

International Trombone Association
ANNUAL MEETING
Wednesday, May 28, 1980, 4:45 p.m.
International Trombone Workshop
Belmont College, Nashville, TN

MINUTES

I. Welcome and Call to Order

The ninth Annual Meeting of the International Trombone Association was called to order at 4:45 p.m. on May 28th, 1980 at Belmont College, Nashville, Tennessee by President Tom Ervin.

II. Approval of Minutes

Secretary/Treasurer Stan Adams was introduced and asked that the minutes of the eighth Annual Meeting be accepted as printed in the Newsletter, Volume VI, Number 4.

III. Treasurer's Report

Secretary/Treasurer Adams gave the Financial Report. He pointed out that there was a considerable amount of revenue taken in over expenditures. This was due primarily to the increase in dues after having experienced a deficit year in 1977-78. This additional money will have to be used as a cushion against constantly rising publication costs in order to hold membership dues at their present level. Also, with this excess revenue, the Association will be able to resume sponsoring Composition Contests and Commissions which was abandoned earlier due to lack of funds.

IV. Introductions and Announcements

President Ervin introduced First Vice President Neill Humfeld, Second Vice President (in charge of European Affairs) Carsten Svanberg (not in attendance), Newsletter Editor Vern Kagarice and Journal Editor Larry Weed.

Special thanks were given to Henry Romersa, ITW Director, Belmont College and Dr. Jerry Warren, Assistant ITW Directors Neill Humfeld and Tom Everett and all of the faculty. A special presentation was given to the ITW Coordinator, L. Howard (Zeke) Nicar, Jr. in appreciation for his efforts at the ITW.

Secretary/Treasurer Adams gave the results of this year's election. Neill Humfeld moved from his First Vice President post to President and Irvin Wagner was elected to replace him. Carsten Svanberg retained his Second

Vice President position. The following were leaving the Board of Advisors after having completed their terms: Leon Brown, William Cramer, Tom Everett, Jim Fulkerson, Ernest Lyon, Henry Romersa and Henry Charles Smith. The following were elected to the Board of Advisors: Ronald Barron, Stuart Dempster, John Hill (second term), G.B. Lane, Don Lusher, Hugo Magliocco and Sakae Sakikabara.

Ernest Lyon raised the question of when the ballots for the election were mailed as there was some confusion concerning the reply date printed on the ballots. Secretary/Treasurer Adams made a plea to ITA members to use the insert now placed in each Newsletter either to renew membership dues (or sign up a new member) or notify the office of a change of address.

V. Committee Reports

1. **Commissions Committee** (William Cramer). William Cramer gave the first of the committee reports his being the Commission Committee. The ITA commissioned the Hungarian composer Frigyes Hidas to do a work for twelve trombones. He also mentioned that a couple of other items were in process.
2. **Composition Contest** (Neill Humfeld). Composition Contest Chair Neill Humfeld reported that the joint project undertaken by the ITA and the other brass organizations was finally being completed. Composer Jan Bach is composing a new brass quintet which will be available to members at a reduced rate. The ITA portion of the commission was \$500.00
3. **Constitution Committee**. The report from the Constitution Committee was that there had been no activity over the past year.
4. **ITA Archives** (Randy Kohlenberg). President Ervin introduced Randy Kohlenberg who gave details about the establishment of an archives at Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa. He stated that it could be moved at a time in the future if necessary. Pictures, sound recordings, both records and tapes, and other memorabilia pertinent to the development of the ITA were solicited from the membership. It is the intent of the archive to have all of these items cataloged by next year.
5. **Affiliate Chapters Committee** (Sue Mudge). Sue Mudge was introduced as the new Chair of the Affiliate Chapters Committee.
6. **Membership Committee** (John Upchurch). Membership Committee Chair John Upchurch reported that the present ITA membership stood at approximately 1400. He asked for suggestions concerning the problem of attrition. Members who were wooing prospective members were asked to write to him and he would send a copy of the most recent publication as a sort of introduction to the Association.
7. **ITA Resource Library** (Tom Ervin). President Ervin made a brief report on the status of the ITA Resource Library, located at the University of Arizona. He referred to his article in the April Newsletter which stated that there are approximately 1500 titles. He expressed the need to try the use of the inter-library loan system -- trial runs to make sure that it is working. Recordings and rare items will not circulate. A plea was made for the members to make use of this facility.
8. **ITA Series** (Irv Wagner). Irvin Wagner gave a report on the ITA Series which is published by The Brass Press. He stated that the idea behind the series was to make works available to trombonists -- works that might not reach publication under other circumstances. A problem exists in that the series is not supported to the degree that Chair Wagner feels is worthy. He then gave a brief "commercial" listing all of the works in the series along with a brief description of each item. Also mentioned were the Solos for the Student Trombonist (prepared by the ITA Literature Committee) and Tom Everett's Annotated Guide to Bass Trombone Literature.
9. **Literature Committee**. It was announced that Vern Kagarice was stepping down as Chair of the Literature Committee.
10. **Scholarship Committee** (Vernon Forbes). Scholarship Committee Chair, Vernon Forbes reported that after four years of heading that committee he would also be stepping down. He gave a brief history of the development of the activity in that area. Also, special thanks were given to the other members of the Committee and to Mary Smith, sponsor of the Frank Smith Memorial Scholarship

President Ervin extended thanks to all of the committee chairs and members for all of the work done over the past year.

VI. Miscellaneous Reports

The Journal Editor Larry Weed asked that articles continue to be submitted from the membership for publication.

Vern Kagarice, Newsletter Editor, reported that due to our need to find a new publisher a year ago, we experienced quite a few difficulties in getting two Newsletters printed. He had since found a new printer in Youngstown, Ohio who is considerably higher in price but can deliver a higher quality Newsletter in much less time than had the previous printer. He stated that if the membership increases substantially, the cost to each individual member can be held down due to the fact that it costs little more to print additional copies. He asked the membership to continue sending material to be printed and listed the sub-editors who are: Karl Hinterbichler, Literature Announcements/Programs; Royce Lumpkin, Advertising Manager; John Marcellus, Orchestral News; and Tom Everett, General News.

President Ervin announced that Ben Ivey was stepping down from his Public Relations position and that Neill Humfeld will replace him.

VII. Awards and New Officers

This year's Elmer Fudpucker Award was presented to John Marcellus by last year's recipient William Cramer. The 1980 ITA Award was presented to Tom Everett.

President Ervin turned the podium over to the new ITA President, Neill Humfeld who presented Past President Ervin with an award of appreciation for his work during his term.

President Humfeld gave a brief history of the working of the ITA over the past nine years. He called for new ideas and faces and announced that there would be some changes in the committees; some would be retiring, others replaced and others renewing their positions. He wanted to give special emphasis to the following areas: memberships, public relations, and the archives. He expressed his desire to take care of ITA business first but to involve ourselves in more joint projects with the other brass organizations in the future. He thanked the membership for having elected Irvin Wagner as First Vice President as he felt it was a wise decision on the part of the Association. President Humfeld encouraged the attending members to fill out the questionnaire concerning the ITW in order for the organizers to get feedback on the Workshop specifics.

VIII. New Business. There was no new business.

IX. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Stan Adams, Secretary/Treasurer
International Trombone Association
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