

Texas Jazz Educators Association
General Membership Meeting
Texas Music Educators Association Convention
Thursday February 9, 2012
9:30 AM - CC 206C
Approved February 21, 2012

The Texas Jazz Educators Association Executive Board held general membership meeting at 6:30 pm on Thursday, February 9, 2012 in room CC 212 of the Convention Center in San Antonio. Members of the executive board in attendance at the meeting: Alex Parker, Board of Directors, (Baylor University), Roland Sandoval, Board of Directors, (O'Connor High School), Tim Ishii, President, (University of Texas at Arlington), Greg Ball (Tarleton State University), President Elect, Brent Colwell, Secretary (Temple College). There was a quorum of members present.

- The meeting was called to order by President Tim Ishii
- Introduction of officers and directors were made by President Tim Ishii
 - President – Tim Ishii
 - President Elect- Greg Ball
 - Treasurer – Heather Mensch
 - Secretary – Brent Colwell
 - Directors – Roland Sandoval, Paul Baker(not present,) Alex Parker
 - Past President – Sparky Koerner (not present)
 - Past Director – Richard Birk (not present)
- The minutes of the 2011 TJEA meeting at TBA were moved and accepted
- Heather Mensch made a report on the budget. Highlights include:
 - A balance of \$14,020.84
 - Incoming money from dues and All-State packets
 - Extra grants were issued
 - The treasurer's report were moved and accepted
- Tim Ishii reported on TMEA, TJEA jazz events. Multiple events were listed. Our TJEA hosted clinician was Wycliffe Gordon
- Cathy Benford reported on membership renewal and membership drive. Email webmaster@tjea.org and a link will be emailed
- Roland Sandoval discussed the continuing TJEA/TMEA Jazz clinics. He made a call for suggestions for future clinics. Please email suggestions to tshii@uta.edu Alex Parker discussed this year's clinic cost and how TMEA schedules the clinics
- Tim Ishii gave a report on the journal, website and newsletter. He discussed the following:
 - Jazz Festivals, Concerts, Clinics, Camps
 - Call for articles
 - Thank you to Richard Birk (past editor)
 - The website was discussed by Cathy Benford and Greg Ball
 - The newsletter is put together by John Goode
 - The journal is edited by Joe Clark
- Dan Cavanagh called for submission for All-State etudes; cavanagh@uta.edu. Deadline for submission is March 18, 2012
- Greg Ball discussed the TMEA All-State Jazz CD judging. He discussed the changes to the audition process so costs to TMEA were reduced

- Alex Parker discussed the TJEAs grants for school jazz programs. We had 23 applicants this year. This is the most we have ever had. Alex recognized the recipients. He informed the membership that next year's grant applications are due October 1. Grants are \$250.00 and may be used for a wide variety of jazz events
- President Tim Ishii and President-Elect Greg Ball spoke about the upcoming jazz symposium. The symposium will be at Tarleton on the first Monday of June. (June 4) There will be a new music reading session along with some other clinics. If anyone has clinic ideas email ball@tarleton.edu
- Tim Ishii opened discussion regarding the three proposals made to TMEA. Progress is being made on all three
 - Alex Parker reported that TMEA is allowing a high school jazz performance at every TMEA from now on. It will be formatted NOT as an honor band and the selection process will be worked through
 - Creation of a second All State Jazz Band – percentage of students who audition for All-State Jazz vs. those who make it is the lowest of all the All-State groups. This is still on the table for the future
 - Creation of an auxiliary percussion seat in the All State Jazz Band. This is still on the table for TMEA. The ATSSB ensemble has a vibe component to their audition. The logistics of adding a vibe player to the region band was discussed
 - There was discussion regarding whether regions should continue making proposals. It was pointed out that we should continue to provide a united front regardless which approach we take. It was decided to take a year off of proposals, but to continue to keep the issue fresh with TMEA leadership
- Alex Parker discussed the three positions open for this year. The open positions are: Director (3 year position), Secretary (2 year position), President Elect
 - Alex made a call for someone who is interested in being on the nominating committee
 - Voting begins May 1, so a ballot needs to be
 - Nominating committee people need to email alex_parker@baylor.edu
- New Business
 - It was brought up that we may want to discuss doing a Latin/Salsa group in the future. Alex said perhaps that we should submit proposals to TMEA. Tim Ishii brought up that this would be a great clinic for the symposium
 - Bill Watrous discussed how to go about teaching how to play Latin music and how to approach having a vibe player in a group
 - Jazz Educators network representatives, Rick Kessell – Treasurer, and Andrew Surmani - President-Elect gave a presentation. Rick is founding publisher for JEN. The next JEN conference will be January 2 – 5, 2013 at the Hyatt Regency in Atlanta, GA. JEN now has members from all 50 states and 20 countries. Nominations for the Board of Directors will be from June 1 through July 15
 - Aric Schneller announced the Sam Houston State Jazz ensemble concert Friday at 6:30. He also announced the Bill Watrous Jazz Festival at Sam Houston State University
- The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be Saturday, July 21, 2012 at the Texas Bandmaster's Association Convention in San Antonio, Texas

Minutes respectfully submitted by Brent Colwell, TJEAs Secretary