

ILLINOIS GRADE SCHOOL MUSIC ASSOCIATION
Northern Division
73rd ANNUAL STATE FALL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Monday, September 26, 2011
Holiday Inn Joliet Banquet & Conference Center – Joliet, IL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The 73rd Annual Fall Membership Meeting of the Illinois Grade School Music Association, Northern Division, held at the Holiday Inn Joliet Banquet & Conference Center in Joliet, was called to order at 10:30 A.M. by President George Pierard. President Pierard indicated to the membership that a recording was being made for note taking purposes. A welcome was extended by President Pierard, followed by introductions of those in attendance.

State Chairperson for Music in Our Schools Month, Sarah Bush Randolph, announced the theme for this March is “Music Lasts a Lifetime.” She encourages everyone to use this theme on their emails, letterheads and concert programs. There also is a logo on the website which can be used. Sarah requested directors to send her copies of projects for *Music in Our Schools Month* to be placed in a scrapbook for sharing.

President George Pierard presented the Cloyd Myers Memorial Award to Chip De Stefano. Mr. De Stefano is the band director at McCracken MS in Skokie, IL. Chip has brought striving for excellence as a common expectation for all the students in his bands. His groups have performed at Midwest Clinic, Superstate, including as Honor Band. He was the recipient of the John Philip Sousa Foundation Sudler Silver Cup. Chip’s bands have received Honor Status at the State IGSMA Contest/Festival every year since 2001. Mr. De Stefano expressed appreciation for the award.

Sarah Bush Randolph, District VI Member, presented the Barbara Buehlman Young Conductor’s Award to Jeff Muraida, Band Director from Dirksen JHS in Joliet. Jeff is a trombonist, percussionist and marched with the Cavaliers Drum and Bugle Corps. A graduate of VanderCook, he received his Masters in Central Michigan. Jeff has adjudicated for the IGSMA and the IHSA and works with the Joliet High School Marching Band. His love of music is instilled in his students and parents and fulfills the saying that “Music Lasts a Lifetime.” Jeff was honored being the recipient of this award.

The President introduced Mr. Stephen Schmidt, District IX Member, from Mooseheart School. Mr. Schmidt was a 2011 recipient of the Mr. Holland’s Opus Foundation Award. Five people are selected yearly across the nation for this award. Stephen received his award at Carnegie Hall, presented by Wynton Marsalis. In addition, he was given the opportunity to meet and have conversation with the other recipients, Mr. Marsalis, and Felice Mancini, daughter of Henry Mancini, who founded the program. A monetary award of \$10,000.00 was given to each recipient. The IGSMA presented a certificate to Mr. Schmidt in recognition of his “Dedication to Music Education.”

Mr. William McClellan, retired Music Curriculum Supervisor from the Chicago Public Schools, was introduced. Mr. McClellan expounded on his experiences with the students in the Chicago Public Schools. The IGSMA presented a certificate to Mr. McClellan in recognition of his “Service to Youth in Music Education.”

A motion to accept the minutes of the 2010 Annual State Fall Membership Meeting was made by Lisa Eaton.
Seconded by Michael Brown. **Motion Carried**

Vice President Terry Melbourn reported we have 1239 medals and 39 plaques in stock for a total worth of \$1957.83. Terry indicated we have entered a three-year contract for medals with Medalcraft, Inc. in Wisconsin.

The Audit Report of the Association’s financial activity for the previous year was presented by Executive Secretary-Treasurer Edward Jones. The records were found to be in order. The balance as of June 30, 2011 was \$32, 036.46. Mr. Jones explained the Financial Position, Comparison Report and Categorized Item Report.

Report of the Executive Board - Recommendations

Terry Melbourn moved to increase the cost of medals to the Districts from \$1.30 to \$1.50 each, effective the 2012-2013 school year. **Motion Carried**

Michael Brown moved: **On Page 8, Constitution, Article XI – Cloyd Myers Memorial Award – Logistics, Item 2, 2nd Sentence** – Change the word President to Vice President **Motion Carried**

Michael Brown moved: **On Page 9, Constitution, Article XII – Barbara Buehlman Young Conductor Award – Logistics, Item 1, last sentence** – Change the word President to Vice President **Motion Carried**

Lisa Kiener-Barnett moved: **On Page 12, Awards, Item 5** – An individual purchase of medals for replacement purposes only may be made from the ~~Vice President's~~ office at a cost of ~~\$1.50~~ per medal. **Change to read:** An individual purchase of **State** medals for replacement purposes only may be made from the **Secretary-Treasurer's** office at a cost of **\$2.00** per medal. District medal replacement shall be processed by the District Chairperson. **Motion Carried**

Debbie Johnson moved: **On Page 13, Bylaws, Contests – General Information, Violations and Page 25, State Contest/Festival – Instructions for Adjudicators** - Add new second sentence: Groups participating in the Festival Format at State Contest will not be eligible for Honor Status if an infraction of rules occurs. **Motion Carried**

John Versluis moved: **On Page 13, Rules Governing Solo and Ensemble Contests, Item 3 and Page 16, Rules Governing the District and State Organization Contests/Festivals, Item 3** – Add to item: Public Domain music may be used but must have the Public Domain copyright date clearly displayed and a note indicating the source. **Motion Carried**

Debbie Johnson moved: **On Page 17, Chorus, Swing/Show Choir, (Chorus) Item a** – Now reads: Choral Organizations shall be classified by grade level and must have a minimum of 16 members. **Eliminate “and must have a minimum of 16 members.”** **Motion Carried**

Cindy Bridges moved: **On Page 17, Chorus, Swing/Show Choir, (Swing/Show Choirs) Item a** – Now reads: Swing/Show Choirs shall have a minimum of twelve (12) members. **Eliminate Item a.** **Motion Carried**

Debbie Johnson moved: **On Page 18, State Contest/Festival Procedures, Item 2** – **Now reads:** ~~The statement form and State entry fee, in one envelope, shall be mailed to the Executive Secretary-Treasurer's Office before the prescribed deadline date.~~ Member schools failing to meet the ~~prescribed deadline date~~ will not be allowed to participate in the State Organization Contest/Festival. **Change to read:** The **State Entry Form and fees shall be sent** to the Executive Secretary-Treasurer's Office by the **postmark** deadline. Member schools failing to meet the **postmark** deadline will not be allowed to participate in the State Organization Contest/Festival. **Motion Carried**

Lisa Kiener-Barnett moved: **On Page 18, State Contest/Festival Procedures, Item 3** – First Division District organization forms are forwarded to State sites by the Secretary-Treasurer upon receipt of fees. **Change to read: State Contest/Festival Entry Form information will be forwarded to the State Hosts by the Executive Secretary-Treasurer.** **Motion Carried**

Sarah Corkins moved: **On Page 19 and 20, Percussion Solo Performance Requirements** – **Change the word “Jazz” to “Swing”** **Motion Carried**

Lisa Kiener-Barnett moved **for a 2% Salary Increase: Executive Secretary-Treasurer from \$10, 432.00 to \$10, 641.00, President from \$4,173.00 to \$4,256.00, Vice President from \$4,694.00 to \$4,788.00 and Clerical from \$5,738.00 to \$5,853.00. Total additional monies will be \$501.00.** **Motion Carried**

RESOLUTIONS

District VI

Jeff Muraida recommended that Vocal Solo music repeats should count as additional measures if the lyrics are different. After a lengthy discussion – the question was called. **Motion Carried**

Page 14, Bylaws, Rules Governing Solo and Ensemble Contests, Item 7 shall now read: Solo participants and ensembles must perform a minimum of 28 measures of music from one composition, excluding any form of repeats. Vocal Solos may count repeats as additional measures if the lyrics are different.

Jeff Muraida recommended we address the language of solo instrumentation for clarification. Discussion followed **Motion Defeated**

District IX

Sarah Corkins recommended that the website contain a training video which adjudicators must watch prior to judging any IGSMA event. **Motion Defeated**

Discussion included ideas about adjudicators should be using “positive wording” on the comment sheets and recordings. President Pierard indicated a committee will be formed to work on bringing clarification to the Adjudicator Rules sheets.

New Business

The Five-Year Calendar was presented by President George Pierard. He indicated that Easter will fall late in 2014 and we may need to host an additional site two weeks earlier to accommodate those groups taking their Spring Breaks after the holiday.

The Annual State Fall Meeting date was set for September 24, 2012 at the same venue.

Report of the Nominating Committee

Lisa Kiener-Barnett, Chairperson of the Nominating Committee, reported the following nominations: George Pierard for President, Terry Melbourn for Vice President. Edward Jones was appointed Executive Secretary-Treasurer.

President Pierard announced George Pierard has been nominated for President. Hearing no further nominations from the floor, the nominations were closed. He announced Terry Melbourn has been nominated for Vice President. Hearing no further nominations from the floor, the nominations were closed.

George Pierard was elected President and Terry Melbourn was elected Vice President.

President Pierard asked the membership to share adjudicator names, contest opportunities and programs with your district chairpersons. He asked everyone to solicit new members and be an advocate for what we do. The President requested the Executive Board to remain at the conclusion of this meeting to discuss a personnel issue.

Hearing no further business, the 73rd Annual Fall State Meeting of IGSMA, Northern Division, adjourned at 12:30 PM.

Edward Jones
Executive Secretary-Treasurer