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**INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR JAZZ EDUCATION**



**Part I: The Future of Jazz Education in New Jersey**

**Monday – June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008 - DAYS HOTEL New Brunswick, NJ**

**5:00 PM Meeting – NJIAJE EVALUATION MEETING**

**WELCOME /Call To Order by President Jeff Lesser @ 5:10 pm**  
**This meeting is to discuss the future of our organization and the existence of NJIAJE.**

**We have received some legal counsel at this time to provide us with guidance through this change period.**

**What will become of NJ-IAJE?**

- ❖ Separate entity from IAJE

**NJIAJE has separate Accounts from IAJE, Tax ID, and Entity from IAJE.**

- ❖ No further word from International or Courts

**Bankruptcy Court for IAJE shut down – Chapter 7. IAJE is done.**

- ❖ No more rebates, magazine, conference, support

**No real value left for our existing members.**

- ❖ Elected Officers – continue our presence and work
- ❖ Appointed Officers – are you with us?

**Motion: That our organization efforts continue in sponsoring and promoting Jazz Education activities in NJ made by Dick Graham.**

**Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> – Diana Dohrmann**

**All In Favor - Passed**

**Who are we now?**

- ❖ Asked NJMEA for a “vote of confidence”

**Our request for a vote of confidence was taken under advisement by the NJMEA President.**

- ❖ Recent MENC initiatives – **A Jazz Page is up on their site.**

**Willie Hill is a major player in the MENC effort to fill the void left by IAJE**

- ❖ Our name – can and should we change it?

**Jeff Lesser advised us on Legal counsels’ comments for this topic which include positives and negatives of making this change.**

**Motion: To change our existing name to New Jersey Association of Jazz Educators / NJAJE made by Ron Heller**

**Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> – Vee Popat**

**All in Favor – Passed**

**NJ-IAJE Executive  
Board Meeting  
Days Hotel, East  
Brunswick, NJ  
Monday, June 2, 2008,  
5:00 PM**

- ❖ Do we collect dues?  
Suggestions of a \$40 fee followed by Hypothetical discussion.
  - ❖ Membership Value:

|                       |                     |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| State Jazz Conference | State Jazz Festival |
| Resource Team         | Subscriptions ???   |
- Lots of Discussion on Offerings and services that our organization could provide.

### **Membership Committee**

**Jeff Lesser called for Volunteers for Membership**

**\* Members for this committee are J. Lesser, D. May and R. Krewer as decided at the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.**

**This committee will address & evaluate the following:**

- ❖ Identify potential membership
- ❖ Advertise
- ❖ Membership Cards
- ❖ Constitution Revision

MEETING ADJOURNED at 6:08 pm