

## MINUTES ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2008

# INTERNATIONAL TROMBONE ASSOCIATION

Wednesday, May 28, 2008, 12:15 p.m. – Room 270 School of Music  
International Trombone Festival 2008  
University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT, USA

Don Lucas welcomed the ITA membership and called the meeting to order.

Officers of the Association present were Ken Hanlon, President, Don Lucas, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Edwin K. Myrick Jr., Treasurer, Brett Baker, Secretary.

Members of the Board of Advisors present were Joao Luiz Areias (Board Member) and J. Mark Thompson.

Past Presidents present were Steve Anderson, Buddy Baker, John Drew (Board Member), Heinz Fadle, Irvin Wagner and Steve Wolfenbarger.

The Minutes of the 2007 Annual General Meeting in Las Vegas were unanimously approved by the membership.

ITA Executive Director, Magnus Nilsson, reported that the current ITA membership count is 4,026 members – against 4,154 a year ago. The number of members renewing on time has increased to 56% compared to 34% a year ago.

ITA Treasurer, Edwin K. Myrick Jr., reported that the value of the ITA Endowment Fund was \$93,204.59 at March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008. March 1<sup>st</sup> 2007 had the highest value of \$107,632.38. In March 31<sup>st</sup> 2006, the value was \$99,356.74. Edwin saw no reason not to keep investing in current Endowment Fund. Edwin mentioned that the ITA Finances are healthy, but with no real financial buffer. If every member would introduce a new member to the Association, the financial situation would quickly improve.

John Drew, Chair of the Awards Committee, gave a report on the work of the Award Committee (see appendix).

Steve Wolfenbarger, Chair of the Governance Committee, reported on the elections held in 2008 – election participation was higher than previous years, but is still low in relation to the membership numbers.

Bill Rose, Chair of the ITA Press Committee gave a report on the work of the Committee of the past year and reported an income from ITA Press sales in 2007 of \$3,410.40 and a total of royalties paid to the ITA Press composers of \$2,273.60.

Steve Wolfenbarger, asked the membership, on behalf of the Governance Committee, if the six 2008 election candidates to the Board of Advisors who did not make it in the 2008

Election, could be voted on to the Board of Advisors? The reason for the request is that the new constitution asks for a diverse international membership and does not present a membership limit for the BoA anymore. The official election results leaves the BoA with one non-US member, while inclusion of the extra members will result in an internationally balanced BoA. The names for inclusion were: Nat Wickham, Johan de Meij, Andrea Conti, Daniele Morendini, Javi Colomer and Jens Kristian Kloster.

The new names were voted unanimously onto the Board of Advisors by the membership.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40pm.

## **2007 ITA Awards Committee Annual Report**

In December of 2007 the Awards Committee presented its annual slate of three candidates for the ITA and Humfeld Awards to the Executive Board, Board of Advisors and Council of Past Presidents for selection. After two rounds of votes, President Hanlon was informed that the persons chosen for the ITA and Humfeld Awards were Dick Nash and Jan Kagarice, respectively.

This was also the first year that our two new award categories were implemented. Initially, the names of these candidates were submitted to the Executive Board. However, many circumstances combined to prove this to be ineffective and, ultimately, unsatisfactory. Since a new system of governance is imminent and will effectively reduce the ITA executive body to three members, it was determined that selection for this year and the future would be made by the Board of Advisors with a requirement that at least 2/3 of the members respond with a 75% majority of favorable votes before a candidate would be approved. Of the eighteen names submitted for the Lifetime Achievement Award, fifteen were approved (Glenn Dodson, Heinz Fadle, Carl Fontana, Urbie Green, Robert Isele, Ed Kleinhammer, Albert Mangelsdorff, Robert Marsteller, Buddy Morrow, Dick Nash, Allen Ostrander, George Roberts, Milt Stevens, Denis Wick and Larry Wiehe). The Legacy Circle had eight names submitted (Vladislav Blazhevich, Tommy Dorsey, Gilberto Gagliardi, JJ Johnson, Andre LaFosse, Arthur Pryor, Emory Remington and Jack Teagarden), all of whom were approved for selection.

Our normal deadline for nominations for the Lifetime Achievement Award will be April 1 (there is no deadline for Legacy Circle recommendations). However, due to the factors already mentioned, this year's ballot could not be submitted until late November. As a result, we intend to delay the deadline for the next round of submissions until August 1. Otherwise, there would be only roughly five months between votes.

Finally, President Hanlon should be commended for the remarkable job he has done in locating the recipients of these awards (or their relatives) and finding an appropriate venue where a presentation can be made. We feel that this does invaluable service both in recognizing the achievements and careers of these individuals and also in increasing public awareness about and fostering good relations for ITA.

Respectfully submitted,

John Drew

Chair, Awards Committee