

**ILLINOIS GRADE SCHOOL MUSIC ASSOCIATION**  
**Northern Division**  
**74th ANNUAL STATE FALL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
**Monday, September 24, 2012**  
**Holiday Inn Joliet Banquet & Conference Center – Joliet, IL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

The 74th 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. The Executive Secretary-Treasurer indicated a quorum was present. President Pierard informed 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.

President George Pierard introduced Lisa Kiener-Barnett, District Seven Chairperson, to present the Cloyd Myers Memorial Award. The award was given to Mr. Rob Blazek, Band Director in Wheaton. Rob was Director of Bands at Monroe MS over 20 years. Mr. Blazek has continually achieved a Division I Rating at IGSMMA Contests with his Concert and Jazz Bands during those 20+ years. His Concert Band performed at the Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic. Rob began the Youth Jazz Ensemble of DuPage in 1998. This group performed at the Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic, the IMEA Convention and was selected to perform at the Essentially Ellington Festival in New York, receiving honorable mention. Mr. Blazek has hosted District Seven Organization Contests for ten years and Solo and Ensemble Contests for three years. He was the IMEA Jazz Chairperson for five years and currently is teaching Beginning Band students in the Wheaton Elementary Schools. Rob thanked the membership for the award and was humbled to join the list of previous recipients.

Jeff Muraida, District Six Chairperson, presented the Barbara Buehlman Young Conductors Award to Jenny Rosario. Ms. Rosario worked her first two years in Parochial Schools in Chicago. She began her career at Troy School District 30C teaching General Music for two years. In 2007 Jenny became Band Director at William B. Orenic Intermediate School and Troy MS. Her groups have received Division I Ratings at District and State IGSMMA Contests. She has adjudicated District Contest and hosted District and State Contests/Festivals. Jenny enjoys working with her students and provides additional support after school. Ms. Rosario thanked everyone for the award including Mr. Goetz for the nomination.

A motion to accept the minutes of the 2011 Annual State Fall Membership Meeting was made by Ellen Singer. Seconded by Deb Johnson. **Motion Carried**

Vice President Terry Melbourn reported a net worth of \$1703.60 in medal and plaque inventory. Terry indicated we are in the second year of our contract involving the outsourcing of medals. He will investigate bringing the medal production back to the USA at the end of our current contract in 2014 and will make a report on his findings at the 2013 Annual Meeting.

Executive Secretary-Treasurer Edward Jones reported the Association is financially sound with a cash balance of \$38,735.64. It was moved by Lisa Eaton to accept the Audit Report. Seconded by John Versluis. **Motion Carried**

**Report of the Executive Board - Recommendations**

Edward Jones recommended: **Page 4, Constitution, Article III – Membership – Paragraph 5:** Change to read: Corporate and **Educational Partner** Membership shall be permitted in the IGSMMA, allowing them to receive all mailings. They shall be listed in the membership directory but shall not have voting privileges. Corporate and **Educational Partner** Membership may include a link on the IGSMMA website at the Executive Board's discretion. The membership fee will be \$75.00. **Motion Carried**

Terry Melbourn recommended: To allocate \$3000.00 for the redesign of the IGSMMA website and logo giving our site an updated look and improved navigation. **Motion Carried**

Lisa Eaton recommended: To authorize Cindy Bridges to purchase a vertical banner to be used as a promotional tool for IMEA Convention and other public events. The cost should not exceed \$500.00. **Motion Carried**

Edward Jones recommended: The IGSMMA host a 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary social gathering in conjunction with our Annual State Meeting on September 21, 2013 at Harrah's Convention Center in Joliet with Association expenses not to exceed \$3000.00 and comps being given to the Executive Board Members, Past Presidents, Emeritus Member, Corporate Sponsors, Speaker and their guests. **Motion Carried**

Cindy Bridges moved for a **2% Salary Increase: Executive Secretary-Treasurer from \$10,641.00 to \$10,854.00, President from \$4,256.00 to \$4,341.00, Vice President from \$4,788.00 to \$4,884.00 and Clerical from \$5,853.00 to \$5,970.00. Total additional monies will be \$511.00. Motion Carried**

### **New Business**

Terry Melbourn announced the commitment to develop a mentoring program to assist new teachers. The first step will be to prepare a document for these directors, describing the IGSMA, why it is important and how to participate. Deb Johnson will assist Terry with that document to be ready for the 2013 IMEA Convention. The next step will be to assign mentors. Lisa Eaton will be assisting Terry in establishing mentor guidelines. The District Chairpersons will submit names of directors from their respective districts who could serve as a mentor. The goal is to assign mentors by the 2013-2014 school year. A suggestion to utilize the web page for blogging or other such means for new directors to communicate. Other suggestions included using the web to share music lists for contests.

The Five-Year Calendar was presented by President George Pierard noting that it now includes year 2017.

The Annual State Fall Meeting date was set for September 21, 2013 unless there is a distinct conflict in which case the membership will be notified.

### **Report of the Nominating Committee**

Jeff Muraida, Chairperson of the Nominating Committee, reported the current officers have been placed in nomination for the 2012-2013 term.

Jeff Muraida announced George Pierard has been nominated for President. Hearing no further nominations from the floor, the nominations were closed and George Pierard was elected President. Jeff announced Terry Melbourn has been nominated for Vice President. Hearing no further nominations from the floor, the nominations were closed and Terry Melbourn was elected Vice President.

President Pierard appointed Edward Jones as Executive Secretary-Treasurer for the 2012-2013 term.

The President announced that Chip De Stefano brought him copies of IGSMA Contest Programs dating back to 1966. He indicated that if anyone has other such memorabilia to share, it would be great to display at IMEA and/or the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.

President Pierard indicated we are in need of a State Orchestra Site and a State Jazz Site for 2013.

Acknowledgements were made by the President to Cindy Bridges, District Two Chairperson, and Michael Brown, District Three Chairperson, in recognition of the service they have given, while on the IGSMA Executive Board.

Hearing no further business, the 74th Annual Fall State Meeting of IGSMA, Northern Division, adjourned at 11:50 AM.

Edward Jones  
Executive Secretary-Treasurer