

Minutes ASTA MD/DC Board Meeting, September 22, 2008, 10:00 a.m.
1609 Ladd Street, Silver Spring, MD
Submitted by Jean Provine

Present: Bruce Carter, Lorraine Combs, Dorée Huneven, (President), Laurien Laufman, Jaque Lyman, Mark Pfannschmidt, Dalton Potter, Jean Provine, (Secretary/Treasurer), Sachi Murasagi, Catherine Stewart, (President-elect)

1. President's Report—Dorée Huneven

Introduction of those present and other Officers and Board members

President's goals:

- a) to increase membership
- b) to create an updated website: now underway
- c) to increase number of events: voted as most popular were:
Solo Strings Day, Morning Teacher's Programs, Fiddle Day

2. Treasurer's report—Jean Provine *Note: MD/DC members may request the Treasurer's Report from Jean. Contact her privately.*

3. New Website report—Lorraine Combs

The website design, done by Jonas Music is well under way. A printout of the home page with attractive pictures of instruments and the MD/DC area was displayed. Included on the homepage listing are: events, certificate program (online application will be possible), other programs, links, news, list of officers and board members, newsletter, links, contact link.

There will also be space for advertisers. Cost to be decided.

Individual events will be editable by us and will automatically disappear after the event date.

The list under "links" increases daily as members send in ideas.

There will be a listing of studio teachers, listed by city, instruments taught and phone numbers. Studio teachers are asked in *Stringendo* and through word of mouth of our Board to email their information to Lorraine Combs.

In the long term it is hoped to include an archive of old *Stringendo* articles. Gaining each author's permission is needed first.

Many thanks to Lorraine for the countless hours she has spent on this project!

4. President-elect report—Cathy Stewart

The date for the next general meeting was proposed and settled on as May 17, 2009, in the evening at a restaurant, probably in Rockville.

5. Events:

October 18, 2008, 10:00 a.m. Demonstration of new Acoustifoam shoulder rest by designer Tamsen Beseke, at the home of Ronald Munchnick.

May 23, 2009. Solo String Festival jointly with MSMTA at UM.z Chairs: Cecylia Barcyk and Jean Provine

Fiddle Day. No specific plans yet. Jaque Lyman and Kim McCollum will co-chair this committee, and will shortly get an event organized.

6. Other:

National Solo Competition. (Cindy Swiss) This needs a committee to listen to CD's and send them on to the next level.

Salisbury University. Sachi gave us a report on the Strings Department and community orchestra there. Sachi teaches violin and viola and her husband does the lower strings and orchestra.

University of Maryland. (Bruce Carter) There is to be a student branch of ASTA formed. Its members could help at events such as the Solo Festival and also attend our events. There are normally scholarships available for freshman violists and cellists. Our Board members need to send out this information.

Fundraising. (Dalton Potter) There is a way to earn money through a Yahoo offer to reimburse whenever Yahoo is used as search engine on your website's toolbar.

Teacher of the Year Award and Outstanding Contribution to Strings Award. (Cathy Stewart) These awards should be reinstated after a lapse of a few years and given out at the Annual Meeting in May.

Next meeting: Sunday, February 22, 2009, 5:00 p.m., at Dorée's or possibly another location, depending on numbers.