

General Membership Meeting

October 17, 2025 – 10:30AM

Orlando Hilton Hotel

Meeting was called to order at 10:47AM by President Andrea Szarowicz, with 67 members present.

President Szarowicz asked all executive board members present to introduce themselves.

Motion to approve the agenda by Emory 2nd Johnson Motion Passed

Minutes were approved with no corrections by Johnson 2nd Blanchard Motion Passed

Financial Report was presented by Finance Director, Tom Silliman. All accounts are doing well. Balances were shared.

President-elect – none

Presidents Report

- All-State final reduction will take place on Saturday, October 18th. Thanks to those that are participating in this process.
- Adjudication training is also taking place on Saturday, October 18th. Thanks to those participating.
- FMEA conference is January 15-17, 2026.

Past President's report

- Working on reformatting the Handbook to make it easier to find things (i.e. bullet points, etc.)

FOA Awards

- Please nominate people who are deserving of the awards available.
- There is a QR code to ease in the nomination process.
- President Szarowicz thanked the Awards chair, Kayla Lisa and her committee, for all their fine work.
- Executive director mentioned that all the descriptions and guidelines for each award are available on the FOA website and nominations are due November 1st.

Unfinished Business

- Executive director commented on two motions (one from district 10 and one from district 18) that were sent to the MPA committee but no follow up had been made. These were concerning State Concert MPA. One was to move to performance blocks and one was the concept of moving to two sites to accommodate more schools. The MPA committee has met and discussed both motions and will be presenting the motion/s to the executive board in January.

46 New Business – No motions from the floor

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48 The Good of the Association

- State openings to be voted on in January 2026 are:
 - 7-8 Middle School All-State Orchestra Coordinator
 - 9-12 Honors Orchestra Coordinator
 - 9-10 Concert Orchestra Coordinator
- There is a two-term limit for the same position, but after two terms, an individual can run for a different position.
- FL-ASTA members were reminded that a FL-ASTA meeting would take place immediately following in the same room. FL-ASTA President, Vinny Conrod reminded the FL-ASTA members that lunch would be at FastBreak downstairs.
- President Szarowicz reminded everyone to thank all the vendors in the exhibit room for their support.

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61 Next General meeting will be January 15, 2026 – 5:15PM at the Tampa Convention Center.

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63 Adjournment motion by Johnson 2nd by Felber Motion Passed

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65 Meeting was adjourned by President Szarowicz at 11:04AM

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67 Respectfully Submitted,

68 Cheri A. Sleeper, Executive Director
69 Florida Orchestra Association, Inc.