

South Carolina ASTA with NSOA Board Meeting

Minutes
Recorded by Andrew Levin
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In attendance: Bob Jesselson, Andrew Levin, Lucy Manning, Sandy Goldie, and Chris Cordé.

Tasks for Andrew Levin

- Get in touch with the national organization
- Attend the Leadership Conference (usually in March)
- Acquire the SCASTA membership list from the national office

National solo competition

- Held every other year
- Check the deadlines with the national office
- Consider holding the state competition in conjunction with SCMEA or SCMTA
- Or, perhaps, hold the competition in conjunction with the All-State Concerto Competition.
- Appoint someone to chair a Concerto Competition sub-committee. Names were suggested.
- The competition could be a modest source of income for SCASTA

Financial matters

- The national office refunds a portion of each ASTA member's dues, in a rebate that is sent to the state office quarterly.
- Moneys from the cello weekend is kept separate from the rest of the SCASTA moneys, to be saved up for future events.

State organization

- Consider breaking SCASTA into zones, perhaps aligning with SCMEA's regions
- Get a representative from each region; that rep would collect news from SCASTA members in the region for inclusion into the quarterly newsletter, which will have news from each region

ASTA National High School Honors Orchestra

- Teachers should be encouraged to support this event by having their students apply
- Notice of the Honors Orchestra and the application procedure should be put in the Newsletter and disseminated via email

New Awards for SC Teachers

- SCASTA should institute two new awards to recognize the excellent work done in South Carolina.
- The two awards: "Studio Teacher of the Year" and "Orchestra Director of the Year."
- Teachers may self-nominate or have someone nominate them
- The SCASTA board of directors can act as the Selection Committee.
- The new award should be announced at the September 11 Annual Meeting and in the December Newsletter.

Newsletter

- Recently revived.
- Currently edited by Lucy Manning
- Advertisers should be pursued
- Should be published three times a year? Perhaps December, April and summer.

Organizational Matters

- The President and Treasurer of SCASTA are required to fill out reports once a year.
- The national organization will make contact to assist with filling out the reports
- With Sandy Goldie now the President-Elect, SCASTA is now in need of a new Secretary/Treasurer. It is recommended that the President appoint someone until a membership can elect a new Secretary/Treasurer. Names were offered as possible Interim Secretary/Treasurers.

Reading Session

- Scheduled for September 11, 2004
- Andrew Levin will be out of town in a previous engagement, so Chris Cordé has offered to conduct the session and run the annual meeting
- Sandy Goldie will continue in her role of acquiring the music for the session
- The Annual Meeting of SCASTA will take place after the 2 pm Business Meeting of SCMEA.
- This meeting provides a good opportunity to make announcements regarding SCASTA and to recruit volunteers for service to SCASTA.

SCMEA Convention

- In the past SCASTA has sponsored a clinician. It is thought that other activities at the convention might better serve the organization.
- Perhaps SCASTA could sponsor a luncheon. SCASTA would arrange for a room, arrange for food service, and collect money and reservations from members who wish to attend.
- This would be a good event at which to present the two new awards for teachers.
- After much discussion it was decided that Friday would be the best time for the luncheon. The SCMEA board meets for lunch on Saturday. Other

- options suggested were a Saturday luncheon (even given the conflict), a breakfast gathering, a dinner, and a late afternoon reception.
- The question was raised: would someone not attending the SCMEA conference have to sign up for the entire conference just attend the SCASTA luncheon? or would they be allowed on site for free? SCMEA needs to be contacted regarding these questions.

History of SCASTA

- It was suggested someone should write a history of SCASTA.
- Perhaps a graduate student could make this a research project or thesis.
- Contacts could be made at Converse College, Bob Jones University, Furman University, College of Charleston, or the University of South Carolina to find interested students.
- An announcement can be made in the December Newsletter and announced at the Annual Meeting on September 11.
- Part of the SCASTA luncheon at the SCMEA conference could include a "Tell a story" segment; individuals could relate some interesting story on the history of SCASTA, information that could later be used for the written history.
- The history should also account for, and honor, past presidents.

By-Laws Changes

- New elections must be held to elect a new Secretary-Treasurer. The board president can make an appointment right away, but then elections should be held to formally elect the new officer.
- This election will provide a good opportunity to make changes to the By-Laws
- A notice announcing the proposed changes in the By-Laws should be mailed out August 1. Responses would be due September 1 (before the Annual Meeting).
- Board members are requested to send suggested changes to the By-Laws to Andrew Levin by July 10, 2004.
- Changes to the By-Laws should include at least the following:
 - Change the title "Vice President" to "Past President"
 - Account for the new officers proposed
 - Change the title "Secretary" to "Secretary/Treasurer"

The Summer Newsletter should contain the following information:

- Request for SCASTA Historian
- Information on the two new awards for teachers
- Information on the National High School Honors Orchestra
- Information on the Potters Award
- Information on the Coda Bow Award
- Ballot for Secretary/Treasurer

Web Pages

- Andrew Levin offered to build a web site for SCASTA
- Questions were raised about hosting and costs: is there free web hosting space available? could it be hosted at Clemson, at least initially? does ASTA host state web page?
- The web page should contain the following information:
 - By-Laws
 - Minutes
 - Solo Competition
 - Email links to officers
 - Dates of coming events
 - Past newsletters in PDF form
 - National High School Honors Orchestra
 - Cellobration
 - The two new awards for teachers, including information on how to apply or nominate a teacher
 - Announcements