

MASTA Winter Meeting
Thursday, January 25, 2007
Executive Board: 4:00 p.m.
Full Board: 5:00 p.m.
Amway Grand Hotel, Fine Arts Room
Grand Rapids, MI

I. Call to Order (*S. Reed*): at 4:05 p.m. Members present: Steve Reed, Mark Kotchenruther, Robert Reed, Wendy Stuart, Janice Peterson, Val Palmieri, Kelly Kramer, Anne Kearney-Looman, Rick Dapprich, Wendy Azrak, Geri Arnold, Carl Gippert, Pam Phillips, Kathy Scafuri, Dan Long, Diane Winder, Amy Feldkamp

II. Minutes (*Stuart*)- Minutes from the September meeting passed with a motion from Palmieri, which was seconded by R. Reed.

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

Beginning Net Worth	\$45,527.68
Beginning Balance:	\$17,186.44
Deposits:	\$2,520.00
Disbursements:	\$4,386.40
Ending Balance:	\$15,320.04
Satellite Accts.	\$29,029.80
Net Surplus (LOSS)	(\$1,866.40)
Net Worth	\$44,349.84

The chapter is doing well. TCF Bank will be replaced after R. Reed researches banks with statewide branches. Report approved with a motion by Palmieri, seconded by Winder.

IV. President's Report (*S. Reed*): S. Reed thanked Kramer for all of her work planning the conference. We are incorporated at a very low cost to the Chapter. He is still working on obtaining insurance for the Chapter. There is a plan available but it does not cover directors, board members or committee chairs. Many sponsors have pledged to fund the Friday Night Reception at the ASTA National Chapter including the Baroque Violin Shop (\$500), Psarianos (\$500), Guarneri House (\$500), White Brothers (\$200), Tata Classical LLC (\$150), String Connection (\$100), and Wilson Fine Violins (\$200). Letters have been sent to each company with instructions for sending payment to our Treasurer. This is the year for National Honors Orchestra. Carl Gippert is chairing this committee. Up to 30 applications are accepted from each state. Those selected will compete at the 2008 ASTA Conference in Albuquerque. S. Reed would like to see the camp directors apply for a grant to fund the production a promotional video to send out about our camps. A motion to accept the president's report was made by Palmieri, seconded by R. Reed. Motion passed.

V. Member-at-Large Report (*Flower*): Flower has been making contact with new teachers and new programs by phone and email. Some of the new and young programs include Milford-Huron Valley Schools (community program), Novi Schools (two elementary string classes), and Webberville. New teachers or transfers to different districts include Andrea Marttila at Ann Arbor Pioneer H.S., Nicole Langford at Byron Center West M.S., Ben Moy at Ferndale H.S. and M.S., Robert Ward at Grand Rapids City H.S. and M.S., Ann Marie Jones at Greenville M.S., Caitlin Rizner at Holland Christian N. Shores M.S., Teresa CiriHall at Livonia Franklin H.S., Leslie Hamel at Okemos Chippewa and Kinawa M.S., and Katie Pearsall at Saginaw Heritage H.S. If there are others Flower should know about, please contact her.

VI. Past President Report (*Palmieri*): Palmieri has spoken with several student chapters. Melissa Gerber is still trying to get a student chapter in Hillsdale. Weston Holser, president of EMU's student chapter, is receiving instruments donated by various individuals and companies to take to New Orleans. MSU is hosting an Alternatives Styles Day and is a speaker on urban teaching environments. U-M's chapter is still functioning.

VII. President Elect Report (*Kotchenruther*): There were three excellent nominees for Teacher of the Year: John Kendell, David Reed and Marijean Quigley-Young. The Administrator of the Year nominee is Dr. Jerry L. Seese from Saginaw. The basket for the ASTA Convention Silent Auction is going well. Basket Works, LTD in Grand Rapids is coordinating the basket. In addition to Michigan made or inspired products, the basket will include gift certificates, merchandise, a violin bow, a camp scholarship, and a DVD.

VIII. Committee Reports

A. Newsletter (*Dapprich*): The deadline for spring publication is February 1st. Dapprich wants the newsletter to be delivered before the ASTA Convention.

B. Outreach (*Gippert*): There are two new requests from Farmington, one for the Pacifica String Quartet and National Orchestra Festival Registration. A request has been made to receive the check from MASTA before the events, rather than after, as is standard practice. Palmieri made a motion to approve payment before the event with a second from Winder. Motion passed. The Gaylord

Youth Orchestra proposal was approved after a motion from Peterson, seconded by Kearney-Looman. The Okemos School's proposal was approved after a motion from Long, seconded by Scafuri.

C. Michigan School Music Conference (*Kramer*): Kramer thanked members of the board for presiding, presenting and performing at the conference. The Luncheon will be at 11:00 on Saturday in the Imperial Room. She also thanked the board for allowing her to hold this position.

D. ASTA National Conference (*Phillips*): There is a new addition to the Conference: John Benham (music advocacy specialist) will be answering questions of anyone during posted hours in a booth in the exhibit hall. The Teaching in Diverse Settings pre-conference session is available to students for \$10 (email Deanna@astaweb.com). Volunteers are needed to preside over sessions, stuff bags, and host NOF mastersclasses. Two people are needed to spend an entire day assisting the National Orchestra Festival. Early registration is at the conference's highest level to date. There has been some confusion between groups who have been invited to perform at the conference versus those registered for National Orchestra Festival. They are not the same. Luck's Music is hosting a tour/reception on Wednesday night from 5:30-7:45 with shuttle service downtown.

E. Membership (*Scafuri*): There has been an increase in membership totaling 539 (14 dual, 6 institutional, 13 life, 14 non-paying dual, 288 professional, 8 string industry council, 18 school library subscription, 54 senior, and 124 student memberships). 32 reminders were sent to those whose membership had lapsed. Hopefully membership will grow further when MSBOA string teachers who are not MASTA members are contacted.

F. Elementary String Camp (*Scott*): This year's camp dates are June 17-19 and June 20-22 in Howell, MI. Scott is in the process of hiring for the summer. Carol Johnson and Kelly Kramer will be conducting this summer.

G. Junior High String Camp (*Stuart*): This year's camp dates are June 24-30 in Howell, MI. Stuart is in the process for hiring for the summer. Dan Scott will return as Music Director this summer.

H. Chamber Music Festival (*Kearney-Looman*): The Festival will be held on March 6, 2007. This year's winner will perform at the ASTA National Conference Chamber Music Masterclass. The Merling Trio from WMU is in residence this year.

I. Michigan Youth Arts Festival (*Winder*): 2007 Youth Arts Festival will be held on May 10-12 at WMU again this year with no new venue in consideration presently. The MASTA Honors Quartet will perform four times at YAF. Opening Gala will be held at Miller Auditorium. The new art facility (Richmond Center) at WMU will be featured. Executive Director is continuing to seek outside sources of funding. Winder is coordinating 4th Annual College Art Fair. Winder is still looking for people who work in the music profession that attended YAF while in High School. Contact Information/Donations for YAF: Kim Dabbs, MYAF, 988 S. Adams, Suite 207, Birmingham, MI 48009, 248.649.8888, <http://www.myaf.org>.

J. Solo Competition (*Long*): The Solo Competition was held on November 4th at WMU. The judges were Bruce Uchimura (WMU), Dan Foster (EMU), Suren Bagratuni (MSU) and Yehonaten Berick (U-M). There were 35 contestants entered: 24 Junior Division and 11 Senior Division, the highest number of participants to date. The Grand Prize Junior Division (Shar Music Award) winner was Barbora Kolarova, violin, and First Prize (Elizabeth A.H. Green Award) winner was Benjamin Beilman, violin. Junior Division members chosen to have tapes submitted to the National Competition included Jordan Huang, violin, and Andrea Jarrett, violin. The Senior Division Grand Prize (Shar Music Award) winner was Megan Fergusson, viola, and the First Prize (Psarianos Award) winner was Petra Vilankova, violin. The following senior division members were chosen to have tapes submitted to National: Elizabeth Beilman, viola, Carla Fabris, harp, Alexandra Hamzea, violin, Sheryl Hwangbo, violin. Prizes were increased this year to \$1000 for the Grand Prize and \$700 for the First Prize and Elizabeth A.H. Green Award. Junior Division judges were paid extra as their day was doubled in length due to the record number of participants. Those participants who were selected to submit tapes (winners those listed above) will be notified on February 1st if they have been selected to participate in the National Solo Competition. Thanks to Bruce Uchimura, Carl Doubleday, WMU and the WMU Student ASTA chapter for hosting the Solo Competition. Congratulations to all contestants for his or her outstanding audition.

K. Studio Teaching (*Brown*): No report.

L. Suzuki Liaison (*Arnold*): Every Child Can (ECC) was held at the MMC on Thursday Jan. 25 with 11 participants. For future EEC sessions, they need to know in advance who is participating. The website says walk ins are welcome, but the class is not structured to accommodate them easily. Suzuki activities in Michigan include the "Tuesdays with John," where 25 teachers meet the first Tuesday of each month and three students perform in a masterclass with Kendall. The John Kendall Scholarship program was established this year for one violinist to be awarded \$250 and one teacher to be awarded \$400 for Suzuki Blue Lake. A motion was made to accept John Kendall scholarships by R. Reed, seconded by Kearney-Looman. Motion passed. Requirements can be obtained from Pat Smith with an April 24th application deadline. Ann Arbor Suzuki and Suzuki Royal Oak students will be performing together on Thursday, March 8th to open the National ASTA Conference at the Detroit Renaissance Center. Suzuki Activities nationally include the posting online of the 2007 Institute Dates (see SuzukiAssociation.org). SAA Teacher Scholarship Applications are due Feb. 15. There are new DVD's available: Nurtured by Love, Parents as Partners, and Piano Concertos and International Ensemble Concert from the 2006 Conference.

M. Troy Suzuki Workshop (*Charboneau*): John Kendall is giving a masterclass Friday night again this year, before the Saturday workshop.

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

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

Q. Student Chapters (*Palmieri*): See Past President report.

R. Website (*Scott/Hansen*): There has been some problems with the new website: not everyone can access it. Scott will arrange to have the old website up to make it available to all.

S. MSBOA Liaison (*Peterson*): The String Committee will meet 1/26/07 to discuss goals and the Middle Level Workshop. There has been a proposal to move the dates later in the year and to address repertoire difficulty. The new schedule will also be reviewed. The new Michigan Graduation requirements are felt to endanger programs throughout the state. All members are asked to brainstorm ideas to develop a plan to keep Orchestras (and all school music programs) off the endangered species list. The following are adopted goals of the string committee: support struggling Orchestra Programs, develop communication between Orchestra members, continue training for band directors teaching orchestra, creating chamber orchestra opportunities, establish alternatives to Festival, develop a "rent-a-wind" section/collaboration with College-Level Orchestras, build the number of string specialist adjudicators, develop a stronger team relationship with all music educators, and maintain a quality Middle Level Orchestral activity in the fall.

IX. Old Business:

X. New Business:

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Wendy Stuart