

International Trombone Association
ANNUAL MEETING
Wednesday, June 1, 1983, 3:30 p.m.
International Trombone Workshop
Belmont College, Nashville, TN

MINUTES

I. Welcome and Call to Order

The twelfth annual Annual Meeting of the International Trombone Association was called to order at 3:30 p.m. on June 1, 1983 at Belmont College, Nashville, Tennessee.

II. Introductions and Opening Announcements

President Wagner introduced the officers and board members who were present. He also introduced past presidents Tom Everett, Buddy Baker, Tom Ervin, and Neill Humfeld.

Wagner then discussed some of his ideas and concerns for ITA, both internally and externally. He called attention to the need to get the organization on a sound fiscal path and to refine the constitution to suite current needs and practices.

He discussed his ideas for promoting the trombone around the world at length. He detailed his world tour itinerary and mentioned other promotional ideas such as a National Trombone Week and national television coverage for our trombone events.

III. Committee Reports

1. **Commissions Committee** (Stuart Dempster). In the absence of Stuart Dempster, President Wagner spoke on behalf of the Commissions Committee. He pointed out that because of lack of available funds, ITA has not been able to fund commissions with major composers. A \$1000 commission to Donald Erb for a trombone work is underway. Penderecki has also been contacted about a possible commission.

2. **Composition Contest Committee** (Royce Lumpkin). Royce Lumpkin Composition Contest Committee Chair, reported that the contest would become a biannual affair. The next competition which has a deadline of March 28, 1984 will be for the medium of trombone choir with multiple percussion. Details for the contest appeared in the April 1983 Journal. There will be a \$500 prize. Letters of advertisement will be mailed soon.

3. **Affiliate Chapters Committee** (Sue Mudge). Sue Mudge reported on the current affiliate chapters and urged members to start their own chapters.

4. **Constitution Committee** (Buddy Baker). Buddy Baker announced that the various discrepancies in the constitution will be voted on at a future time. Hopefully a ballot to make the various constitutional changes will be sent at the end of 1983.

5. **Scholarship Committee** (David Stagg). The Scholarship Committee report was given by David Stagg. David has just been appointed as chair of the committee replacing Robert Gifford. After introducing the members of his committee, David asked members to express their appreciation to outgoing Chair Gifford for his hard work. He announced that the 1983 competition resulted in nine entries for the ITA Scholarship, 17 for the Frank Smith Scholarship, 11 for the Frank Rosolino Scholarship, and 15 for the Donald Yaxley Scholarship. Illinois topped the list with seven entries. There were no entries from outside North America.

The entry fee will be raised to \$7.50 for next year's competition. An additional charge will be accessed for contestants who wish to have their tapes returned. All contestants must be ITA members.

6. **Publication Committee** (Robert Gray). Robert Gray reported on the Publication Committee activities. He introduced the committee members and outlined the functions of the group. He urged members to purchase the items now included in the ITA Series.

7. **Scholarship, Research and Bibliography Committee** (Steve Anderson). Steven Anderson introduced the members of his Scholarship, Research and Bibliography Committee and pointed out the committee's activities, specifically the research paper presentations. He requested that people with completed research projects should send a copy to Larry Weed for possible inclusion in the Journal.

8. **Literature Committee** (Milt Stevens). President Wagner announced that Milt Stevens has resigned from the chairmanship of the Literature Committee. A new chair will be appointed in the near future.

9. **ITA Resource Library** (Tom Ervin). Tom Ervin reported on the status of the ITA Resource Library, which now holds 4100 trombone related titles. He outlined the aims and goals of the library and reviewed the procedures for use of the library materials. A catalog of library holdings is necessary, but so far no funds are available for computer programming the information.

10. **Public Relations** (Barbara Payne). Barbara Payne, in charge of Public Relations, announced that the experiment of T-shirt and bumper sticker sales was a success. Additional items will be made available next year. Barbara closed with a request for new slogans for next year's bumper stickers.

11. **ITA Archives** (Randy Kohlenberg). Randy Kohlenberg, ITA Archivist reported on the activities of the Archives. The major activity was printing of facsimile editions of certain back issues of Journals and Newsletters. With the facsimile editions, all back issues are now available. The Archive now contains about 36,000 items -- mostly photographs and memorabilia. Tax statements can be provided to support any and all contributions of materials.

12. **Finance** (Vern Kagarice). Vern Kagarice gave a brief report on the financial status of ITA. He pointed out that the deficit for the last fiscal year was less severe than anticipated, due to an upsurge in new memberships in the last few months. He asked members to renew their memberships promptly, and to notify the secretary of any address changes. Special recognition was accorded to John Starkey, President of the Western Reserve Bank, Lowellville, OH, for special consideration and advice throughout the year.

13. **Membership Committee** (Neill Humfeld). Neill Humfeld made a Membership Committee report and announced the appointment of regional and state chairs for securing new members. He also announced that 61 new members were gained from the membership contest, an effort instigated by Tom Streeter. Winners were announced and the first prize winner, Foster Montgomery, was awarded a King 2B-plus. Second prize went to Kenneth Fry, third prize was a tie between Lloyd Fillio and Jerry Johnston, and fifth prize was a tie among Michael Canipe, Andrew Millet, Charles Sayle and Ulf Abjornsson.

President Wagner called attention to two new committees, the Symphony Orchestra Liaison, headed by Douglas Yeo and the Weekend Warriors, headed by Ralph Bigelow. Bigelow reported on the current activities of the newly formed group and asked members to direct other trombonists with non-music careers to him.

IV. Announcements and Awards

President Wagner announced that the Board of Advisors has legislated a dues increase. The new dues structure will be \$22 for one year, \$40 for two years and \$60 for three years. Students will pay \$15 per year and foreign members who desire air-mail service will be assessed a \$14 per year surcharge.

Wagner also announced the initiation of the ITA Foundation. A \$1000 contribution is necessary to become a member of the Foundation. He noted that three members had informed him that ITA has been named in their wills. He stated that at least \$2500 is needed to endow an existing scholarship.

He noted that Jim Biddlecome and Superslick Products had made a major donation to the fund for this year's ITA Scholarship. Biddlecome was also successful in convincing the Blessing Company to pick up the remaining tab for this year's funding of the Yaxley and Rosolino awards.

Vern Kagarice acknowledged and thanked all the assistant editors of the Journal. Ed Bahr and Hugo Magliocco both requested that all review materials be returned after completion of the review. Special thanks were extended to Steve Glover, who was responsible for the early Journals and the development of the present format.

The 1983 ITA Award was presented to Leon Brown, professor of trombone at North Texas State University for the past 37 years. The inscription of the award can be seen on the cover of the July Journal. Brown made a short, but charming acceptance speech.

Lewis Van Haney then came forward to present the 1983 Elmer Fudpucker Award. After a few introductory comments, he read the list of past winners. He explained that after years of well-deserving Fudpuckers, he had decided to present the 1983 Elmer Fudpucker Award to a nice guy, Vern Kagarice. An acceptance speech was promised by the 1984 ITA meeting.

V. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Vern Kagarice, Acting Secretary
International Trombone Association

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