

Arizona ASTA with NSOA General Membership Meeting
October 2, 2004

October 2, 2004 -- Minutes of the General Membership Meeting of the Arizona chapter of ASTA with NSOA held at Dobson High School Orchestra Room, 1501 W. Guadalupe Rd. Mesa, AZ

Meeting called to order at 10:05 a.m.

In attendance: Donald Hamann, President; Marna Bowling, Past President; Kathy Willson, Treasurer; Eileen Wright, Newsletter Editor; Gail Rolland, Central Membership Chair; Sunny Ra, Secretary; membership at large

- I. Thank former officers: Marna Bowling (former President), Carol Matthusen (former Past President), Janet Quiroz (former Secretary) and Karen Koger (former Newsletter Editor)
- II. Welcome and introduce new and continuing officers: Ann Elane Williams (President-Elect), Sunny Ra (Secretary), Eileen Wright (Newsletter Editor), Kathy Willson (Treasurer), Sherri Gordon (Solo Competition Chairman), Gail Rolland (Central Membership Chair), Margaret Lehman (Northern Membership Chair) and Mary Case (Southern Membership Chair)
- III. Ideas and suggestions for the Fall 2005 ASTA with NSOA Workshop
 1. Conducting workshop
 2. Alternative topics for studio teachers
- IV. Discussion of possible AZ ASTA with NSOA Student Teaching Excellence Scholarship for High School and College students planning to become string teachers.
 1. What are the requirements to be selected – written statements, essays, student videotape, lesson plan, teacher recommendations
 2. Need a selection committee – one for high school and one for college
 3. Scholarship awarded to the high school orchestra and not the individual student
 4. Present a workshop for the high school
 5. Give scholarships to ASTA membership
 6. First year teacher scholarship with membership to ASTA and workshop
- V. Reports
 1. President's Report
 2. Past President's Report
 3. Newsletter Chairman's Report – email: ewright@suad.org
 4. Secretary's Report

5. Treasurer's Report
6. President Elect's Report
7. Membership Chairman's Report
8. Solo Competition Chairman's Report

VI. Announcements

1. String Instrument Connection
2. New publications from Doris Gazda and Harry
3. Need someone to Co-chair Solo Competition with Vanessa Gordon
4. Dates/location/time for Solo Competition, Bass Jam, Cellobration, Virtuoso Viola

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Arizona ASTA with NSOA Officers Meeting Minutes
March 26, 2005

March 26, 2005 – Minutes of the Board Meeting of the Arizona chapter of ASTA with NSOA chapter, meeting held at the school of music at University of Arizona, Tucson.

Meeting called to order at 10:20 a.m.

In Attendance: Donald Hamann, President; Marna Bowling, Past President; Ann Elana Williams, President-Elect; Sunny Ra, Secretary

I. The two nominees for the Outstanding Public School Teacher Award were Fran Veres, Rincon/UHS High School and Chris Donlon, Glendale ESD. The board unanimously selected Fran Veres for the award.

II. State Solo Contest

- A. Should we increase the fee?
- B. Added incentives – have the winners perform with a community orchestra and at the AMEA convention.
- C. Find donors either individuals or businesses to set up an endowment of some kind. Southwest Strings was mentioned as a possibility.
- D. Can we acquire list of donors from symphonies and arts community organizations.

III. Fall Workshop Ideas and Suggestions

- A. Possible two-day workshop in Flagstaff. First day would be presentations from local master teachers and the second day would be a national big shot. Do a survey at the general meeting to see if anyone is interested in a two-day workshop.
- B. We need more alternative style presentations at a local level.
- C. Developing bass techniques.
- D. Possible clinician: Bob Phillips
- E. Possible location for the Fall Workshop: Dobson HS
- F. Possible dates: 8/20, 8/27, 9/10

IV. Fall Workshop Schedule

8:00-8:30	Registration
8:30-10:00	First Session
10:00-10:10	Break
10:10-11:00	General Meeting
11:00-11:45	Lunch
11:45-1:15	Second Session
1:15-1:30	Break

1:30-3:30 Reading Session

V. Nominations for Officers – bring it up at the Fall Workshop or email Don

VI. Reports

- A. President's Report – started a Student Chapter of ASTA at U of A
- B. Past President's Report
- C. Newsletter Chairman's Report
- D. Secretary's Report
- E. Treasurer's Report
- F. President Elect's Report
- G. Membership Chairman's Report
- H. Solo Competition Chairman's Report

VII. Next meeting @ Marna's. Possible dates are 7/30, 8/6, and 8/13.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Arizona ASTA with NSOA Board Meeting
March 26, 2005
Agenda - 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 (noon)

1. Nominations and selection of the Outstanding Public School Teacher Award.
We have to two nominations at this point, which are:

* Fran Veres @ Rincon/UHS High School *Fall Workshop*
Chris Donlon @ Smith, Imes, Coyote Ridge (Glendale ESD)

2. Website Update Information Needs: Events, Dates, Registration, Contacts, etc.
ASTA with NSOA Solo Competition, Bass Jam/ Cellobration/ Virtuoso Viola,
AZ ASTA with NSOA Fall Workshop and Website update

call
National
to update

3. Discussion of the possibility of having a two-day fall workshop in the future.
Some interest in a two-day workshop was conveyed at the January General Meeting at the AMEA Conference.

4. Selection of date and site for this year's Fall Workshop.
Selection of individuals for possible clinicians:

Several individuals were named as possible clinicians at the January General Meeting for the Fall Workshop including the following:

Randy Sabin, Bob Gillespie, Louis Bergonzi, Robert Culver, Bob Phillips, Jody Harmon, Pam Tellejohn-Hays, Dan Long, and Debra *(Bass Technician)* Baker Monday.

5. Discussion and recruitment of individuals to run for AZ ASTA offices

6. Reports

- a. President's Report *- student Chapter -*
- b. Past President's Report
- c. Newsletter Chairman's Report *- Fall & Spring*
- d. Secretary's Report
- e. Treasurer's Report
- f. President Elect's Report
- g. Membership Chairman's Report
- h. Solo Competition Chairman's Report

7. Other Business

July 30
Aug 6
Aug 13

Arizona ASTA with NSOA General Board Meeting
 January 15, 2006: 12:15-2:15 p.m.
 AMEA Conference - Mesa Convention Center - Mesa Phoenix Marriott
 Agenda

1. Welcome: Ethan Sobotta - Newsletter Editor
2. Thanks to our continuing board members: Ann Elaine Williams (President-Elect) and ~~Sunny Ra (Secretary)~~ Kathy Willson (Treasurer) Sherry Gordon (Solo Competition Chairman), Gail Rolland (Central Membership Chair), ~~Margaret Lehman (Northern Membership Chair)~~ and ~~Mary Case (Southern Membership Chair)~~

New member-ship chairs

3. Special thanks to all who helped organize our special event this fall - Fall Workshop - ASTA with NSOA Solo Competition - Bass Jam Cellobration - Virtuoso Viola.
website address
4. Special projects grant (SPG) ideas: A SPG *must* have the potential of providing benefits for the entire state's membership, not just a local project.

Website updates

5. Nominations for the AZ ASTA with NSOA Outstanding Public School String Teacher. 2004 Fran-
6. Discussion of possible clinicians for the Fall ²⁰⁰⁴ ASTA with NSOA Workshop 2005 **-DATES-** David Rife
7. Reports *Several local people* Bill Bitter (conducting) Rob Nichols May know

Lunch

conducting @ AMEA William LaRue Jones Iowa

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Special Events
Special Projects Grant ABOD DATE

- ① Deadline on Website
- ② For teachers - new ideas (seed)
- ③ Local-State
- ④ Form - Hershey Symph. Bar
 Drawing name contact idea

8. Announcements: *Book & Project Sharing*
9. Other Business

NSOA Workshop
 McClintock - Possibility

Arizona ASTA General Board Meeting
August 19, 2006: 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Kathy Willson's Home
Agenda

1. Welcome ASTA Board!
 - Jan McDivitt - President Elect
 - Donald Hamann - Past President
 - Marjorie Sherman - Secretary
 - Kathy Wilson - Treasurer
 - Terry Alexander - Newsletter Editor
 - Central Membership Chair - Gail Rolland
 - Solo Competition Chair - Sherry Gordon
2. Appointments for Northern Membership Chair and Southern Membership Chair - Suggestions?
3. Newsletter: We need an Advertising Chair - Suggestions?
4. Special Projects Grant - Update
5. Nominations for AZ-ASTA Outstanding Public School String Teacher Award 2006. More nominations needed.
6. Web Page update: U of A Music School will continue to maintain the ASTA website. Our web address is:
www.cfa.arizona.edu
Submit information and postings to Ann Williams in a pdf format and e-mail to:
thewilliamshouse@aol.com
7. Solo Competition Report - Sherry Gordon - Chair
8. August 26, 2006: Workshop, Dobson High School - 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
(Orchestra Room open by 7:30 a.m.)
 - a. Presenters Jane Hilton, Sara Duce, Fran Veres
 - b. Reading Folders
 - c. Registration
 - d. Room Set up
 - e. Breakfast / Lunch
 - f. Handouts - Staff Development Credit

9. Incorporating AZ-ASTA Chapter - Legal steps necessary
10. Sandra Dackow as a future Clinician for ASTA: Separate Conducting Workshop or at the AMEA Convention?
11. Does ASTA want to be involved in this year's AMEA Convention activities?
12. Reports
 - a. President's Report
 - b. Past President's Report
 - c. Newsletter Chairman's Report
 - d. Secretary's Report
 - e. Treasurer's Report
 - f. President Elect's Report
 - g. Membership Chairman's Report
13. Other Business

Arizona ASTA General Board Meeting
Minutes from August 19, 2006 at
Kathy Wilson's home

The meeting was called to order at 2:25pm on Saturday, August 19, 2006. In attendance were officers as follows: Ann Williams-President; Jan McDivitt-President Elect; Treasurer-Kathy Wilson; Secretary-Marj Sherman; Newsletter Editor-Terry Alexander; Central Membership Chair-Gail Rolland; and Solo Competition Chair - Sherry Gordon.

Ann presented each board member with a folder containing the agenda for today's meeting, Treasurer's minutes, Board members contact information, a copy of the newsletter, the 2006 Solo Competition Form, and job descriptions for each officer. A BIG thanks to Terry Alexander for the great, informative newsletter!! Ann is hopeful that more articles will be forthcoming after next week's AZ-ASTA Fall Workshop at Dobson High School, August 26, 2006.

1) Welcome ASTA Board

Ann thanked everyone for attending today's meeting. All except Don Hamann were present.

2) Appointments for Northern and Southern Membership chairs

Gail Rolland gave a brief history of the position, that began when Marna Bowling was President. She suggested that the need for a membership chair is not the same now. We currently have between 285-290 paid members. Gail will contact people at NAU in addition to Margaret Lehman (Northern Arizona) and Mary Case (Southern Arizona).

3) Newsletter - We need an Advertising Chair-Suggestions?

Marj will call Carol Matthusen for Central Arizona and Jan McDivitt will do Southern Arizona. Each chair will contact Terry Alexander using "PDF" format on the computer, with potential advertisers. The Advertising Chair is also responsible for soliciting ads and collecting payments. Rates voted on are as follows: One page - \$125.00, One-half page - \$75.00 and One Quarter Page - \$40.00. On a side note, the String Instrument Connection (contact: Margaret Dagget) has NOT paid for their one page ad in the current newsletter.

4) Special Projects Grant Update

The goal is to supplement the cost of membership, without any direct cash supplements. Kathy Wilson, Treasurer, says that we are in a position to do this out of our current cash balance. Therefore a FIRST year, one-year membership would be reduced by \$25.00 from \$93.00 to \$68.00.

After much discussion, we voted to offer brand new first year teachers attending the AZ-ASTA Workshop on Saturday, 8/26/06, not already signed up as of today, an ASTA membership for the current price of \$93.00 and ONLY \$8.00 for the workshop lunch, which equals a savings of \$70.00 to them. Kathy Wilson made the motion, and Terry Alexander voted to second the motion. Kathy Wilson will have a sign at the meeting as follows: "ARE YOU A BRAND NEW FIRST YEAR TEACHER!!?? IF SO, PLEASE SEE KATHY WILSON, ASTA TREASURER".

At the meeting August 26, 2006, Sherry Gordon will also have a sign-up list for private teachers (with a disclaimer), who would like their names listed on the website. Gail Rolland will also have new membership forms at the same meeting.

Ann reiterated that recruiting comes from all of us, for the purpose of exchanging ideas, and providing a connection to our fellow teachers. National suggested a phone campaign for one week, recruiting within specific school districts or trial memberships, and reduced memberships for students, which we already do.

5) Nominations for AZ-ASTA Outstanding Public School Teacher for 2006.

Ann will ask for nominations at the 8/26/06 Workshop. All nominated teachers must: be a current ASTA member, in good standing within the community and currently teaching in an Arizona public school. The Board will vote on the nominations via e-mail.

6) **Web Page Update**

The University of Arizona Music School will continue to maintain the AZ-ASTA website. Our web address is: www.cfa.arizona.edu
All information and postings should be sent to Ann Williams, in PDF format at:
thewilliamshouse@aol.com

7) **Solo Competition Report:**

Sherry Gordon talked about the Solo Competition form (in our packets). We still need to hire two judges: one for low strings, one for high strings. Prize amounts are as follows:

Senior Division - \$300.00 (1st), \$200.00 (2nd), \$100.00 (3rd)

Junior Division - \$200.00 (1st), \$100.00 (2nd), \$75.00 (3rd)

8) **August 26, 2006 Workshop, Dobson High School, 8am-3:30pm**

Jane Hilton, Sara Duce and Fran Veres are our three presenters this year. Page 2 of the Summer Newsletter contains the workshop registration form and daily schedule. Gail and Kathy will handle registration and Kathy will also make signs for attendees. Lunch will be from 11:45-12:30pm with four salads (Greek, Caribbean, Honey Pasta and Boiled Chicken) from the Pita Jungle restaurant. We want to encourage Beth Gilbert to talk about National Convention and MENC activities. Up to six hours of Professional Development will be offered. Ann showed everyone a sample form, that will be updated and ready for Saturday's workshop.

9) **Incorporating AZ-ASTA Chapter**

National is asking that all states become incorporated to avoid any lawsuits, liability issues, etc. since we are non-profits. *We will no longer have any insurance for state sponsored events as of January 2007.* Ann has one contact, as does Carol Matthusen, about proceeding with incorporation papers. The initial Incorporation fee is \$150.00, plus \$45.00 yearly fees to file tax returns. We would also need to get a federal Tax ID number. It was suggested that we check with David Waggoner about this.

10) **Sandra Dackow as a future Clinician for ASTA, a separate conducting workshop or at the AMEA state convention?**

After much discussion, we agreed that Terry would call Dr. Russell at ASU, to investigate a possible partnership. We voted to pass the information to him with ASTA as a supporting group, but we will NOT sponsor this.

11) **Does ASTA want to be involved in the 2007 AMEA Convention activities?**

We voted to ask Rob Nichols for the 11am time slot BEFORE the ABODA luncheon for our meeting.

Our next AZ-ASTA Board Meeting will be on Saturday, January 6, 2007 at Mountain View High School in North Tucson (exit #246 on Cortero-East to Thornydale then North on Thornydale) at 10:30am.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15pm.

Submitted by:
Marj Sherman, AZ-ASTA Secretary

ARIZONA ASTA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

August 26, 2006, 10:45 - 11:45 a.m.

Dobson H.S. Orchestra Room

AGENDA

1. Welcome ASTA Membership! Presenters: Jane Hilton, Sara Duce, and Francis Veres, thank you for sharing your expertise and inspiration with our members! Rob Nichols, thank you for hosting.
2. Introduction of ASTA Board Members:
 - Ann E. Williams, President
 - Jan McDivitt, President Elect
 - Donald Hamann, Past President
 - Marjorie Sherman, Secretary
 - Kathy Willson, Treasurer
 - Terry Alexander, Newsletter Editor
 - Central Membership Chair, Gail Rolland
 - Solo Competition Chair, Sherry Gordon
3. Reading of ASTA Board Meeting Minutes on August 19, 2006, by Marjorie Sherman, AZ-ASTA Secretary.
4. Discussion of Membership Chair duties by Gail Rolland, Central Membership Chair.
5. More nominations for AZ-ASTA Public School Teacher Award 2006 are needed.
6. Web Page update: U of A Music School will continue to maintain the ASTA website. Our web address is:
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7. Solo Competition Chair Report - Sherry Gordon
8. Discussion of Upcoming Festivals and Competitions (See Calendar)
 - Virtuoso Violas
 - Bass Jam and Competition
 - Cellobration

AZ-ASTA General Membership Meeting Agenda, continued

9. AMEA Convention, January 13, 2007
 - ASTA Solo Competition Finalists
 - Luncheon
10. Discussion of ASTA National Conference
 - 2006 Conference Kansas City - Terry Alexander
 - 2007 Conference in Detroit, March 7 - 10 (Register On-line!), Beth Gilbert
11. Incorporating AZ-ASTA - Legal protection for State Chapters
12. Discussion of a State Private Teacher List with a disclaimer
13. Reports
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14. Other Business

Thank you for attending!



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November 13, 2006

Dear ASTA Board: Jan McDivitt
Don Hamann
Marjorie Sherman
Kathy Willson
Terry Alexander
Gail Rolland
Sherry Gordon

I hope this beautiful November weather finds you all well. I know this fall has been busy for us all and will move into a feverish pitch through the holidays! I felt it would be best to write you a letter, as I have a number of things to share.

Thank you for all of your hard work in making the Fall Workshop a great success! I received many compliments about the clinicians, and everyone loved the food, Kathy!

Thank you, Sherry, for a great job running the Solo Competition! We appreciate your hard work in providing these talented musicians an opportunity to sharpen their skills through competition. Sherry has reserved a session at our AMEA State Convention on Saturday, January 13, 2007, for winners to perform in each category. Look for exact times on the AMEA website: www.azmea.org closer to the date.

I am looking forward to hearing about our other string events - Virtuoso Violas in October, Cellobration in November, and Bass Jam in December. Please encourage everyone to take digital pictures. I would like an article about each event to appear in our Spring issue of *Pizzaz*.

Terry Alexander is planning to publish our newsletter after the January AMEA Convention to include highlights and pictures as well. Please contact Terry if you know of music stores, studio teachers, or businesses that would like to advertise in our future issues. At this time, we do not have any ads from the Phoenix area.

Thanks to Terry and Rob Nichols we will have two string clinicians at the AMEA convention: **Pam Tellejohn Hayes**, who co-authored Essential Elements for Strings, and **Christian Howes**, a well-known jazz violinist! Our ASTA luncheon will be combined with the ABODA luncheon, and our General Meeting will follow the luncheon. Check the website for details. A flyer will be mailed to all ASTA members about the Convention details in December.

Please mark your calendar for Saturday, January 6, 2007, 10 a.m., at Mountain View H.S. for an ASTA Board Meeting. At this time, I feel we should meet to prepare for the Convention activities. We can cancel closer to the date if we feel we do not need to meet.

Enclosed are nominations I received for "Outstanding Public School Teacher Award." Please look over comments and e-mail me as soon as possible what your first choice is. I would like to present the award at the AMEA Convention.

I would like to remind you that the National ASTA Convention is March 7 - 10, 2007, in Detroit. The early-bird registration deadline is December 1, 2006. Terry Alexander and I are going, and it would be terrific for you all to come as well! It was so inspiring last year!!

Presently, I am working on incorporation with my family lawyer. I will be meeting with him this week. As it proceeds, I will need signatures from you all as officers of AZ-ASTA. I will keep you posted.

Please let me know your Public School Award Choice ASAP. Thank you for all your support and hard work!

Yours truly,



Ann E. Williams
AZ-ASTA President

P.S. Our website is: www.cfa.arizona.edu/asta. It has been very difficult to get information posted in a timely manner.