

WI-IAJE Exec Board Meeting Minutes

5/15/07

Present: Brad Curran; Bill Dennee; Mark Plummer; Mathew Buchman

Excused: Lisa Werner; Steve Zenz

Meeting called to order – 7:15PM

I Election ballot

A. Election Ballot presented as follows:

President-Elect

Marc Jimos

Lisa Werner

Vice President

Steve Zenz

Dave Dunning

Andris Kursietis

Treasurer

Mark Plummer

Secretary

Laurie Lacy

Marty Robinson

Brian Lydeen

B. Buchman will get bio info on these candidates (Brad to forward info on individuals he has), and prepare a ballot (PDF format) to email (snail mail) out to members by May 31st.

C. Ballots should be returned by Buchman electronically or snail mail by June 8th

D. Results will be announced on June 15th

II Linda Petersen Memorial Scholarship

A. Motion (Buchman,Dennee) to create the IAJE Linda Petersen Memorial Scholarship. Two scholarships to be awarded annually by the guest director and staff of the WSMA Honors Jazz Ensemble. One award (\$200 minimum) to be awarded to an undergraduate to be used toward Honors Jazz Ensemble tuition for the following year. The second award (\$200 minimum) to be awarded to a senior attending a Wisconsin university, and to be used towards tuition. Additionally, the winning students' home school will be given a free clinic by IAJE members. Motion carried 4-0-0.

B. Additional information: Bill Dennee has begun a list of potential donors and has already gotten a verbal commitment from Kendor for \$500 toward the establishment of this scholarship. Suggestion was made to to contact all the former students of the honors program for additional donor possibilities

C. Bill Dennee will also check with his contact at WMEA to make sure we aren't working at cross purposes with their Linda Petersen Memorial Foundation.

D. The board decided to wait on pursuing more sponsors until our NFP 501 (c)3 status has been established

- III Distinguished Service Award
- A. Motion (Dennee, Curran) to award Kurt Dietrich the Distinguished Service Award. Short discussion followed. Motion carried 4-0-0.
 - B. Bill Dennee will follow up with Kurt to see when he'd like the award presented, and to get an interview for the newsletter.
 - C. Board discussed keeping other potential candidates on the "list": Steve Wiest, Fred Sturm, Ray Wifler
- IV 501(c)3 Status
- A. Buchman reported that WI-IAJE did not show up in an initial Corporation search with the Secretary of State (www.wdfl.org). Additionally, we do not currently have a federal tax I.D. number.
 - B. Dick Wayner was mentioned as a potential resource to help with this process. Brad Curran will follow up with Mr. Wayner.
- V Constitution
- A. Motion (Buchman, Plummer) to create a Chapter Historian/Archivist. This position will be appointed to two-year terms by the Chapter President. Motion carried 4-0-0.
 1. Brad Curran was immediately appointed as Chapter Historian/Archivist for the next two-year term beginning July 1, 2007.
 2. Brad Curran has also graciously agreed to continue serving as chapter Webmaster.
 - B. Motion (Curran, Dennee) to accept the revised Constitution as presented by Lisa Werner (3/2007) with one amendment: Article III (concerning Active Membership) should be replaced with that text from the IAJE Sample Constitution. Text concerning Honorary Membership was tabled. This can be easily added to the Bylaws at a later date. Discussion followed. Motion carried 4-0-0.
 - C. Buchman will include the ratification of the revised Constitution on the ballot, and will send a separate email (snail mail) to membership asking them to vote.
 - D. Lisa Werner to make final edits and post the proposed new constitution on the Website for members to read.
- VI Initiatives
- A. Commissioning Project
 1. As a way of creating WI-IAJE membership value, the idea of commissioning new jazz ensemble music was discussed.
 2. Perhaps one Jr. High/Middle School level piece and one High School level piece each year? Perhaps alternating Jr. and High School every other year?
 3. Every member of WI-IAJE would get a complimentary copy of the piece (offered as a PDF download in members-only section of website?).
 - B. Teacher Training Institute

1. WI-IAJE could co-sponsor a weekend teacher training workshop (and offer for graduate credit). Mark Plummer is going to follow up at Marian. Buchman will do the same at UWSP.
2. Offer members a reduced fee for this workshop?

VII Convention

- A. Brad Curran offered to secure the booth reservation with WMEA, as well as make arrangements for the IAJE booth.
- B. Oct. 24th will be the Exec. Board meeting (time and location TBA – Brad will make room reservation)
- C. Café Magnus jam session is on again – Thursday, Oct. 25th
- D. IAJE Reading band session most likely happening on Friday morning (perhaps just before the Honors Jazz Ensemble performance?). Suggestion was made that whoever picks the S/E repertoire list also preside over the reading session to provide commentary on the pieces being performed. Bill Dennee will ask Karen Johnson to preside this year.

VIII Jazz Weekend idea tabled.

IX Newsletter

- A. Curran asked that submissions for the next newsletter make it to his inbox by the end of next week.

Meeting adjourned 9:23PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mathew Buchman (scribe of the day)