

Minutes of ASTA MD/DC Board Meeting, May 15, 2011, 6:00 p.m.
Bonaparte Breads, 903 South Ann St., Baltimore, Maryland

Present: Catherine Stewart, President; Dan Levitov, President-elect; Yoon-Mee Chong, Lorraine Combs, Dalton Potter, Jean Provine, Ale Schneider, Jeffrey Schoyen, Paul Scimonelli, Marion Spahn, Lya Stern, Cynthia Swiss, Peggy Ward.

- Proposal to change of date for Annual Membership Meeting (AMM) to January: Catherine Stewart. It was voted to change the date of the AMM to January when teachers were less busy with student recitals and other end-of-term activities.
- Treasurer's report: Jean Provine. Funds are holding steady—no great gains or losses. The year's various chapter activities and events were listed to show their respective loss or gain. There was a good balance. Fiddle Day brought in funds to help cover losses from some of the other activities. The website ads had increased and covered the running cost for the first time this year.
- Website: Lorraine Combs. We will be getting a favicon (an ASTA F-hole logo) to go with our URL. We will change the title of our OTHER PROGRAMS page to EVENT DETAILS. Lorraine suggested that, since we get quite a few people who mistake our website for the ASTA national website when looking for jobs, we should put on a link to job postings in our home page News Bar as a service to our members. She also passed out the new price list for GigMailz, which is now cheaper than Constant Contact.
- Scholarship Fund: Dan Levitov. Dan has done extensive research on this, using in particular the SAGWA scholarship as a model. Although we didn't have time to discuss this in depth, there is some money in the fund now and we need to discuss a way to keep it continually growing and how to best identify recipients. Cathy added that SHAR wants to donate a carbon fiber bow and we need to choose a recipient.
- New business: 1) Jean: The website committee needs to have a meeting about having PayPal on the website. 2) Cathy: Ale Schneider, who will be organizing Fiddle Day, would like a co-chair. We need to start now on the organization for this. 3) Cathy: There will be a workshop on September 10–11, 2011 with well-known pedagogue Kurt Sassmannshaus.
- Award presentations: Mark Pfannschmidt was named Teacher of the Year. Lya Stern received his award for him since he was busy with students! Dalton Potter was given the Outstanding Service to Strings award.

We adjourned for a delicious dinner of quiche, salad and dessert, during which, a student string quartet from the Baltimore School for the Arts performed two movements from a Haydn quartet.

After dinner, Daniel Heifetz gave a very interesting talk about his life experiences and the philosophy behind his summer institute, which is soon to be re-located in Staunton, Virginia.

Minutes submitted by Jean Provine, Treasurer, ASTA MD/DC Chapter