

# Northern Illinois Music Conference

Annual Fall Meeting Agenda

September 18, 2017

Lake Zurich MS North

7:00 PM

- I. Introductions (5 MIN) and moment of silence
  - A. Call to order 7:00 pm
  - B. Introductions
  - C. Recognition of Art Hildebrand and his service to music education and the organization.
- II. Approval of Minutes from 9/22/16 (1 MIN)
  - A. Motion to approve the minutes
  - B. First-Steve Stenzel
  - C. Second- Spencer Lent
- III. President's Report (5 MIN)
  - A. Solo and Ensemble Contest Feb 24, 2018 at Big Hollow
  - B. Organization Contest March 9/10, 2018 at Beach Park
    1. Science Olympiad- possible conflict
      - a) Discussion resulted in a consensus that this will not be an issue.
      - b) Groups with conflict can be scheduled on Friday.
  - C. Jazz Contest March 13, 2018 at Cooper MS
    1. Tuesday
  - D. Dates for 2019- Feb. 23 (SE), March 15/16 (Org), March 19 (Jazz)
    1. March 15/16 (Org)
      - a) PARCC- Concern for districts without one on one tech.
      - b) Limited rehearsal time
      - c) Motion: To move it back to March 8 / 9
        - (1) Ann Forman moves to change to this date
        - (2) Sarah seconds
        - (3) Motion passes- not unanimous
    2. March 19 (Jazz) Discussion:
      - a) Can groups bring a jazz orchestra?
        - (1) Unclear in the guidelines
        - (2) There is nothing that designates the instrumentation of the group.
      - b) April date for Jazz? It depends on the groups who want to go.
        - (1) May or may not leave enough time to prepare for spring events.
      - c) Possibility: 2 dates for organization- bring your groups for either day
        - (1) Increases cost for facilities and judges

- (2) May not have the groups to judge
    - d) Motion: To move the date to March 14
      - (1) Carolyn
      - (2) Ann Forman
      - (3) Motion carried
  - E. Host rotation schedule posted on website
    - 1. Please look at this information.
- IV. Vice-President's Report (5 MIN)
  - A. Rubrics
    - a. If anyone has questions, comments, concerns?
      - i. Double check the website
      - ii. Solo and ensemble link not working/possibly others
        - 1. Riley will look into this
- V. Treasurer's Report (15 MIN)
  - A. 2016-17 financial report
  - B. 501c3/tax exempt status
    - a. Accepted application by State of Illinois and Federal Government
      - i. No federal or state taxes
      - ii. Allows us to accept grants
        - 1. Tech such as keyboards and other things
        - 2. Looking for volunteers
      - iii. We are **not** exempt from sales tax.
        - 1. Still paying for tax on medals.
    - C. Budget for 2017-18 (vote)
      - a. Motion: To accept the budget as presented- Steve Stenzel
      - b. Jen Grabot second
      - c. Motion carried
- VI. Judge Hirer's Report (5 MIN)
  - A. Judges' meeting- listen to recorded example, provide stats from previous contest
    - a. Looking for ways to make judging more consistent
    - b. Discussion:
      - i. This would hopefully eliminate some rooms giving all 1's or 2's,etc.
        - 1. Eliminates the- easy room, hard room stigma
      - ii. Would a professional still do what they want? Interpret their own way?
        - 1. The rubric should guide, however, a "meets expectations" is really a 2.
          - a. If you have wording that will clarify this to the judges, please contact Elise Matusek at Woodland.
        - 2. "4" should still give MS students room to grow.
        - 3. Hopefully not robotic with the numbers but have another perspective - we're not looking to tell them how many of each rating.

- 4. Were directors complaining?
          - a. No difference in the comments in the survey
          - b. Some judges will be more challenging than others
      - iii. Motion: Show and explain the data / chart from last year:
        - 1. Riley Broach
        - 2. Ann Forman second
        - 3. Motion carried
      - c. Need string and vocal judges
        - i. Please pass their names along!
        - ii. Especially strings
    - B. If we're not performing at a contest (students) we can judge. (Colleagues, too.)
- VII. Old Business (10 MIN)
  - A. Honors Invitational
    - a. 1 school that wanted to participate
    - b. Time restrictions
    - c. Revisit or not?
      - i. Discussion
        - 1. Table this idea for now due to lack of interest
  - B. Paperless scoring- create committee and come up with a process to pilot in one or more rooms
    - a. Do we want to create a committee?
      - i. Pilot for Organization Contest?
      - ii. Sean Kazmi, Jen Grabot, Alex Moberg
        - 1. Info needs to populate in a form to print out
        - 2. Chromebooks to use?
        - 3. 1 computer-1paper-1audio
        - 4. Music in the parks does it online
          - a. Hybrid approach
- VIII. New Business (10 MIN)
  - A. Title of "Org contest"- change to NIMCon Music Contest or Music Festival
    - a. Discussion:
      - 1. Different states have different requirements
      - 2. Organization music contest festival
      - 3. Think on this.. Send your ideas to Ellen
  - B. Medal vendor for 2019
    - a. Currently in 3rd year of 3 year contract
      - i. There some issues last year
      - ii. Looking ahead at 2019
      - iii. Looking for a volunteer medal vendor
- IX. Motions (10 MIN)
  - A. Change #14 under "Rules Governing Solo and Ensemble Contest" to read:
    - "Percussion soloists will perform rudiments from the required list. Instrumental soloists will perform a scale in the key of the piece being performed."

- a. Motion to change the language:
  - i. "Battery drum soloists will perform rudiments from the required list. Melodic soloists will perform a scale in the key of the piece being performed."
    - 1. Motion carried
    - 2. We will remove the mallet scales from the website

B. Under Rules Governing Organization Contest- move jazz bands from #4 (40 min) to #5 (30 min)

- a. After 2 years of Jazz bands at 40 minutes a suggestion was made to reduce the time to 30 minutes.
  - i. Discussion:
    - 1. Set up has been reasonable for some and rushed for others
    - 2. Clinic well received by some schools
    - 3. 40 minutes per group stretches out the evening.
    - 4. Jazz groups are getting more clinic time than B/O/C due to type of literature.
  - ii. Motion to accept the change:
    - 1. Renee Brown
    - 2. Ann Forman second
    - 3. Motion carries

X. Election of officers (5 MIN)

- A. Ellen SInger- President
- B. Elise Matusek- Vice President
- C. Margaret Delligatti- Secretary
- D. Sara Roediger - Treasurer
- E. Riley Broach- Webmaster
- F. Jim Garbrecht and Steve Stenzel- Judge Hirers
  - a. Motion to accept the slate of officers as presented
    - i. Ann Forman
    - ii. Renee Brown second
    - iii. Motion carried

XI. Adjournment 8:25 pm