

Arkansas Jazz Educators
All-State Meeting Minutes
Hot Springs Convention Center
July 25, 2012

President Todd Johnson called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. Former President, Ron Horton, has resigned his office due to his move to Pennsylvania and according to the IAJE Constitution, the President-Elect assumes the office of President if the President can no longer serve.

Minutes from the All-State meeting were circulated by Secretary Jackie Lamar and were approved.

Treasurer Robin Ratliff sent the financial report which showed a balance of \$5,450.13. Total income since the February meeting was \$395 from dues and sponsors for the jazz dinner. Expenses were \$2,073.30 for All-State dinner, clinician's meal & plaque, IAJE Jazz Festival expenses, 2012-2013 All-State Etude Recordings and the ABA booth.

Todd Johnson opened the meeting by thanking the clinicians who presented for the All-State Tryout Material sessions at ABA: Nick Williams, Michael Johnson, Carl Mouton, Adam Coats, Gary Meggs, Cody Jernigan, Mike Underwood, and Jackie Lamar. He also thanked Vice President Mike Underwood for organizing the ARJE reading band and Jackie Lamar for arranging for the clinician, Dr. Eric Richards of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln School of Music.

Old Business: Completion of the project to present Warren Casey with plaque for his many years of service to the organization. Robin Ratliff will search his records to see when he began as an officer and order the plaque to be presented at All-State 2013.

New Business:

Audition Music: Todd Johnson presented copies of the proposed next 2 sets of All-State Jazz Audition Music and requested that the membership examine them and write in their suggestions for improvement. The materials will be at the ARJE booth during the rest of the ABA convention for examination. Several in attendance had suggestions for improvement. The etudes will be edited and/or re-written to reflect the suggestions of the membership and will be complete by the All-State convention. An executive decision was made to not record the demonstration clinics at this year's ABA. After all three sets of audition music are set, the issue will be brought before the membership to see if that is a project the organization would like to pursue in the future. The reason for the decision was to expedite publication of the material and because the previous recordings were done in a less than ideal live situation.

Clay Hooten reported on Jazz Festival 2012. This event was held in downtown Dardanelle in conjunction with their community's River Festival. He thanked Mike Underwood for serving as judge/clinician and the schools which participated. The format was to give each group 45 minutes to play. The first 3 tunes were adjudicated and the rest of the time was "free-style". In

addition to the high school groups, there were two colleges and one semi-professional group that performed in exhibition. ARJE paid for expenses of \$431.90 for awards and services. The mayor of Dardanelle attended and is encouraging our collaboration for 2013. The date for 2013 is April 26-27, and Clay wants to expand to 2 days. He will be signing up bands at the ARJE Booth. Contact Clay Hooten at Dardanelle High School for more information.

Web site: If anyone has dates of concerts or other jazz events that would be of interest to the entire membership, please contact our web master, Bill Halbrook on the organization's web site: <http://www.arjazzed.org/> and he will post your event on the calendar.

UCA announced September 26th performance of Delfeayo Marsalis with the UCA Jazz Ensembles in Reynolds Performance Hall, 7:30 p.m., free admission, and Sunday, September 30 Preservation Hall Jazz Band, 3:00 p.m. Reynolds Performance Hall, tickets are \$30-\$50, available at <http://uca.edu.ticketforce.com/eventperformances.asp?evt=109>.

UAM announced that for summer of 2013, the UAM Jazz Camp will offer scholarships to All-State Students.

UAFS announced its jazz camp for summer of 2013.

Volunteers for working the booth were assigned.

Dues of \$25 are due by October 15th and payable to Arkansas Jazz Educators. Send to:

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Members in attendance: Adam Coats, Adam Gooden, Chuck Booker, Traci Marlin, Cody Jernigan, Clay Hooten, Becky Cavender, Lowell Cavender, James Pianalto, C. E. Askew, Ron Lewis, Stan Hall, John Wilkerson, Leah Jones, Brenda Harbison, Grant Harbison, David Stankiewicz, Michael Copeland, Kevin Dunn, Daniel Williams, Michael Tucker, Jordan Tucker, Logan Smith, Todd Johnson, Jackie Lamar

Respectfully Submitted, Jackie Lamar, Secretary