

**MASTA Winter General Meeting**  
**Saturday, January 27, 2007**  
**Luncheon, 11:00 a.m.- 12:50 p.m.**  
**Amway Grand Hotel, Imperial Room**  
**Grand Rapids, MI**

I. Call to Order (*S. Reed*): at 11:25 a.m. Introduction of members and guests. Guests present: Haig Avsharian, Megan Fergusson, Misuzu Tamaka, John Kendall and family, and Dr. Jerry Seese.

II. Minutes (*Stuart*): Minutes from the September meeting passed with a motion from Wimsatt, which was seconded by Winder.

III. Treasurer's Report (*R. Reed*): See report listed in the minutes from 1/25/07 meeting. Report approved with a motion by Palac, seconded by Bush.

IV. President's Report (*S. Reed*): See report listed in the minutes from 1/25/07 meeting. In addition, we had been \$350 short of covering the entire \$2500 cost of hosting the reception at the National Conference at the Board Meeting on January 25th. During the meeting, Bob Phillips and family offered to cover the remaining \$350. A motion to accept the president's report was made by Peterson, seconded by Azrak. Motion passed.

V. Member-at-Large Report (*Flower*): See report listed in the minutes from 1/25/07 meeting. Flower cannot be here today as she is conducting the All-State Middle School Orchestra.

VI. Past President Report (*Palmieri*): See report listed in the minutes from 1/25/07 meeting. Dudd moved to accept report, Dietrich-Reed seconded. Motion passed.

VII. President Elect Report (*Kotchenruther*): See New Business.

VIII. Committee Reports

A. Newsletter (*Dapprich*): Thanks to the previous newsletter editors for a smooth transition. Please support the businesses that advertise in our newsletter. They make the newsletter possible. Contact Dapprich if you wish to have anything published in Notes. The Spring Edition will be mailed before the ASTA National Conference.

B. Outreach (*Gippert*): See report listed in the minutes from 1/25/07 meeting. Gippert is in charge of the National Honors Orchestra to be held at next year's ASTA National Convention.

C. Michigan School Music Conference (*Kramer*): Kramer requested the membership to complete the pink conference survey. She thanks the board for the opportunity to serve and will be passing the committee chair to Val Palmieri.

D. ASTA National Conference (*Phillips*): See report listed in the minutes from 1/25/07 meeting. 1000 string teachers are expected at this year's conference. There is a student discount for the five pre-conference events. There will be 120 sessions and performances by Midori, Lynn Harrell, the Turtle Island String Quartet and a keynote address by Aaron Dworkin.

E. Membership (*Scafuri*): See report listed in the minutes from 1/25/07 meeting.

F. Elementary String Camp (*Scott/Feldkamp*): This year's camp dates are June 17-19 and June 20-22 in Howell, MI.

G. Junior High String Camp (*Stuart*): This year's camp dates are June 24-30 in Howell, MI. Open to 6th-9th grade students.

H. Chamber Music Festival (*Kearney-Looman*): See report listed in the minutes from 1/25/07 meeting.

I. Michigan Youth Arts Festival (*Winder*): See report listed in the minutes from 1/25/07 meeting. This event incorporates all the Fine Arts, not just music. If you haven't attended a Festival, please consider visiting.

J. Solo Competition (*Long*): See New Business.

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

L. Suzuki Liaison (*Arnold*): See report listed in the minutes from 1/25/07 meeting. M. Troy Suzuki Workshop (Charboneau): John Kendall is giving a masterclass Friday (April 20) night again this year, before the Saturday workshop. The date of this year's Workshop is April 21. Applications will be out within the next few weeks.

N. Okemos Suzuki (*Smith*): The Okemos Suzuki Workshop was held on November 3rd and 4th and was very successful. Molly and Paul Rebeck will be taking over next year. Next year marks the 40th year of the workshop. It will be held the first weekend of November.

O. Blue Lake Suzuki (*Kesler*): Held in June (around Fathers Day). Unit One Teacher training will be taught by Wendy Azrak. 800 students are expected to attend.

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. Erin Hansen is taking over as Webmaster. To send emails to the membership, email members@astamichigan.org. To send attachments, permission from the Webmaster is needed in advance.

S. MSBOA Liaison (*Peterson*): See report listed in the minutes from 1/25/07 meeting. The Mid-Level Clinics will be held one week later than previously. Peterson encourages members to form teams with their band and choir colleagues.

IX. Old Business:

X. New Business:

A. Teacher of the Year/Administrator of the Year Presentation (*Kotchenruther*): There were three excellent nominees for Teacher of the Year: John Kendell, David Reed and Marijean Quigley-Young. The Administrator of the Year is Dr. Jerry L. Seese from Saginaw. The Teacher of the Year is John Kendell. See details about the winners and the presentation of the awards in the Spring Edition of MASTA Notes.

B. Solo Competition winner performance (*Long*): Details of report listed in the minutes from January 25th board meeting.

Performance of the Enesco Concert Piece for Viola and Piano and the first movement of the Rozsa Viola Concerto by Solo Competition Senior Division Grand Prize Winner, Megan Fergusson, *viola* (accompanied by Misuzu Tamaka, *piano*). Fergusson thanked MASTA and Shar for supporting the competition. She feels as a product of the public school Orchestra system, she owes much to string teachers. She dedicated her performance to all string teachers.

Meeting ended at 1:10 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted, Wendy Stuart*