

Texas Jazz Educators Association
General Membership Meeting
Texas Music Educators Association Convention
Thursday February 13, 2014
1:00 – CC 102

- I. The meeting was called to order by TJEA President Aric Schneller
- II. Officers were introduced to the general membership:

Aric Schneller, president	Roland Sandoval, director (not present)
Mark Nichols, president-elect	Brenth Mathesen, director (not present)
Heather Mensch, treasurer	Greg Ball, director & past president
Matthew Seifert, secretary	Alex Parker, past director
- III. Minutes and Treasurer's Report were reviewed and approved
- IV. Aric reviewed the jazz events for the upcoming week at TMEA
- V. Under old business:
 - A. Aric gave a recap of all the changes made from last year concerning the new "Invited Jazz Band" and the second All-State Jazz Band
 - B. He congratulated all of the TJEA grant winners from this year
 - C. There was a short discussion concerning the TJEA Jazz Educator Hall of Fame and TJEA Educators of the Year Award; Roland was not present, so discussion was short
- VI. Aric then introduced our President-Elect Mark Nichols to start the discussion of the TJEA Summer Symposium – no date or location has been set yet
- VII. Aric then led a brief synopsis of the year's timeline concerning All-State Etudes:
 - A. To solve the problems of the past year, we're looking to form a committee of at least four people to manage the whole process:
 - a. One to collect and select, one person to edit and notate, one to create & post play-a-long tracks and one to handle all of the business/printing/distribution elements
 - B. Volunteers are needed now so we can start meeting publishing deadlines that begin Mar 1-10
 - a. Other dates of interest are March 10 for etude collection, April 25 to the printers and May 15 in stores (sound bite from Alex Parker on the TJEA website)
- VIII. The first item in New Business concerned our need to form a nominating committee for this year's elections for President-Elect, Director and Secretary
 - A. Greg Ball agreed to chair the committee and asked for volunteers to review the candidates
 - B. Nominations opened at the meeting and will remain open until March 1; several members of the board encouraged the membership to run for any of the open positions
- IX. Creation of an Executive Liaison position
 - A. This person would be a primary point of contact for TMEA and TBA; a non-voting member of the executive board; do the taxes for the organization and be a keeper of corporate knowledge for TJEA; no term limit has been set yet for this position; John Goode suggested we look into what Al Sturchio's title with TBA was for so long
 - B. The creation of this position would not have to change the bylaws as the executive board is creating a non-voting facilitator/advisor
 - C. After the meeting, Ronnie Rios pulled the executive board aside and applauded this idea as there is frustration on the TMEA board as to whom they should contact when they need to get an answer from TJEA

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- X. Revamp the TJEA website...
 - A. Aric moved on to using our resources to update/revamp our website
 - B. Cathy Benford brought up it would be most helpful if we were to use Filemaker Pro so we it would interface well with PayPal, our membership rosters and the other programs that contain our information (duly noted)

- XI. Aric finally introduced what turned out to be a vibrant subject for the room – membership and the future of TJEA
 - A. Unfortunately this came at the end of our time, but several suggestions were presented about what we can do to raise membership and get our name out there as well as the purpose of TJEA in general
 - a. Some of those ideas include: hosting a TJEA festival, a small-school invited jazz ensemble, honorary membership for region jazz chairs, etc.

- XII. The meeting was adjourned due to lack of time, but hardly due to lack of interest