

**ISMTA ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY, DEKALB  
OCTOBER 26, 2018**

President Christopher Goldston called the meeting to order at 9:23 a.m.

**BOARD REPORTS**

**The portion of the minutes of the board are incorporated by reference.**

**President – Chris Goldston**

Chris noted the digitizing of files, location for next year's conference, and the visit to the MTNA summit. He expressed his plan to visit more local chapters. Reporting for **Bill (Conference)**, he shared general scheduling items for the current conference, noting ongoing competitions. The 2019 conference will be held at Eastern Illinois University; motels and hotels are located nearby. Collegians may stay in the dorms.

**Local Associations – Linda Barker**

Linda announced a chapter name change—Joliet Area MTA to Southwest Area MTA. She also presented the idea for a forum for local association presidents—to be discussed at the noon meeting.

Chris noted the coming change for collegiate state membership fee to encourage greater participation in conferences.

**Membership - Yeeseon Kwon**

Yeeseon discussed state membership numbers, the teacher certification process and collegiate poster sessions. She identified the Collegiate Faculty Committee Chair vacancy—those interested should communicate with Chris Goldston. She also referenced LeAnn Halvorson's written submission-- Independent Music Teachers Forum report. Jungwha Lee will be assuming the role of VP/Membership.

**Treasurer – Jeff Kleinsorge**

Jeff distributed printed report pointing out that we brought in more money this year and spent less. Jeff answered questions regarding the budget, paid staff and volunteer time. The largest contributors to the surplus: closing the office (which included rent, phone & internet) and digitizing files.

Reporting for **Jennifer Cohen (Competition)**, Chris provided competition numbers.

**AIM – Nancy Liley**

Nancy discussed Voice Syllabus/workbooks—available only online. The String Syllabus is still in production. She also fielded a question concerning discrepancies in the AIM workbooks and suggested use of sample exams in the Syllabus. Chris suggested continuing the discussion at the AIM meeting to be held at noon.

## **BUSINESS**

Chris stated that there were no new items submitted for discussion.

Chris reiterated the revision of bylaws presented at last year's general meeting to make the President and President-Elect terms two years long. He also explained the addition of the position of Secretary which is needed to break ties in board voting. He shared the good news regarding AIM plaque fees. He explained that ISMTA has discontinued covering cost of board member presentations to local associations. Chris shared newsletter statistics and encouraged greater involvement.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Hoster  
Acting Secretary