

**MASTA Fall Meeting**  
**Saturday, September 16, 2006**  
**Executive Board: 11:00 a.m.**  
**Full Board: Noon**  
**Plymouth Educational Park, Phase III**  
**Plymouth, MI**

**I. Call to Order** (S. Reed): at 11:30 a.m. Members present: Valerie Palmieri, Steve Reed, Robert Reed, Wendy Stuart, Kelly Kramer, Mark Kotchenruther, Rick Dapprich, Dan Scott, Jan Flower, Rebekah Brown, Geri Arnold, Anne Kearney-Looman, Claire Charboneau, Diane Winder, Pam and Bob Phillips, Kathy Scafuri.

**II. Minutes** (Stuart): Minutes from the August passed with a motion from Scott, which was seconded by Flower. All reports should have the agenda numbers on the upper right hand corner.

**III. Treasurer's Report** (R. Reed): Fourth Quarter

Beginning Net Worth	\$109,189.28
Beginning Balance:	\$8,808.65
Deposits:	\$15,063.33
Disbursements:	\$5,266.00
Ending Balance:	\$18,605.98
Satellite Accts.	\$28,281.34
Net Surplus (LOSS)	\$9,797.33
Net Worth	\$46,887.32

Report approved with a motion by Palmieri, seconded by Winder.

**IV. President's Report** (S. Reed): Reed met with pro bono Attorney Howard Kahne about incorporation and gave him all relevant paperwork pertaining to ASTA, Tax-Exempt documents, MASTA and ASTA bylaws. MASTA will become a 501 3c after the Incorporation process has been completed. Our by-laws may not need to be rewritten, as we will use existing board structure and by-laws. We may need a statewide MASTA ballot to approve Articles of Incorporation, which would be handled by attorney (who was supplied with MASTA mailing labels). The deadline for the process is the end of the calendar year. Liability Insurance for MASTA is being covered until January 31st by National ASTA, after which we will need to provide for coverage. We have two options; one is to share a one million dollar policy with the rest of the ASTA state chapters or to get our own policy. Palmieri moved to direct S. Reed to contact Armfield, Harrison & Thomas, Inc (insurance agents) to pursue obtaining insurance and for R. Reed to write a check to cover the appropriate costs. Scott seconded, motion passed. S. Reed directed R. Reed to look into the process of bonding the treasurer and camp directors. The president reported that our state chapter can change banks and directed the treasurer to look into the process. S. Reed also wishes to revisit the motion passed during the August meeting regarding the payment (or in this case, not paying for) board member's hotel rooms at the MMC. In the works are researching the Nebraska ROSIN grant in support of new string programs and an Elizabeth Green Nominee and State Chapter Awards.

**V. Member-at-Large Report** (Flower): Please let Jan Flowers know of any new string programs (school district or community based programs). Flower had very good responses to her contacts with new string teachers. She will continue to work to support them. She has had assistance from Anne Kupa, secretary of MSBOA and Judy Palac, Michigan State University in located new teachers and new teacher transfers.

**VI. Past President Report** (Palmieri): Palmieri has been working to coordinate the National ASTA Convention's reception being hosted by MASTA immediately before Lynn Harrell's performance with the DSO. Many companies have already pledged support and many are pending decisions. The cost will be \$2500. Companies will get a great deal of national exposure from supporting this event. MMC is revising the Suzuki EEC brochure for the January sessions.

**VII. President Elect Report** (Kotchenruther): Kotchenruther is asking for nominations for Teacher of the Year and Administrator of the Year. Look for nomination information in the fall MASTA Notes and ballots in December. He will also be putting together a basket from the Michigan chapter for the silent auction at the ASTA National Convention. The budget for the basket is raised to \$200 to show our status as the state hosting the convention.

**VIII. Committee Reports**

*A. Newsletter* (Dapprich): Fall deadline for publication is October 1st. Dapprich has been working on getting a complete list of what is generally included in the fall newsletter. Financially, MASTA Notes will be successful this year. The Membership directory will be sent in mid-September.

*B. Outreach* (Gippert): Andrea Talley and Bernal Koch have been paid for their grants. R Reed moves to accept the Farmington Festival Orchestra grant proposal with a second from Scott. Motion passed.

*C. Michigan School Music Conference* (Kramer): Annual luncheon will be held from 11:00 am-1 pm on the Saturday of the MMC to accommodate All State performances. On-line registration is now open (early registration is open through December 1) at [www.MichiganMusicConference.org](http://www.MichiganMusicConference.org). After early registration, the fee increases \$30.

*D. ASTA National Conference* (Phillips): Michigan is very well represented this year at the National Conference. The Michigan Youth Orchestra has been added to the list of groups performing. There are many volunteer opportunities available for teachers and college students. Nominations for students to perform in master-classes are due November 1, 2006. Scheduling of events has been modified to encourage better audiences for performing groups. The 2008 Conference will be held in Albuquerque and the 2009 Conference will be in Atlanta.

*E. Membership* (Scafuri): There has been slight increase in membership totaling 481 (14 dual, 6 institutional, 13 life, 14 non-paying dual, 257

professional, 6 string industry council, 18 school library subscription, 53 senior, and 100 student memberships). Six reminders were sent to those whose membership had lapsed. There had been a problem with membership applications in the newsletter, but the problem has been fixed. S. Reed, Palmieri and Kotchenruther will be sending a flyer regarding the benefits of ASTA membership to all MSBOA string teachers. Kotchenruther will follow up the letters with individual phone calls encouraging MSBOA members to join MASTA. It was suggested to contact SSA (Suzuki) members as well.

*F. Elementary String Camp* (Scott): Hansen left the camp in excellent condition financially and organizationally. She should be commended for her excellent work, leadership and contribution to string education in Michigan. Elementary Camp will raise its fees from \$180 to \$195 (Budget proposal #2); motion made by Brown and seconded by Flower. Motion passed.

*G. Junior High String Camp* (Stuart): Camp was a fantastic experience for the campers and staff this past summer. Camper enrollment was down, making the surplus 3.8%. Camp will be held next year from June 24-June 30 at the Howell Conference Center. Costs have been rising each year, which brings the decision to raise fees for campers. Budget proposal 2 (which reflected an increase from \$390 to \$400) was passed with a motion from Scott, which was seconded by Winder.

*H. Chamber Music Festival* (Kearney-Looman): The Festival will be held on March 6th, 2007. Expenses this year will be lower as the guest ensemble is from Michigan. Motion to accept 2007 budget proposal and last year's report was made by Brown and seconded by Scott. Motion passed.

*I. Michigan Youth Arts Festival* (Winder): MYAF is at a crossroads, centering on the decision to stay at WMU or to move the location (due to lack of confidence that Miller Auditorium will be available for each year's performances). The 2007 dates are May 10-12 with the final performances in Miller. There is a new executive director of MYAF. Winder proposes that MASTA donates the \$800 MYAF pays us for judges for the chamber music competition back to MYAF (as we have been the past several year) and getting recognition of such in the MYAF programs. Scott seconds and the motion passed. Winder also moves to pay \$100 for the coach of the chamber group at MYAF (as in years past). Flower seconded and the motion passed.

*J. Solo Competition* (Long): The Solo Competition will be held on November 4th at WMU. The judges are Bruce Uchimura (WMU), Dan Foster (EMU), Suren Bagratuni (MSU) and Yehonaten Berick (U-M). The event is open to the public and begins at 9:00 am. Winners will be announced that day around 3:30 pm.

*K. Studio Teaching* (Brown): Brown expressed interest in developing a standing article in MASTA Notes regarding the benefits of MASTA membership to studio teachers. Discussed in the meeting were the programs, which can only be accessed through membership in ASTA and those that can be accessed without membership. She also expressed the difficulty of those without paid professional leave to take time off to attend conferences, beyond the registration fees, food and lodging, etc.

*L. Suzuki Liaison* (Arnold): Every Child Can (ECC) will be taught at the MMC on Thursday Jan. 25. A great deal of scholarship money has been generated by "Tuesdays with John." Those students interested in applying should make an audition video using DVD format, write a cover letter explaining the need for financial assistance, include three letters of recommendation and a copy of the first page of the previous year's IRS tax form. All the Kendall Master Classes from last year were recorded at the request of the MASTA Board. Help is needed to edit and produce a DVD available for other teachers to view the "Tuesdays with John" classes. The Taylor Public Schools would like to start a Suzuki Program for all the Kindergarten classes at the Randall Elementary School paid through Title One funds. They need a teacher for the program (Tuesday and Thursday from noon-2:30).

*M. Troy Suzuki Workshop* (Charboneau): Charboneau proposed sending money from the past Workshop (which was financially successful) to Kendall's scholarship fund. Arnold declined for Kendall, saying that the scholarship fund was very healthy and that Kendall was happy to help the Workshop. The Friday night master-classes were very successful during the past Workshop and Charboneau will schedule them again. The dates for this year's Workshop are April 20 and 21. Mary Baldwin is stepping down as assistant; a new registrar is needed. Motion to accept Charboneau's proposed budget was seconded by Kotchenruther and passed.

*N. Okemos Suzuki* (Smith): The date of the Okemos Suzuki Workshop is November 3 and 4th.

*O. Blue Lake Suzuki* (Kesler): No report.

*Q. Student Chapters* (Palmieri): No report.

*R. Website* (Scott/Hansen): No report.

*S. MSBOA Liaison* (Peterson): Arrangements have been made for six sites hosting the Mid-Level Orchestra Workshops. Paperwork is available online. The string committee has been working on a list of five and ten year goals, which will be published in time for the MMC. Issues that members wish to have addressed should be sent to Peterson by January 1. We have a supportive president currently and Peterson's major goal is to have MSBOA officers become more aware of Orchestra activities and more understanding of our needs.

## **IX. Old Business:**

## **X. New Business:**

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Wendy Stuart, *Secretary*