

Illinois Grade School Music Association

Northern Division



86th STATE FALL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Sunday, September 22, 2024

3 PM

Virtual

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The 86th Annual Fall Membership Meeting of the Illinois Grade School Music Association, Northern Division, was called to order at 3:00 PM by President Lisa Kiener-Barnett. President Kiener-Barnett welcomed everyone. Introductions were made by the Executive Board members followed by meeting norms presented by President Kiener.

Attendance:

Justin Bangert
Heather Woods
Brian Woods
Lisa Eaton
Allie Reatherford
Deb Shofner
Kim Coughlin
Jeff Crylen
Eric Loring
Chip De Stefano
Kristina Wooden
Leslie Paul
Amy Keipert
Jennifer Carlton
Bill Goetz
Joe Koppel
Becky Meadows

The Cloyd Myers Memorial Award was presented to Kim Coughlin by George Andrikokus.

" Kim is one of the hardest working teachers I know. She spends countless hours making sure her kids and colleagues have the support they need to be successful. She is always willing to pitch in and help out with things like contest hosting, and hashing out new ideas."

"She works very hard to set her students up for positive and successful music experiences."

"Her unwavering love of teaching is admirable- I can only hope that I feel as passionately about teaching as she does by the time I have her years of experience. "

"Kim has been a wonderful mentor and a positive role model for generations of students and parents alike. As one of her former students, I can speak to the wonderful influence that she has had on me as an educator and as a person."

The Barbara Buehlman Young Conductors Award was presented to Jeff Crylen by George Andrikokus.

"Jeff is constantly providing high quality performances for his students in all mediums and playing great literature consistently at a high level (in all areas)."

"He also has done a wonderful job of building a culture of excellence in his district and is really making a name for himself as someone who is humble, hard working and a lifelong learner."

"Jeff is humble, hard working and seeks feedback on a regular basis from his peers and other professional musicians. He is well respected and seems to be doing it all!"

A motion to accept the minutes of the 2023 Annual State Fall Membership Meeting as written was made by Eric Loring. Second by Bill Goetz. **MOTION CARRIED**

George Andrikokus reported that we have medals and medallions in stock valued at \$1,676.50. VP Andrikokus and District 7 co-chair Joe Koppel reported that a Newsletter & Calendar (Framework) Pairing of Mentors/Mentees will be sent out this week (9/23) post fall meeting.

Terry Melbourn reported that the Audit Committee met and the books are in order.

Secretary-Treasurer Terry Melbourn referred the members to the financial report. The balance as of June 30, 2023 was \$14,135.34. Hearing no questions, the report will be filed for audit.

Old Business

Lisa Kiener reported on the evaluations from the State Festival. Extremely positive response. Some issues with the Hinsdale Central site will be addressed. The new format was again successful and will continue in the future. We will add one additional site for 2025 to alleviate the overcrowding.

A report by Karen Moffett, our AIJB Coordinator was given. A second band will be offered again this year, if the auditions support it. Everything is on track and on time for a successful 2025 festival. The transition continues to go smoothly.

Lisa Eaton moved that the IGSMA co-sponsor, with NBA, the 2024 Band Director Workshop hosted by McCracken MS on November 4, 2024 with a contribution of \$750.00 towards expenses. Seconded by Justin Bangert.

Motion carried

Terry Melbourn moved to approve the AIJB coordinator stipend of \$1500 for the 2024-25 school year. Seconded by Lisa Eaton. **MOTION CARRIED**

Report of the Executive Board - Recommendations

Jenny Carlton, District 6 Co-Chair brought forth a resolution from District 6. Constitution, Item 9 to read the following. "In ensembles, each snare drummer shall perform on their own instrument". Seconded by Terry Melbourn.

MOTION CARRIED

Jenny Carlton, District 6 Co-Chair brought forth a resolution from District 6 to "have a panel of three judges who fill out the rubrics and record feedback, and two judges who rotate to do the clinics at the IGSMA State Festival".

There was no Second.

MOTION DEFEATED

Lisa Eaton, District 4 Chair brought forth a resolution from District 4 to change the Bylaws page 15-16, Rules Governing the District Organization Contest and State Festivals, Band, Jazz Band, Orchestra, Concert Band, Part C to read:

The use of electronic equipment by the concert band is prohibited unless indicated by the score with the exception of electric bass.

Seconded by Eric Loring

MOTION DEFEATED

New Business

The Five-Year Calendar was updated with the 2029 year.

Lisa Kiener announced the date for the Annual State Fall Meeting as: Sunday, September 21, 2025 - Hinsdale Middle School - Hybrid, if possible.

Report of the Nominating Committee

Bill Goetz, Chairperson of the Nominating Committee, reported that the slate of officers for 2024-25 is Lisa Kiener-Barnett for President and George Andrikokus for Vice President.

Lisa Kiener-Barnett was elected President. George Andrikokus was elected Vice President.

Bill Goetz reported that Terrence Melbourn was appointed Executive Secretary-Treasurer.

Bill reported that the Executive Committee Members took a salary freeze for the 2024-25 school year.

Other Business

George Anrikokus reported that award nominations will be open starting in the fall.

Joe Koppel discussed the VanderCook MECA, IGSMA State Festival Experience, which will be offered again this year.

Hearing no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:27 PM.

Terrence Melbourn
Executive Secretary-Treasurer