

International Trombone Association
ANNUAL MEETING
Wednesday, May 29, 1985
International Trombone Workshop
Belmont College, Nashville, TN

MINUTES

I. Welcome and Call to Order

The annual Annual Meeting of the International Trombone Association was held on May 29, 1985 at Belmont College, Nashville, Tennessee. President Robert Gray called the meeting to order and issued a welcome to both old and new ITA members,

II. Introductions and Opening Announcements

President Gray thanked the people at Belmont College for their hospitality and cooperation in providing a home for our workshop and meeting. He specifically cited Randy Ford, Jerry Warren, Zeke Nicar and Henry Romersa for their assistance.

Gray introduced the members of the Board and explained that this group meets during the week of ITW to discuss ITA related matters and to make necessary decisions. All of the past presidents were introduced and lauded for their continued support of ITA.

Gray talked about the National Chapters and explained a bit about their activities. In this regard, he introduced Eliezer Aharoni, President of the Israeli Chapter.

The final introduction was for Steve Anderson, First Vice President.

III. Treasurer's Report

Vern Kagarice began with a brief financial report and emphasized the need to increase membership, since that is a main source of income. He explained the financial status of the four scholarship funds and introduced Gene Grissom, who has contributed a large sum of money each year to keep the Rosolino Scholarship afloat.

III. Committee Reports

1. **Membership Committee** (Neill Humfeld). Neill Humfeld, Membership Committee Chair, introduced his committee members and reported on their activities. He explained the system of regional and state chairs. Membership increased by about 100 members last year, so much more effort is needed in this area.

2. **Affiliate Chapters Committee** (Sue Mudge). President Gray reported on the Affiliate Chapters network and thanked Sue Mudge for her efforts in overseeing this project. During Board meetings there was considerable discussion on ways to extend and expand the Affiliate Chapters program. Sue Mudge has decided to resign as coordinator of this project.

3. **Scholarship Committee** (David Stagg). David Stagg, Scholarship Committee Chair, introduced members of his committee and reported on the results of the most recent competition. He also introduced this year's scholarship winners.

4. **Financial Committee** (Tom Ervin). Tom Ervin discussed the Financial Committee concerns. He announced a renewal of the Life Membership program and encouraged members to consider it.

5. **ITA Resource Library** (Tom Ervin). Tom Ervin also reported on the progress of the ITA Resource Library and explained the current project to computerize the holdings. About 800 new titles have been received during the past year.

6. **Nominations Committee** (Tom Ervin). Finally, Tom announced the upcoming activities of the Nominations Committee. New officers and board members will be elected during the next year.

7. **Research Committee** (Steve Anderson). Research Committee Chair, Steve Anderson introduced his members and announced his resignation from this post. Jim Robertson will be the new chair. He reminded members about the reading of research papers during the week and encouraged submission of papers for next year's workshop.

8. **ITA Archives** (Randy Kohlenberg). Randy Kohlenberg, ITA Archivist announced that the archives are being moved from Morningside College to The University of North Carolina-Greensboro, Greensboro, NC. He encouraged members to continue to send photos and programs to him.

9. **Commissions Committee**. President Gray introduced members of the Commissions Committee and announced the upcoming performance of the latest ITA commission by Donald Erb.

10. **Publications Committee** (Robert Gray). Robert Gray discussed the activities of the ITA Publications Committee of which he is Chair.

11. **Composition Contest** (Royce Lumpkin). Royce Lumpkin explained the status of the ITA Composition Contest. He announced the latest winner and explained plans for the next contest. Deadlines for the next competition will be by September 15, 1986 for final selection at the 1987 Workshop.

12. **Literature Committee**. The Literature Committee has a new Chair, Stan George. Other committee members were introduced.

13. **Weekend Warriors**. The Weekend Warriors group has flourished during the past year. Gray explained the purpose of this body and encouraged more to participate in its activities.

IV. Awards and Announcements

Gray thanked Charles Hurt for his efforts in arranging for the airline discounts this year. He will try to make similar arrangements for next year and will also investigate a similar discount for bus service.

Tom Everett was asked to make a report about the ITW this year. He thanked all those responsible for the success of the workshops. Attendance this year is down slightly, but the financial picture looks to be OK. Tom announced his resignation as coordinator of the ITW. Gray presented him with a plaque honoring him for his service as ITW Coordinator. Neill Humfeld will assume that responsibility.

Gray verbalized some of his ideas about the future of ITA and suggested ways that each of us can promote the organization. We all must work toward the advancement of ITA with trombonists around the world. He acknowledged Bill Cramer for his efforts with Project AIM (Adopt an International Member). All ITA members must help try to reverse the trend of fewer young students choosing to play the trombone. This will be the subject of some Journal articles in the future.

The final item of the meeting was the presentation of the 1985 Elmer Fudpucker Award by Vern Kagarice. He outlined the history of the award, explained the ground rules for the selection of a winner, and named the past winners. This year he chose to name several potential candidates all of whom were eminently qualified. They were; Neill Humfeld, Irv Wagner, Jim Erdman, and the eventual winner, Buddy Baker.

V. **New Business.** None.

VI. **Adjournment.**

Respectfully submitted,
Vern Kagarice, Secretary
International Trombone Association

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