

**Arkansas Jazz Educators  
Winter Meeting Minutes  
Hot Springs Convention Center  
February 18, 2010**

President Larry Jones called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.  
The minutes were approved as distributed by Secretary Jackie Lamar.  
Treasurer Warren Casey reported that ARJE had 17 paid members and 1 sponsor for 2009-2010.  
With income from the Jazz Tryout Music, the organization has a current balance of \$3,470.

Old Business:

All-State Jazz Student Meal

Vice President Todd Johnson reported that the meal organized for the All-State Jazz students on Wednesday, February 17 was a success. He was able to get sponsorship from the following businesses to pay for the student's meals at Brick House Grill: Amro Music, Arkansas School Band Service, Ron Brammer Fund-Raising, Cooper Band Instrument Repair, DSD Band Repair, Jon Ross Music, Terrific T's, Wally Fowler, Joe Kemp/Eagle Fundraising. Please extend your thanks to these groups for ARJE. By organizing this meal, the students were able to have additional rehearsal time.

Tax ID Number

Jackie Lamar reported that after conversations with Julia Reynolds of ASBOA that it would not be possible to link ARJE under the ASBOA organization and to use their tax ID number for banking purposes. Because of the cost, nothing has been done toward seeking 501c3 status.

Some discussion was held about whether to affiliate with the Jazz Education Network. The cost is \$25 for chapter fee and \$10 for each member. After contacting JEN, they will not allow affiliates to use their tax I. D. number.

Web Site: [www.arjazzed.org](http://www.arjazzed.org)

Bill Halbrook reported that the web site has a calendar page for events. He requested that members send him any jazz concert, guest artist performance, or any jazz event that would be of interest to the membership so he can post it on the calendar. Send to [halbrook@zttotal.com](mailto:halbrook@zttotal.com)

New Business:

State Conference/Festival

Clay Hooten recommended having a State ARJE Conference in conjunction with a Jazz Festival. Discussion was held about various possibilities, to include working with the Hot Springs Jazz Festival (May 1 date) or other outdoor festivals. Lowell Cavender volunteered to host this event at Springdale. April 23, 2011 was recommended as a date. Lowell Cavender moved and Tracie Marlin seconded that this date be placed on the ASBOA Calendar at the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year. Motion passed

#### All-State Jazz Etudes:

President Larry Jones reported that the chord changes had been chosen and recordings were scheduled for the All-State Jazz Etudes. The composers have been designated and will complete their etudes prior to ABA conference. Todd Johnson recommended that we eliminate the "region" and "all-state" portions from the etudes and compose starting with easier material and growing more difficulty. The each region can select which portion to hear for their tryout level. A request was made to have the drum-set music more real-life situational with perhaps trading 4's or 8's for their improvisation portion.

#### ABA:

President Larry Jones announced that he had secured Alan Blalock for the ABA clinician.

Clay Hooton recommended that the schedule for ABA Clinics be modified so that the rhythm section instruments go first so they can be set up ahead of time and so that each instrument will have sufficient time for their clinic.

Todd Johnson will notify players for the ABA demonstration band.

#### Attendance:

Todd Johnson, Clay Hooten, Tracie Marlin, Kevin D. Dunn, Gary Meggs, Alex Heikkila, Ron McHone, Bill Halbrook, Mike Johnson, Bill Rowan, Paul Taylor, Ron Horton, Tim Howe, Daniel Hodge, Don Bailey, Warren Casey, Alan Nesbitt, Cody Jernigan, Jackie Lamar, Larry Jones, and guest All-State Clinician Mike Vax.

Respectfully submitted, Jackie Lamar, Secretary

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