

# AMERICAN STRING TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

## National Executive Board Minutes

June 1-3, 2006  
Detroit, Michigan

**Present:**

**Board Members Present**

Mary Wagner, President  
 Jeffrey Solow, President-Elect  
 Robert Gillespie, Past-President  
 Denese Odegaard, Secretary  
 Barbara Eads, Publications Chair  
 Judy Weigert Bossuat, Member-at-Large  
 Beth Gilbert, Member-at-Large  
 Kristin Turner, Member-at-Large

**Staff Members Present**

Donna Hale, Executive Director  
 Beth Danner, Deputy Director of  
 Conferences & Membership  
 Elizabeth Bookwalter, Development  
 Manager

**Next Meeting Date:**

January 18-19-20, 2007 Fairfax, Virginia

Agenda Item	Discussion – Conclusion	Recommendations or actions
Meeting called to order by President Wagner at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 1		
1.A. Read and approve the January 2006 minutes		<b>Motion:</b> Approve January 2006 minutes Eads/Solow Adopted: Unanimous
1.C. Interim board actions read into minutes	Business related to NSPC	<b>Motion:</b> to accept the plan David Lusterman submitted for the NSPC along with the six points spelling out the relationship between the reorganized NSPC and ASTA:

		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. give the new consortium the NSPC trademark that ASTA now holds</li> <li>2. provide free meeting space and time at the annual ASTA conference</li> <li>3. provide a national ASTA board member to serve on the new consortium direction committee as requested in the proposal</li> <li>4. permission to include the historical description of ASTA's involvement in the consortium to date for consortium funding applications; however a legal statement absolving ASTA from any legal liability associated with the new consortium would be required on all funding requests</li> <li>5. space in the American String Teacher and ASTA e-newsletter for consortium newsworthy events</li> <li>6. Website link between the new NSPC and the ASTA web page</li> </ol> <p>Wagner/Solow Adopted: unanimously</p>
2. Introduction to the Board	Discussion of board duties.	
3. Information Agenda – Committee Reports		<p><b>Motion:</b> To accept the information agenda. Eads/Solow Adopted: unanimously</p>
4. Membership Report	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reviewed the results of the member survey.</li> <li>2. Discussion on how to increase studio teacher and NASM teacher membership.</li> <li>3. Still working on health insurance and a proposed plan for dental insurance.</li> <li>4. Several Canadian string teachers have mentioned interest in establishing a chapter with ASTA.</li> </ol>	<p>Develop a sub-committee to foster contact with symphony orchestras to flush out potential studio teacher members. Obtain lists for contacting potential studio teachers. The NASM and MDI lists have already been purchased. We need to ask our State presidents to help with this</p>

		Invite potential Canadian members to Detroit Conference to begin discussions of next steps. We will also conduct a survey of Canadian members before the Detroit Conference.
5. Foundation Report	Introduction to two new programs that will build a solid financial future for ASTA – 60K Club and Endowment Campaign. Discussion of board member’s role in assisting with the Endowment Campaign.	Appoint development chair.
6. Publications	Discussion of the progress of the new publications. It was a previous Board's decision to update the Syllabus every five years. We need to revisit this in January and find out how many we have on hand at present and discuss how often this should be done.	Kristin Turner will assist with updating the grade leveled list publication.
7. Awards	Review of award nominations.	<b>Motion:</b> Board selected the Artist Teacher Award Recipient Gillespie/Eads Adopted: unanimous  <b>Motion:</b> Board selected the Paul Rolland Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient Gillespie/Eads Adopted: unanimous
8. Conferences	1. March 7-10, 2007 in Detroit National Orchestra Festival and the Solo Competition will both be held this year at the conference. 2. ASTA will set a new standard for a higher selective process for performing groups to allow greater exposure at the conference. Performing groups would perform at special opening sessions or events and also perform at another concert hour or as a sight-reading group for the conference.	<b>Motion:</b> To accept the guidelines for Performing Group Selection for ASTA National Conferences as amended beginning with the 2008 Conference as communicated by Pam Phillips. Bossuat/Turner Adopted: Unanimous
Meeting Adjourned 6:30 p.m.		
Meeting called to order Friday, June 2 at 8:45 a.m.		
1.B. Read and approve Action Agenda		Motion: To accept the Action Agenda.

		Solow/Eads Adopted:	
9. State Chapters	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Review of state reports.</li> <li>2. Lengthy discussion about assisting all states with the incorporation process and options for state that do not incorporate.</li> <li>3. Incorporation is to be complete by December 31, 2006.</li> <li>4. Phone campaign</li> </ol>	<p>Board members will conduct fall and spring phone campaigns with state presidents. Jeffrey Solow will be in charge of state calls</p> <p>Motion: Extend the state incorporation deadline date from September to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2006. Palumbo/Jones Adopted: Unanimous</p> <p>State grants committee will be formed for grant selections</p>	
10. Finances	Reviewed the budget, YTD expenses and actual expenses. Reviewed investments.	<p><b>Motion</b> – approval of budget Gillespie/Eads Adopted: unanimous</p>	
11. Summit Update and Advocacy Overview	<p>Discussion:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. involvement of ASTA with the Senate Cultural Caucus</li> <li>2. the need for more members to use Capwiz to stay in touch with their own government officials</li> <li>3. the need for a No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Committee to deal with issues of the Reauthorization Act.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Motion:</b> Create an ASTA Advocacy Award that recognizes the contribution of a prominent figure for supporting the arts. Eads/Judy Adopted: unanimously</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> 1<sup>st</sup> Advocacy Award be given to Senator Edward Kennedy of MA Eads/Solow Adopted: Unanimously</p> <p>If possible at the January Board Meeting, board members will go to the Hill to meet with Senate Caucus members.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Adopt ASTA Advocacy plan with the amendments adopted at the</p>	

		<p>Board meeting. Solo/Turner Adopted: unanimously</p> <p>Denese Odegaard will chair the NCLB Committee.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Reallocate the funds earmarked in the budget for the 2006-2007 election for advocacy staffing Gillespie/Bossuat Adopted: unanimous</p>
12. NSPC	The National String Project Consortium will file for 501C3 and one ASTA board member will be a member of this board. Space will be provided at the ASTA Conference for the NSPC meeting.	The president would appoint the board representative to the NSPC Board once the NSPC board had been established.
13. NOF Expansion	Review the feasibility of Regional Festivals each spring. Make sure the NOF is solid before adding a Regional Festival. Tie the Regional Festival in with standards and the history of the D.C. area.	
14. Strings Magazine Proposal	Discussion of partnership with Teen Strings.	<p><b>Motion:</b> Executive Director will negotiate with the Teen Strings Magazine publisher to maintain a similar partnership agreement. Eads/Solow Adopted: unanimous</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Accept David Lusteran's generous offer to provide a complimentary one year subscription to Guitar Teacher to guitar members of ASTA. Solow/Eads Adopted: unanimous</p>
15. Solo Competition	Overview of 2007 Conference Solo Competition presented. States that do not have a "live" competition MUST send the recordings to the competition chair or if one is not available, to the state president. Each state MUST screen the recordings before sending them on to the national committee.	

16. Update on NEA Project	Past-President reviewed the Careers in Teaching project. An overview of the web site was given at the 2006 Conference. The web site is <a href="http://www.careersinteaching.com">www.careersinteaching.com</a> . Information was placed in the journal and will be in e-newsletters monthly. The project will be presented in a session at the Midwest Band and Orchestra Conference in Chicago, December 2007.	Put information in state newsletters.
17. Update on the Building Fund Issues	The Executive Director will study available sites to purchase as well as the option to purchase current space rented over the next year and a half.	
18. Teacher Certification Program	The CSOS Teacher Certification Program, which will be named the ASTA School Teacher Enrichment Program (STEP), was reviewed in depth.	<b>Motion:</b> offer the ASTA School Teacher Enrichment Program beginning with the 2008 national conference. This program in school string and/or orchestral instruction will be a 45 hour course of study with the option of earning three undergraduate or graduate academic credits. Eads/Gilbert Adopted: unanimously
Overflow	The newly member approved by-laws state that the Member-at-Large positions would stagger. Two of the three current Members-at-Large will stay on for three years.	Beth Gilbert and Kristin Turner will serve a three year term.
	Chair for the Auday/Giormenti Bass Project needed	Kristin Turner will chair
Future Meeting Dates	January 18-19-20, 2007 Fairfax, VA May 17-18-19, 2007 Fairfax, VA March 7-10 - Detroit, MI Conference January 3-4-5, 2008 Fairfax, VA February 27-March 1, 2008 – Albuquerque, NM Conference	
Meeting Adjourned at 4:45 p.m.		