

SC ASTA Executive Board Meeting  
September 6, 2008  
12:00 p.m.

Kathleen Robinson, SC ASTA president, called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. She welcomed everyone and distributed meeting agendas.

The following board members were in attendance:

Kathleen Robinson – President  
Theresa Jenkins-Russ – Vice-President, Newsletter Editor  
Haley Calore – Treasurer (outgoing)  
Sylvia Howell – Member at Large – Private Studio Representative  
Janice Hutton – Collegiate Representative – Orchestra Director at Large  
Angela Rex – Secretary

- New Board Member Introductions, Kathleen Robinson
  - Angela Rex will be our new secretary. There are no previous minutes to approve, but minutes will be taken at this meeting and posted to the website. Kathryn Dey will be the new treasurer, replacing Haley Calore whose term has ended. Janice Hutton will be a new member at large, focusing on the role of Collegiate Representative.
  - Kathleen Robinson suggested that Janice's position as Member-at-Large be changed to Collegiate Representative, due to her ties with Bob Jones and other Universities in the area. A motion was made by Sylvia Howell, second by Theresa Jenkins-Russ.
- Treasurer's Report, Haley Calore
  - Balance as of today is \$883.70. An outstanding balance of \$673.00 is still owed to cello choir.
  - Theresa Jenkins-Russ asked why the \$673.00 goes to cello choir.
  - Kathleen Robinson: Cello choir is in the red and needs the money. Additionally, they are owed that money as a part of their agreement with ASTA.
  - Haley Calore: That leaves a balance of \$210.70
  - Kathleen Robinson: There are current problems with the SC ASTA account, due to the fact that it is not set up as a non-profit organization. Because low balances have been left in the account, fees have steadily accrued. Bank of America currently holds the account. A letter has been drafted to them, requesting that they drop the fees as a donation to the organization.
  - Kathleen Robinson: Are we set up as a 504 organization?
  - Theresa Jenkins-Russ: That costs money, if we are not.
  - Haley Calore: We will need a Federal ID number for that.
  - Kathleen Robinson: We have a Federal ID number. It would be best to move the account to Greenville and the account changed over to tax exempt status.

Our new treasurer will need to explore the possibility of moving to a new bank if things cannot be settled in a positive way with Bank of America.

- Haley Calore: All of the account forms will need to be signed and transferred in to Katie's name.
  
- Committee Reports, Kathleen Robinson (for Christopher Hutton)
  - Cello Choir will be held on 9/13 at Furman University. Registrations are low at this point, but more are expected to come in as it gets closer to the date.
  - Solo Competition tapes must be submitted by October 22<sup>nd</sup>. There are two age divisions: Junior (12-18) and Senior (18-25). All of the information, including repertoire and all deadlines, can be found on the website: [www.scasta.org](http://www.scasta.org)
  - President's Initiative won a grant of \$700 to fund an ASTA sponsored Violin Choir. This event will be held on January 31<sup>st</sup> at Wade Hampton High School. Violinists who have experience with Suzuki Book 2 and up are encouraged to attend. The master teachers will be Brenda Brenner (Indiana University), Deidre Hutton and Sarah Johnson (Converse College). There will be workshops and various classes, culminating with a recital at 5:00. The cost for the Violin Choir will be \$20.
  - Discovery Program (Kathryn Dey) has been created to help start new string programs in the state. Currently the Discovery Program is working with students in Greenwood. More information will be provided by K. Dey as available.
  
- Old Business
  - Recruiting Members, Kathleen Robinson
    - Membership is going ok. At present the membership is up, as it typically is at the start of a new school year. Problems generally occur towards the end of the year when current members relocate to other states.
  
  - Ads for Newsletter, Teresa Jenkins-Russ
    - Ads are going very well, as we now have ads from national companies included in our newsletter.
  
- New Business
  - Information/Online Newsletter:
    - Angela Rex: Concern over why she did not get any information regarding cello choir.
    - Kathleen Robinson: All cello choir information is posted on the website.
    - Angela Rex: Initial notification needs to be sent out to all educators via an email.
    - Theresa Jenkins-Russ: We need to look at possibly sending out all of our publications via email.
    - Angela Rex: This would definitely save the chapter money, if everything could be sent electronically.

- Theresa Jenkins-Russ: Unfortunately, around 1/3 of our membership does not have internet access.
- Angela Rex: Those without internet access could still be sent hard copies of publications, but sending publications via email to the other members would still save a considerable amount of money.
- Haley Calore: Sending the newsletter electronically to the majority of members will dramatically cut down on Theresa's work load of copying, printing, etc...
- Theresa Jenkins-Russ: The pictures on the newsletter will be very hard to open on slower computers.
- Angela Rex: A brief synopsis of the newsletter could be sent to all members, with a link included to the website, where everyone could view the pictures and larger articles with ease.
- Kathleen Robinson: Will the advertisers be upset that their paid ads are not getting out to the membership?
- Angela Rex: Ads would still get out to those without internet access and they could be placed on the website as a side bar, posted for all those who visit the site to see.

#### Cello Choir

- Theresa Jenkins-Russ: Suggested that ASTA members receive a discount for sending students to Cello choir and the new Violin Choir. If current registration fee is \$15, raise fee to \$20 for non-members and allow members of ASTA to pay \$15 per student. This would be an incentive for more strings teachers to join ASTA.
- Kathleen Robinson: We will look at this as a possibility for Violin Choir this year and discuss it further in regards to next year's Cello Choir.

#### Presidents' Initiative (Violin Choir)

- Kathleen Robinson: Concern expressed over the lack of funds available to house our out of town clinician, Brenda Brenner. It would be a better option to allow Ms. Brenner to have her own space, rather than having to stay with a board member.
- Janice Hutton: Suggested that the faculty housing at BJU be considered as a possibility. She will check on the rates and report back with the results. In addition, copies and printing of the brochures for Violin Choir may be able to be done at a more inexpensive rate at BJU.
- Kathleen Robinson: Should we consider having another master clinician available, in case of inclement weather, for that date? Perhaps Tom Joiner? Should we still pay her, if she cannot come?
- Theresa Jenkins-Russ: No.
- Kathleen Robinson: We will still pay for her airfare. If she cannot come, due to weather, she can exchange the ticket for another date or location.
- Angela Rex: That seems very fair.
- Sylvia Howell: You should draw up a contract for Brenda Brenner, outlining what she will be paid for and any weather related problems. Be specific.
- Janice Howell: Will there be different levels at the workshop?

- Kathleen Robinson: Not at this point.
- Angela Rex: Perhaps there could be a portion of the registration form, on the brochure, that could ask for the current level of playing and a teacher's signature.

National Convention:

- Kathleen Robinson: We need to think again about creating a state basket to take to convention. Please email suggestions to her as you think of them.

Motion to end the meeting was made by Theresa Jenkins-Russ. The second was made by Kathleen Robinson.

The meeting adjourned at 1:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela M. Rex