

ARIZONA ASTA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

January 13, 2007

AMEA Conference, Mesa, Arizona

AGENDA

1. Welcome ASTA Membership! *Diane Grieser, ASTA pub. sch. teacher of year!*
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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. Web Page update: U of A Music School will continue to maintain the ASTA website. Our web address is:
www.cfa.arizona.edu/asta
4. Report of Festivals and Competitions
 - Virtuoso Violas
 - Bass Jam and Competition
 - Cellobration
 - Solo Competition*t. l. alexander @ marana.usd.org*
5. AMEA Convention, January 13, 2007 - Discussion of AMEA Convention offerings this year *Marge S. has extra rooms booked, if anyone needs one*
6. Discussion of upcoming 2007 ASTA National Conference in Detroit, Michigan, March 7 - 10
nonstop activ. & performances
7. Incorporating AZ-ASTA - Legal protection for State Chapters *looking into our own insur. Incorporation almost finished.*
#1 million umbrella fr. Nat. ASTA
8. Discussion of Fall Workshop, 2007 - Possible Clinicians Date Change to Mid-Sept. *Suggest of Clinicians*
9. Reports
 - a. President's Report
 - b. Past President's Report
 - c. Newsletter Chairman's Report
 - d. Secretary's Report
 - e. Treasurers Report
 - f. President Elect's Report
 - g. Membership Chairman's Report*Mark O'Connor*
Bob Phillips
Marla Mutschler
10. Other Business

Thank you for attending!

Yamaha website has artists listed that you can get.
deadline: Jan. 20 for distrib. mid Feb.

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Meeting Aug. 18
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ASTA MEETING NOTES OF 8/25/07 BY JENNY BURAU (SUSD TEACHER), FOR MARJ SHERMAN WHO WAS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Before meeting started, Doris Gazda, who is working with Carl Fischer on new arrangements, explained different music she brought to share such as: Etudes, Lyricism Studies for Cello, Progressive Duets (which is the sequel to Applebaum's "Beautiful Music" duet, it's ranked at a level 2-3), Mariachi, Banana Boogie (good for 1st and 2nd year students), Flower Tree, Olive Tree (Grade 2) String Town Tunes (for Beginners book 1 and 2).

1) Introduced ASTA BOARD as follows:

President-Ann Williams; President Elect-Jan McDivitt; Donald Hamann-Past President, Cayce Miners-Treasurer; Terry Alexander-Newsletter Editor; Jacquelyn Schwandt-Northern Membership Chair; Gail Rolland-Central Membership Chair; Lori Chapman-Southern Membership Chair

2) Welcomed people to the board-new members Cayce & Jacquelyn

3) ASTA is Incorporated.

A lot went into this, including filing documents, articles, by-laws, recorded by the Arizona State, have to file these forms each year. National ASTA asked all state chapters to be incorporated for insurance purposes in case something were to happen. We are covered under National's umbrella policy (\$1 million which is shared by 50 states, so if something were to happen in Virginia, like being sued for \$250,000, then there would only be \$750,000 left in the umbrella policy).

Ann will look into additional state insurance policies. Don Hamann Thanked Ann for doing this.

4) Nominations.

A. *Outstanding Private Teacher Award*. This award alternates every other year (Diane Greiser was last year's winner for the Public Teacher award) so this year, it's private teacher. Winner will be presented at AMEA Conference in January, 2008, because it's good to be recognized there. Mail in your nominations by Nov. 1, 2007. "Gail Rolland"—David Rite won 2 years ago and we need to keep an on-going record for future winners (Ann agreed). Fran Veres, a previous winner, gave a brief presentation, the following 2006 year at the ASTA workshop.

B. *President-Elect and Secretary nominations.* Need to fill Pres-Elect and Secretary due in Spring. Don Hamann said "We need dedicated people, and it's YOUR turn. You meet a couple times a year (30 hours a year). You help coordinate Festivals, Pres.-Elect organizes them, the Secretary records them. It's a rewarding experience, little time, fulfills community service. Terry Alexander Commented "And you get professional Development hours for this!" Ann said "...and you do get training at the ASTA Nat'l Convention, some direction, handbooks. The side benefit is that you learn about people/connections, and you can bring that to your district. Look for the nomination form in your Fall 2007 newsletter."

5.) Solo Competition Chair.

"Sherry Gordon"-Nov. 1st competition, 2 required pieces and 1 elected piece. Check National ASTA website for requirements. There's a concert at AMEA January 2008 (violin, viola, cello, bass, harp, and guitar all are eligible to compete). Please see website at: www.cfa.arizona.edu/asta/calendar.html

6.) National Convention.

Great experience, it's a world-wide event, come together for workshops, companies are there, very enriching, really expecting a big turn-out from Arizonians since it's in NEW Mexico this year. Terry Alexander said "bring your instrument especially for the Alternative Strings workshops." Private teacher convention, great connections, school district may pay for tuition to go! Check ahead for release time and you won't need to use your general leave days. Dec. 1st is the early-bird deadline, stay at the convention Hotel so that you don't have to worry about carrying a bunch of things, there are also pre-sessions before the conference. "Beth Gilbert"—STEP Program is being available for college credit, it's a 45-hour class, and Joshua Bell is performing. "Gail"— we should introduce Beth Gilbert, she's on the National Board! Beth Said "the website is totally updated, now user-friendly (through amazon.com for ordering music), part of those purchases made on the website goes to National ASTA, Looking for new community youth group volunteers (looking for kids to have a performance come to them... i.e. girl/boy scouts... this was later clarified by Marg Schmidt), targeting 1st-3rd graders, present instruments to kids, accessible through the website.

Ann Williams met Sandra Dackow at Interlocken, where her Tucson student played. Sandra is looking for AZ students to play/conduct her pieces. E-mail Ann if you have high school level students, who will perform and work with Sandra. They need to be available 1 day before pre-convention, good sight-readers.

7) Festivals.

- a) Virtuoso violas-Chair is Raquel Ramos and Jill Osborn on October 20, 2007. There were close to 100 kids last year!
- b) Cellobration – Carol Matthusen will chair @ Dobson High School on December 1, 2007.
- c) Bass Jam will be December 7 & 8, 2007 led by Barry Olson.
- d) National Viola Conference at ASU (June 4-8, 2008) grades 7-12, It's on the AMAE Calendar

"Dick Rader" - he is the Student Strings Connection Board member. If there is a talented musician who needs a better instrument, but cannot afford one, e-mail www.stringconnection.org and they will help you out. There's an application, it's a wonderful program, and they're looking into getting more basses.

"Beth Gilbert" said yes, this is a wonderful program. She's coordinating private lessons for talented students in need in the Phoenix Area.

8) Newsletter Articles.

Submit articles about string community, e-mail Ann or Terry pictures of activities, to show what we are doing state-wide, teaching techniques (i.e. Carol Matthusen wrote Cello Corner article). The newsletter will bring state together!

9) Recruiting New Members

Tell about our workshops especially to new teachers, there are Forms in the ASTA journal, special student rates, push the Strings Teaches Journal as a great resource!

Marg Schmidt"—yes, recruit string teachers in middle school by Doing two things:

1. "Teachers say to student, "have you ever thought of being a music teacher? It's a little comment that the kid will remember and inspire them in the future.
2. Teachers announce at concerts that music teachers are GUARANTEED a job! This is not a dead-end street!"

Marg also said that the summer workshop this year will be June 25, 2008 on Mariachi music (students play and teachers play in two separate workshops).

10) Reports

- a) Don Hamann reported that the AZ-ASTA board visited Sherry Gordon in June, 2007, in recognition of her significant Contribution over many years.
- B) An award was presented to Kathy Wilson for her years of Service too.
- b) "Marg" - String Project info. Sheets available on the table and via email.
- c) "Turo Tagawa" from University of Arizona String Project said there are now 5 teachers, 5 group classes.

Ann commented on how the String Project was founded by ASTA Grant money and then the schools would have to support themselves through the community. It's a great way for kids to enjoy string instruments!

"Dick Rader" - talked about New Horizons Orchestra available for 40 + years of age for beginners and people who have strayed from their string instrument. They are looking for a place to HOLD the New Horizon Orchestra. Interested people in East Mesa should contact him.



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Arizona ASTA Board Meeting
Minutes from October 6, 2007 @
Mountain View High School, Tucson, AZ

The meeting was called to order by President Ann Williams at 10:15AM in Terry Alexander's Strings room at her high school. Present were: Ann Williams, Jan McDivitt, Gail Rolland, Don Hamann, Terry Alexander, Marj Sherman and Cayce Miner. Ann passed out the agenda for today's meeting, and introduced our new treasurer Mr. Cayce Miners. All minutes written below here, will correspond to the referenced agenda item:

1. *Reading of Minutes from April and August 2007*

Marj Sherman read the minutes from the April 25, 2007 meeting. Don Hamann made a motion to approve them with a second by Gail Rolland. The fall workshop minutes of August 25, 2007 were also read out loud, with a motion to approve by Ann Williams and a second by Don Hamann.

2. *2007 ASTA Solo Competition*

Claire Gordon will be the new chair of this solo competition on November 17, 2007. Terry Alexander will contact Claire. The question arose about whether there is room at The AMEA conference in January for the 4 winners to perform. Then we discussed: a possible separate performance room for the winners; contacting the organizer of the AMEA Convention to arrange a room; and listing the requirements in the next newsletter, Gail mentioned updating the website with the current information. The Solo Competition will be held at Cortez High School with help of Vanessa Gordon.

3. *Outstanding Private Teacher Award*

Nominees so far are: Carol Brubaker, Dennis Bourret, and William Magers. Gail said that we haven't published the nominees before, and that maybe several private teachers could be acknowledged. Terry mentioned changing the deadline to coincide with the publishing of the newsletter. Other ideas shared were:

- a. Ann said maybe we could have monthly recognition to expand more winners
- b. Gail mentioned that would build camaraderie and interest in peers locally
- c. Jan mentioned a "teacher feature" focusing on multiple teachers and their Activities online and in the newsletters.

4. *Nominees for President Elect and Secretary for 2008-2010*

Gail Rolland expressed an interest in running for President Elect. Marj Sherman said she would ask Jenny Burau, from Scottsdale Schools if she was interested in running for Secretary. There will be a call for nominations in the next newsletter. Gail will clarify the status of membership chairs, as to whether they can vote on board policy decisions. As concerns nominations: we need to consider geography and professional status, nominee names need to be determined hopefully by November; we would like two nominee names submitted for each position; students cannot vote for nominees; officer terms begin on May 15 of each even numbered year. Don Hamann will chair the nomination committee. All biographies need to be submitted to him by December 15, 2007. His home phone Number is 520/290-8544 if we need to talk with him.

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5. *Additional State Insurance Coverage:*

a. *Do we need more than \$1 million umbrella from National?*

We still have an umbrella policy through National ASTA. Ann said we have not dealt with this issue yet. If even ONE chapter has an incident, it would eliminate all available dollars. The activities and events where we need coverage are: Virtuoso Violas, Bass Jam, Cellobration, The solo competition, the fall workshop and board meetings.

b. *Volunteer to look into coverage*

Can we get this for \$500 per year or less?

Ann has a contact named Dick @ 520/529-7435 (h) that she will contact

6. *Statewide activity for membership chairs to sponsor: ideas? Organize at college chapters?*
Kathy Wilson has submitted all reports, so we should be able to get an accurate Membership list. Gail will call national to get updated list.

7. *PizzAZ Newsletter: Terry Alexander, Editor*

The newsletter will go out by November 1, 2007. This newsletter will include vendors published in the last newsletter for this time only. Jan will re-solicit new vendors. We'll Do two newsletters: fall, early spring (to include camps and the fall workshop), and publish online or with flyers as necessary.

8. *U of A Website – anyone willing to keep in updated?*

<http://www.cfa.arizona.edu/asta> Ann asked Cayce Miner to update the current one with: officers, calendar, an updated design. Cayce will contact his friend Ryan Berkseth. Marj made a motion for Cayce to take on this project with a second by Terry. The domain Will be linked to the national ASTA website as well. Don said that we are able to change The site and update with current information by contacting Cynthia Bartowlo. Cayce asked about the 'domain name' of the site.

9. *Conventions:*

a. *AMEA January 10-12, 2008*

Ann will get a room and host "SSSH – Sizzling Strings Social Hour" for Current ASTA members who attend convention. She'll host members in her Hotel suite January 11, 2008 at the convention in Mesa, AZ. Should we post this Information in the newsletter or with postcards inside the registration packet?

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_ 9. Conventions (continued from page 2)

a. AMEA January 10-12, 2008

Ann asked Gail to assemble handouts for students attending with: benefits of ASTA membership, advocacy, several form letters for Gail to revise/update. Ann will get mailing labels. Gail should also contact: Jackie Schwandt at: Jacquelyn.schwandt@nau.edu and Lani Chapman @ 520/906-2112 (cell).

b. *ASTA National Convention Feb 26-March 1, 2008 in Albuquerque*

How many are planning to go? ALL members of the current AZ-ASTA Board said they were planning on attending – yeah!! Ann reminded everyone Of the discounts available if registered prior to December 1, 2007. She also Asked if anyone was interested in recruiting high school string players to work With Sandra Dackow’s Conducting Guild Workshop on February 25, 2008, At a pre-session clinic, before the start of convention. She referenced an Article in American String Teacher magazine, page 43.

Don mentioned that costs are up for room and board, and that there are lots Of orchestras scheduled there already. Jan mentioned the Albuquerque Youth Orchestra.

10. *Other Business/Miscellaneous*

a. Ann read a letter regarding Celobration, and had recently Spoken with both Carol Matthusen and Beth Gilbert.

b. Gail talked about focusing more on college level ASTA chapters, as they Relate to first year teachers. Some more guidelines are needed. Gail will ask Richard Chelpka to draft an essay

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:50am, when two board members had to leave.