00 beginning in 2007-08. **Motion Carried**

Ed Winkler recommended the salary of the Executive Secretary-Treasurer be increased by 3%, to \$9270.00, for 2006-2007, President up 3% to \$3708.00, Vice President up 3% to \$4635.00 and Clerical up 3% to \$5100.00. **Motion Carried**

Report of the Nominating Committee

Edward Winkler, Chairperson of the Nominating Committee, recommended the nominations of Wesley Russell for President and John Armstrong for Vice President. Mr. Winkler asked if there were nominations from the floor. Hearing none, he recommended a unanimous vote for the persons nominated. Lisa Kiener-Barnett moved to elect Wesley Russell as President and John Armstrong as Vice President. Second: Nathan Edwards **Motion Carried**

New Business

An explanation of "Honor Status" as related to the State Festival was presented by President Russell. John Armstrong spoke to the need for retaining the "Honor Status" in the Festival format. Tom Lamb also spoke to the need for and prestige of "Honor Status." It was noted that there is no need for "Honor Status" in the Contest format.

President Russell spoke to the ISAT conflict and ramifications for organizations rehearsal schedules. District II has reversed Solo and Ensemble and Organization Contests to avoid the conflict. Those directors doing both Junior High School and High School must be considered when thinking of changing dates.

For the next State Contest/Festival, the Constitution Authority will be provided by the Executive Committee, which will be assembled in one location, reachable via several published phone numbers.

The Annual State Fall Meeting date for 2007 is indicated as September 24.

Joseph Goble moved to adjourn the 68th Annual Fall State Meeting of IGSM at 11:15 AM. Second: Mike Brown
Motion Carried

Edward Jones
Executive Secretary-Treasurer