

Executive Board Meeting
January 23, 2008
MMEA Convention, Tan-Tar-A

Members present: Tim Aubuchon, Bob Long, Michael Pagan, Steve Sampsell, Cathy Coonis, and Lori Hutton. Also present was Larry Green, IAJE Regional Coordinator.

Tim Aubuchon called the meeting to order at 9:45 PM.

Larry Green and Bob Long gave a report on the 35th Annual Conference held in Toronto, Canada. Attendance was down at the conference. One of the goals of the national membership is to retain membership of those who are already members. Using a grassroots effort to increase membership was a suggestion. Bob commented that the sessions were very good. Although he would like to see more clinics aimed at middle and high school educators.

Tim Aubuchon suggested having an All-State Audition process for workers. Ideas given were having a sign-up on the website, making sure there are enough workers to help out the coordinator, and to organize help throughout the whole day.

The board talked about creating a Duties Handbook. This will enable all new board members to know exactly their responsibilities. Each officer will compile their duties as well as deadline dates and any other pertinent information and give to Secretary Lori Hutton who will then compile the handbook.

The board discussed the membership of the Missouri Unit. Larry Green reported that Missouri has a strong membership. Tim suggested that all board members send three ideas on increasing membership to him and after compiling the information, he would send to all board members.

Steve Sampsell discussed making sure the District Jazz Auditions align to the State Jazz Auditions. The board will meet in April to discuss the All State Audition rotation for the next four years. It was discussed to invite the District Jazz VP's to a board meeting in order to discuss the audition process possibly around the MBA meeting time this summer.

The 2009 commissioned piece was discussed with Jeff Melsha in charge. Michael Philip Mossman will be contacted to arrange to write the commissioned piece which will be premiered at the 2009 MMEA Conference.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori

Lori Hutton
MOIAJE Secretary