

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the International Trombone Association

Sunday July 23rd July 2006.

Minutes

1. Welcome and call to order:

President Denis Wick introduced ITA officers, members of the board of advisors and past presidents who were in attendance.

2. Approval of minutes:

The minutes from the AGM in New Orleans in May 2005 at Loyola University were approved unanimously by the membership.

3. Executive Directors Report

Executive Director Steven Greenall listed some of the accomplishments of ITA over the past twelve months. The membership averages at about 900 members per year and that the website is now a major way of communicating with trombone players. Steve pointed out that one of the biggest problems remained getting members to pay for membership on time.

In terms of membership the ITA is becoming increasingly international in that 2/3rds of membership is now from the USA whilst a 1/3 is from outside the USA. The Executive Director introduced Magnus ??? and Marta Hofaker and appointment of the new operations manager Claire Brantly and pointed out that the website from an administration point of view had improved immensely.

With regard to membership in other countries the ITA is talking to Poland, and undertook the membership administration of the BTS and are looking to do a similar thing with regard to Finland.

ITF 2003 recording was posted out in 2005 and ability to download pdfs and archive online recordings and past journals is now in existence.

Steve concluded that New Orleans was a huge success and he thought Birmingham was similarly a very successful festival

4. Treasurers Report

Treasurer Edwin K. Myrick reported that the finances of the ITA have been restructured as have the accounts to keep an accurate record and supervise and monitor investments and analyse how funds are doing on a regular basis to comply with regulations for being a non profit organisation

5. Committee Reports

A: Standing Committees

1. Standing Committee on Awards

Vern Kagarice represented John Drew who could not be present.

Vern pointed out there had been much discussion on redefining and expand on the awards. Present awards include the ITA award and the Neil Humfeld Award. A new award would be introduced the idea being of some sort of Hall of fame award which would be defined as the lifetime achievement award and secondly an award known as the legacy circle award for those whom have left a legacy to be recognised.

2. Standing committee on competitions (Denis Wick)

Denis stated that Vern Kagarice is the mastermind behind the competitions and thanked him once again for his sheer effort. With regard to competitions the standard is improving and he pointed out that the most effective way of improving the standard of trombone players is to hold such competitions. Over the years the number of competitions have increased. Latest additions to be pending is the "Kanstall" competition. Denis concluded this is a very important part of the ITA.

3. Standing committee on finance (Edwin K. Myrick)

Edwin has set up an audit committee, which will be more responsible for setting up accounts and reviewing the ITA's operating procedures. Edwin asked if anyone present in the membership is expert in finance or accounts and if so would they come forward as helping this vital area. Edwin continued that the organisation operates on tight budget very close to the bottom line. Easy way to solve this problem is to get every member to introduce a further member to increase the income and success of the ITA.

4. Standing committee on governance (Steve Wolfbangar)

Tom Plesak reported on behalf of Steve Wolfbangar

Tom pointed out there had been some significant changes to take effect from this meeting Brett Baker becomes ITA secretary replacing Marta Hofarce Tom thanked Marta for her service for many years. He was pleased to have successfully convinced her to run for board of advisors.

Don Lucas becomes the 1st Vice president in the election Tom Plesak was placed 2nd. Heinz Fadle and Ben Van Dike had become members of the board of advisors

Tom expressed the view that in the past it has been disappointing regarding the number of people that vote and wondered if a log of the votes could be kept online.

5. Standing committee on ITA Press (ITAP) (Nathaniel Brickens)

Nat commented that Troy had been added to the committee and that there were , 9 new pieces to be published and released. He also pointed out that the board was reviewing the ITA's relationship with Southern Music company.

6. International Trombone Festival Inc. (Albert Zuijerduin)

Albert pointed out that Salt Lake City was confirmed for 2008 as was Denmark for 2009.

In 2007 the ITA was to go to China but due to logistical and financial issues this was no longer the case. Singapore have sent 3 people over to the festival to talk about a possible first Asian ITF over the next five years.

As a result of it being impossible to organise a full scale ITF elsewhere their will be four or five mini regional events in 2007.

Brazil Jan Feb 2007

The Netherlands at the Slide factory in May 2007

Sydney in Australia September 2007

Las Vegas in the USA in May where the finals of the competitions will take place
There is also the possibility of a small festival in Scandinavia and possibly a small one in China.

Denis Wick Pointed out this would be a positive thing to involve more people with the ITF umbrella.

7. ITA Endowment Fund (Edwin K. Myrick)

With regard to the Endowment fund ; Ed believed he covered this in an earlier statement

8. Ad Hoc Committees

a) International Trombone week

Chris Hayes was not present to comment on International trombone week. Denis Wick pointed out that this event was getting bigger and bigger each year.

b) Vocal Dystonia: (Denis Wick).

Vocal dystonia has affected a large number of trombone and brass players. Jan Kagarice has been successful in treating this in many instances. Denis knew 20 individuals with this issue. Jan has spent the last two years treating individuals and there has been some very successful results.

9. Old Business: N /A

10. New Business: (Steven Greenall)

There have been some changes recommended by a non profit organisation consultant. The ITA can enjoy benefits from advice in the USA.

The ITA is required to make changes to be non profit organisation.

For instance to disallow ITA to proportion funds to a to profit organisation.

Executive committee to have three members this is a proposed change

ITA staff: Posts have been reorganised and duties reassigned due to changes in personnel.

The organisation must have a standing committee on Audit.

Responsibility of all board to make appointments to chairs of the committees

Changes regarding political activities, strengthened the constitution quoting more up to date sections of the revenue code.

There have been no changes to voting rights.

Ed (Treasurer) motioned, Phil Adcock 2nd the motion to accept these changes to the constitution..

11. Presidential Remarks:

Steve has worked wonders with the running of the organisation it is smoother, better and more efficient that it has ever been. Denis was pleased with work that

has been done on vocal dystonia in the journal and introduced Ken Hanlon as the new President of the ITA.

12. Adjournment

The adjournment of the 2006 General Meeting was moved by the new President, seconded and approved unanimously by the membership at 5.25pm