

General Membership Meeting
January 9, 2025 – 5:30pm
TCC Room 118

The meeting was called to order by President Bitters at 5:33p.m. with 102 members present.

Motion to approve the agenda with flexibility.

Motion – Raine Hollingsworth

Second – Michael Simpson

Motion – Passed

President Bitters introduced the Executive Committee.

President Bitters then asked each District to stand, and the District Chairs introduced the new members of their district.

Guests in attendance – Dr. Shelby Chipman, Skip Pardee, and Bernie Hendricks

Motion to approve the minutes from January 2024 with corrections to lines 20, 25, 30, 37, 41 and 60.

Motion – Alli Howard

Second – Joseph Bigler

Motion – Passed

The financial report was given by Tom Silliman, Finance Director.

President's report

Committee Reports – Awards Committee

- Awards Committee Chair, Kayla Lisa reminded the membership to write something in Don Langland's Thank You book. Recognized outgoing district chairs.
- Announcement of Rising Star Award recipient – Victoria Senko
- Matt Davis described the Hall of Fame Award
- Valerie Terry was recognized for being inducted into the Hall of Fame
- Certificates were presented to outgoing members of the Executive Board for the past year.

Unfinished Business

- Updates to the bylaws were discussed for the following items:
 - Article VI, Section 1 Nominations
 - Article VI, Section 4 Temporary Appointments

Motion – Jennifer Haber

Second – Matthew Sheary

Motion – Passed

New Business – Dates, sites and adjudicators for this year's State MPA events were reviewed.

The election of officers for 2025 took place online, and the results were:

- Jennifer Erickson – MS Honors Orchestra Coordinator
- Steven Bossert – 11/12 All State Symphonic Orchestra Coordinator
- Lauren Pardee – President-Elect

The Good of the Association

- Raine Hollingsworth – ASTA goodie bags will be available at the Marriot Waterside.
- Andrea Szarowicz – Reminder about the FSMA Leadership Institute application deadline of April 1st.
- Kasia Bugaj – Reminded membership that National ASTA conference/National Orchestra Festival will be in Atlanta and that some ensembles from Florida would be performing.
- Brian Griffin – Congratulated Lavilla School of the Arts Chamber Orchestra for a great performance on Thursday.

- 53 • Stephanie Carr – Asked for membership to check out The Balance Point FL and provide feedback to
54 improve.
- 55 • Central Florida Cellobration is looking to expand. Talk to them if you are interested.

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57 The meeting was adjourned at 6:05pm

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59 Respectfully Submitted,

60 Cheri A. Sleeper, Executive Director

61 Florida Orchestra Association, Inc

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63 The Next General Membership meeting will be held at the Fall Conference in Orlando, October 10th.