

## NJACDA State Chapter Meeting

SUNDAY April 23 7:00PM - 7:45PM

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To: Members of the State Board, New Jersey Choral Directors Association

Re: Meeting Agenda, April 23,, 2023

7:00 PM – Call to Order

7:40 PM – Adjourn

7:45 AM – Additional collaboration as needed

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### Agenda

1. Preliminary Reports
  - a. President's Report – John Wilson
    - i. Do Now – Share summer conference info on social media - **targeting collegiate folks. Libby noticed that collegiate sessions are scheduled for the same time but John will address**
    - ii. Share something about your year, past or upcoming
    - iii. Elections
      1. Congratulations Kason Jackson, president-elect 2025-2027! Thank you Kahlil-- it means a lot that you were so ready to take the plunge!
        - a. “You had a voter list totaling 198 potential voters. Overall, 69 members voted, or 35% of your eligible voters.”
    - iv. [Approve/Modify January 21, 2023 minutes](#) - **Matt approved, seconded by Mike**
    - v. Board positions
      1. Thank you Randy White for your service!
      2. Welcome Madelyn Curtin, A Cappella/Jazz R & R Chair
      3. Welcome Helen Vassallo Kernizan, assistant coordinator for Elementary/Junior High School honor choir - **3 year-ish goal of making honor choir more officially “all-state” meaning further publicity and broadening participation across the state.**
      4. Social Media Chair? Any takers? **Canva fliers for summer sessions?**
      5. Recording secretary? Mike, still OK? **Mike confirmed**
    - vi. National Conference, Cincinnati, February 22-25

1. Great job, Matt Lee and congrats to your wonderful students!
  2. Funds process? **There is \$ set aside for board members to go. People were happy with the process. 6 people took advantage of that. Libby mentioned the direct conflict with NJMEA, Lynnel mentioned just being a late-comer.**
  3. Your thoughts? **Lynnel was really missing sessions for teachers of younger singers. Nick is hoping that a liaison between NJMEA and ACDA will be able to avoid future conflicts. Kaitlyn spoke with Helen at NJMEA and spoke with Wayne Mallette who plans on having more combined meetings.**
- vii. R&R Reports
    1. Awaiting response from Trina
  - b. Treasurer's Report – Patrick Hachey - **not here tonight**
    - i. [Budget Requests](#)
  - c. Membership Report – John Wilson, Lisa Rotondi
    - i. Update **21 will lapse before 6/30, 268 total, 67 students**
    - ii. SINGUP campaign
      1. Who shared a complimentary membership? With whom? **Matt Lee**
      2. Time to follow up and get them to renew!!!
    - iii. Share summer conference on social media now
2. Website – Rick Retzko
    - a. THANK YOU!!!
  3. Summer Conference Recap – John Wilson
    - a. [Link 1 budget](#) - Comments? Approve/deny? **There is not an early-bird price; only a half price for presenters**
    - b. [Link 2 schedule](#) - Comments? **Big exciting thing for Day 2 is collegiate consortium. There will be singing & conducting. Students will not have to pay for the event. Students to bring devices for reading sessions for digital copies?**
      - i. Lori- move panel discussion to roundtable day
    - c. [Links 3](#) and [4](#) social media stuff
    - d. Barbara/Brandon questions:
      - i. Any extra office supplies that we can reuse?
      - ii. Food Architects-- can I get them a number June 15?
    - e. We'd love your thoughts about ——
      - i. Time for hanging out (more, less? Talk to me.)
      - ii. What do you want to hear Fernando do? **John asked for suggestions for topics for Fernando - Lynnel suggested changing voice. Kaitlyn suggested working with high/low octave modeling.**
      - iii. Open rehearsal with ABS alumns - location in town with AC?
      - iv. Collegiate consortium with Dr. Tubiolo
      - v. Can you offer me a connection for the raffle? **Nobody has chocolate connections lol**
      - vi. Lingering items

4. Collegiate Chapter Consortium – Stephanie Tubiolo
5. Looking Ahead – Libby Gopal
  - a. [Vision for the chapter 2023 - 2025](#)
  - b. Libby discussed timing of the region thing/ lots of conflicts with Rowan TB festival. Tough to schedule before region, so perhaps more of an all-state focus. Elementary folks were hoping for a day other than Saturday.
6. Festivals and Events
  - a. Elementary/Junior High School All State Honor Choir – Kaitlyn Reiser - still need a fiddler and drum set player. Honorarium for accompanist is quite low - \$500 flat across the board; Katy has been paying \$150 per rehearsal and for concert day. The festival is self-funding. Who decides the honorarium?
    - i. Jamie Hillman, out-of-state conductor!
    - ii. Looking ahead
      1. Partnering with NJMEA
      2. “All State?”
        - a. Barbara, wisdom? Choral Procedures? etc.
  - b. High School Choral Festival – Retzko/Wilson/McCormick
    - i. Vinroy Brown, Hannah Carr, Christine Bass, Paul Head, Brandon Williams (thank you!!!!) & Timothy Urban 31 schools and 51 ensembles
      1. Diane Saez sends her regrets
    - ii. Thank you Barbara Retzko for hosting!
    - iii. Number of schools XX choirs XX
    - iv. New location, Kasser Theater at MSU
  - c. Voices United – Kason Jackson
    - i. Next year update
  - d. NEW EVENTS – John Wilson and Lisa Rotondi
    - i. Middle School Event
      1. East Brunswick, BRMS (others), Nick McBride
    - ii. Reading Session
      1. Free to students and elementary teachers
      2. DON'T need to be a member
    - iii. Stephanie Tubiolo – Non auditioned choir or reading choir event
    - iv. HS Festival Sight Reading Walk-Through
      1. Tuesday, October 25 3-4
      2. Need another?
    - v. NJACDA at NJMEA
      1. Making progress!
    - vi. Past president of NJACDA sits on NJMEA in advisory role?
      1. Mailing list?
7. Inclusivity Chair Report – Kason Jackson, Stephanie Tubiolo, Libby Gopal
  - a. Choral academy!!!!!!
8. Community and Professional Choirs Report – Kahlil Gunther
9. R & R Input – The floor is open

10. Gifts for Retired Board Members (old business)

a. Who can do this?

Barbara Retzko's thoughts: I think criteria should start at 10 years - like being vested in a pension (which may also be a thing of the past) and move in 5-year increments if this idea is adopted.

If you are looking to present a pin, there is a minimum order of 50 on most sites...Medal? Trophy? Where and when would these objects of recognition be shared?

Having received each of these at one time or another, I'd say, it was nice for the moment, but the money may have been better spent elsewhere.

Maybe the *person of honor* would like a donation made in their name to a musical charity of their choice? How about classroom supplies for a Choral Director in need? Donors Choose?

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Or NJ-ACDA could sponsor X number of college students as members for a year in their honor - like having grand-students...that way the expenditure goes to something that carries their legacy forward in choral music...

\$100 gift cards for a meal are always nice.

I think the idea is a noble one and I think folks volunteer to serve as NJ-ACDA Board Members because they are interested in making a change with nothing in return. If I knew that x number of college kids were now becoming active in the organization because their memberships were sponsored in my name, I'd think my investment of those many years was

now being paid forward...I'd also feel pretty good if White boards, erasers and markers were purchased for a classroom in need...

#### Other Business

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