

CAJ Fall 2015 Meeting
Meeting Minutes
11/22/15
Meeting held via GoToMeeting.com



I. Meeting called to Order at 7:01 PM

Members Present:

Lisa Butts, President
Jeff Jarvis, President Elect/Higher Ed. Representative
Craig Bryant, Secretary
Barb Catlin, Treasurer
Ed Wolfe, Membership Chairman
Curtis Gaesser, High School Representative
Coralie Prince, Elementary Representative
Mike Galisatus, CMEA Representative
Sarah Owen, Newsletter Editor/Webmaster
Christine Tavares-Mocha, Vocal Jazz Representative

Members Absent:

Chris Stevens, Past President
Matt Johnson, Industry Representative
Justin Padilla, Middle School Representative
Jeff Tower, Historian

II. Approval of Minutes

Meeting minutes presented from June 2015.

Motion to approve minutes without changes made by Jeff. Coralie seconded. Motion Passed.

III. Treasurer Report

See detailed report from Barb.

\$10,249.92 in Chase account.

\$ 8,653.05 in the PayPal account.

Barb outlined some challenges with the current membership registration platform. It can be hard to know who the specific applicant is (for example, if a band booster group registers, it is hard to tell who the actual director is). Ed, Lisa and Sarah will work on fixing this problem.

IV. Membership Report

Current membership numbers:

Patron paid members - 2

Hall of Fame members – 62

Regular paid members – 141

Retired paid members – 5
Student paid members – 2
Invitations sent out via email (11/17/15) – 201
Invitations to be sent out via snail mail – 40 (email addresses not current) Current members who will expire in December (invitations to be sent out) – 80

Ed gave an updated number of memberships, and a plan to re-sign lapsed memberships. He also had some good ideas for getting students to sign up, perhaps offering free admission to the CAJ Championships for school with the most student sign ups.

The board agreed to define students memberships at those under 18 years old, and adult membership as those over 18.

Ed is working on a new shirt, and will possibly have them for sale at CASMEC. Lisa suggested also having pins (like CMEA, CBDA).

The board agreed to have Ed create a new shirt, and board members will buy them to wear at CASMEC. Ed will contact members about sizes.

V. Constitutional Revision

Lisa reviewed the new revisions to the CAJ Constitution and ByLaws.

After some discussion, we will maintain a ACDA Representative. This will position will be made by appointment prior to our February 2016 CASMEC meeting.

Motion to add an ACDA Rep to the board of CAJ made by Jeff, Coralie second. Motion Passed.

The newly revised constitution will be adopted via membership vote soon.

VI. Future All State Conductors

Lisa reviewed the conductors we have booked for the next two years:

2016 Jr. High-Justin Padilla	HS-Steve Roach	HSVocal-Kate Reed
2017 Jr. High-Barb Catlin	HS-George Stone	HSVocal-Roger Treece

Names were proposed and discussed for 2018 Nominations. Lisa will send out the list of candidates. If you'd like to add nominations or make changes, please send an email to Lisa. Voting will take place at the CASMEC meeting in February (Thursday night).

VII. CASMEC Clinics

Lisa announced the sessions for CASMEC 2016.

There were approximately 15 applicants, and the following 7 were chosen:

1. Joe Mazzaferro- Jazz Arranging for ALL Levels
2. Keith Kelly- Jazz Band is Not Just Another Large Ensemble: Keeping Improvisation and Creativity the Focus of Rehearsals
3. Patrick Langham- Lessons from the Masters: Using Recordings to Teach Students About Improvisation
4. Anthony Fesmire- Understanding the Modern Rhythm Section
5. Richard Frank- Unison Methodologies Applied to Modern Jazz Styles: A Single Point of Reference
6. Dan Bryan and Lisa Butts- And All That Jazz: Literature that Works for Young Jazz Bands
7. Kate Reid- Vocal Jazz Ensemble: Tone and Style

Lisa outlined some challenges of the new change of venue, namely the cost of associated with hosting a reception for the HOF presentations. This year, we will forgo the appetizers/cheese plates in favor of providing a few drink tickets and a hosted bar prior to the presentation of awards. This is part of the growing pains of moving CASMEC to San Jose.

VII. Hall of Fame

We solicited and finalized the nominations for HOF consideration.

After discussion, we will add three individuals to the HOF this year: Perla Warren, Madeline Eastman, Fred Berry.

The board was unanimous in its desire to recognize Danny and Adele Beher for their huge contribution to jazz education. We will recognize them at CASMEC in a meaningful way.

IX. CAJ All-State Jazz Festival

Chris Stevens will be running it. Lisa asked for help getting people to sign up their groups.

Discussion about moving the deadline earlier, as that seems to be a roadblock for getting participants. No decision reached.

At Curtis's suggestions, the board unanimously agreed to not post numerical scores for the All-State festival results.

X. Newsletter

Please consider submitting an article.

According to the By Laws each Ex-officio officer needs to contribute one article a year. Sarah will remind us who is due for an article and when.

XI. Elections Update

Lisa presented the slate for upcoming elections:
Curtis Gaesser and Patrick Langham are running for Vice President.
Barb Catlin and Barbara Shinaver are running for Treasurer.
Elections will take place along with the vote to approve the newly updated constitution.
Jeff Jarvis will send out the ballot.

XII. New Audition Etudes for Jr. High All State

Motion to approve \$500 to commission George Stone to create of a new set of Middle School All-State Band auditions made by Jeff Jarvis. Barb seconded. Motion Passed.

XIII. CASMEC/Old Business

Motion to automatically induct Past President's as Life Members via change in the Constitution made by Barb. Jeff seconded. Motion Passed.

Lisa solicited help to hear the All-State Audition CDs in San Jose Dec. 28-29.
Barb, Mike, and potentially Sarah with one other TBD will cover.

CAJ Officers Stepping Down/Term Over

Christine Guter, ACDA Representative, effective immediately.
Matt Harris, Vice President, effective immediately.
Mike Galisatus, CMEA Representative, will step down after July 1st.
Craig Bryant, Secretary, will end his term July 1st.
Lisa Butts, President, will move to Past President on July 1st.

XIV. Next Meeting

Next meeting – San Jose at CASMEC- Thursday, February 11th 4:00 pm. Location TBA.

XV. Meeting Adjourned @ 8:25 PM.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Craig. Barb seconded. Motion passed.

Minutes Submitted by Craig Bryant, 11/24/14.