

Minutes of ASTA MD/DC Chapter Executive Committee Meeting
February 13, 2015, 12:00 noon
Home of Matthew Tifford

Attendance: Matt Tifford, President; Julianna Chitwood, President-Elect; Daniel Levitov (via video link), Past-President; Lorraine Combs; Dorée Huneven; Sachi Murasugi (via video link).

1. Annual Membership Meeting and Mini-Conference

Sunday, April 26, Strathmore Hall

Food committee will be Dorée Huneven, Julianna Chitwood and Lenelle Morse.

A photo release statement will be available for all to sign at the welcome/name tag table.

Lorraine Combs will monitor.

RSVPs will be needed from members, students, guests comprised of potential college members.

We will need to do online promotion for the conference.

5:00–5:30: Set-up

5:30–6:00: Annual Meeting. The discussion will be limited since it is within the conference.

Some topics might be best brought up at board meetings.

6:00–7:00 First Presentation – Noa Kageyama

7:00–7:30: Dinner Break. Presentation of Awards – Outstanding Teacher of the Year and Outstanding Service to Strings.

7:30-9:00 Second Presentaion – Noa Kageyama

2. National Conference Underwriting

The Chapter pays the registration for “Teacher of the Year.”

The President and President-Elect are covered except for meals.

Because of significant ASTACAP changes, for this year only, the Chapter will underwrite our representative for \$1400.

3. Towson Student Chapter Request

The Towson seniors would like to wear graduation cords or stoles indicating ASTA membership. This will be funded by Towson University chapter and organized by Jeff Howard. We discussed colors that could be universal for any college chapter and we voted to move forward by talking with Jeff Howard. One suggestion of a color scheme was brown/black because of stringed instrument colors.

4. Postcard Mailings

The next postcard would be mailed in March. Gales will be the sponsor for this edition. We opted to eliminate the photos from the back in order to clear space for other notices. Julianna wanted her session to be called “National Conference Highlights”. An April postcard is a possibility with an emphasis on the Mini-Conference.

5. Chapter Stock Photography

There was a proposal to have a professional take pictures at the Mini-Conference for a fee of \$200. Having archived photos of high quality would be good for future promotions. It was agreed to get permission from attendees and the board voted “yes” to this proposal.

6. *Stringendo* Submissions

Getting articles for *Stringendo* is an on-going need and the discussion centered on soliciting ideas.

Suggestions:

- Asking for submissions on the postcard
- Having the Teacher Development Grant recipient write an article outlining this professional development
- Authors might welcome topic ideas such as “Why did you start teaching?”
- Interview format

7. University of Maryland at College Park Student Chapter

There is a possibility of a student chapter at UMD that could be led by Stephanie Pritchard, flute. A group of ASTA teachers will be going to meet with students at a mutually agreeable time. Matt Tifford, Lenelle Morse, Cathy Stewart and Julianna Chitwood hope to go to UMD in the near future.

Submitted by Lenelle Morse, subbing for the Secretary