

NJAJE Meeting, Monday, October 13, 2008

Present: Lesser, Kunkel, Graham, Heller, Branker, Anzuini, Russo, Dohrmann, Rotindo, Lindner, Haas

Absent: May, Krewer, Demsey, Tumminia, Popat

1. **Membership Committee** (Lesser, May): Festival , Individual, or Student membership now available. Jazz Improv subscription list or funds (\$34.95 per member) not yet sent to JI; no membership cards sent yet.  
Current membership status: 28 members. List being stored on Google Lists; JL can send list to officers via invitation. Reminder that NJAJE does not *need* to be a membership organization, so that should be considered again in the future.
2. **Jersey Jazzer** (Anzuini): Fall '08 issue going to all NJMEA members, planned as a one-time mailing to help to introduce the organization to music educators across the state. MA secured a bulk mail permit, minimum of 200 pieces per mailing, cost of \$180 per year plus an initial fee of \$180 to be entered into USPS system. Use of Steinert Band Parents copy machine will save over \$500 as opposed to Staples. Total cost for copying, mailing, etc, will be approximately \$1800 for Fall '08. Newsletter should be out within the next two weeks.
3. **Webmaster** (Russo): Pleased with the use of the new Dreamweaver software so far. Old website, [www.njaje.org](http://www.njaje.org), will expire in February, so we will have to decide to renew or let it expire. MR points out that there is no specific application for the Newark conference; this relates to general confusion over membership application versus conference registration. New domain name for [www.njaje.org](http://www.njaje.org) is now registered for 5 years. All officers have been given e-mail addresses @njaje.org as well.
4. **Region Festival Committee** (Heller): Separate notes were handed out. Board discussion regarding use of unified sight-reading throughout all three regions. Ron will search through charts to be supplied at next meeting by Jeff Haas, from the numerous charts donated by the publishers for reading band. Excerpts will be 16-24 bars, and the following people will select some excerpts: Nick Rotindo, all Jr. High; Mike Anzuini, all HS brass; Jeff Haas, all HS sax; Jeff Kunkel, high school rhythm. In another issue, payment of

- custodial fees seems to be inevitable, particularly for Sunday region concerts. **NB:** Motion to change student / senior festival ticket price to \$7 (including a \$1 Kerber donation), making the price \$9 and \$7 (including the \$1 per ticket donation). Motion passed. Reminder that region conductor fees were raised last June to \$300 per conductor.
5. **Festival Competition Committee** (Rotindo). Notes from meeting projected for discussion. Committee recommends that multiple bands per school be placed on a waiting list. Committee recommends that multiple bands per school need to have exclusivity in terms of members. **NB:** schools will be given a 3-minute warm-up time; directors and MC's for each night will need to communicate this. Judges will be informed not to include anything heard during deliberations. **NB:** Motion to add .5 point scoring to prelim and finals 10-point captions and merge cells to accommodate this. Motion passed. **NB:** Discussion to change % of score based on sight reading showed that no motion to change would pass. **NB:** Motion to seed prelim ranked bands 5-8 for the first four slots at finals, and prelim bands ranked 1-4 in the final four slots at finals.
  6. **State Festival Report** (Graham). Basically we are well ahead of schedule in filling the prelim nights. Only three slots remain for the Tuesday night. Dick has done an outstanding job in attempting to bring some of our previous bands back into the fold.
  7. **Minutes (Lesser for May):** Minutes distributed. No "P: in Demsey; Turturiello spelled incorrectly. Minutes accepted as amended.
  8. **Treasury** (Lesser for Krewer): Report distributed. There are a few questions about accounting issues. Motion to approve treasurer's report includes need to clarify multiple deposits and clarify fiscal year status of certain deposits. Treasurer's report approved.
  9. **All State Jazz** (Lesser / Branker): update on the upcoming rehearsal; students are being given the opportunity to hear the Basie band following rehearsal. Branker gave a very positive report about the initial rehearsal. Reminder from Lesser to conductors about the program. Reminder that concert remains at NJPAC.
  10. **Vocal Jazz** (Dohrmann): Jazz Choir adding a concert for NJEA MLK Human Rights Dinner, 1/17/09. Preparation proceeding quite well with Justin Binek as director. Diana interested in exploring the idea of regional jazz choirs.

11. **AC/NJPAC** (Lesser) : May need to consider managerial help.
12. **Region I** (Lesser for Popat): still working on sights.
13. **Region II** (Heller): Region still exists. Ron will host rehearsals, and is looking for conductors and concert hosts.
14. **Region III** (Rotindo): hoping to host at Shawnee. Has made contact with potential conductors.
15. **VP Report** (Haas): Need for new stands due to logo. Discussion regarding confusion over conference registration. Publishers are on board; Tomaro and Meader are set; separate room is added for vocal clinics, total fees now \$1000 for Lucent Center. Update on progress of solo etudes. **NB:** Motion to continue to hire Gary Fink @ \$35/hr for etude editing (maximum of 10 hours). Motion passes. Jeff Haas claims his report was the shortest he ever gave, but no one seemed willing to agree.
16. **Connecticut** (Lesser): **NB:** Motion to allow CT to investigate use of etudes through composers, including royalty payments, and payment to NJ. Motion passes.
17. **East Brunswick Concert w/ NY Voices and NJAJE Big Band, Friday 2/27/09.** Rehearsal will be 2/26/09.
18. **Past President Report** (Kunkel) Agrees to try arranging clinicians one more year, and will hire judges once again.
19. **Higher Ed Report** (Branker). Will ask DiBlasio, Middleton, Wittemann, and Fusco regarding IC Band conducting.
20. **Combo Festival** (Lesser). Dates and locations organized.
21. **General Business:** Kunkel announces that MSU has added a Jazz Studies major.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:34.