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**NBA Executive Committee
Meeting**
December 16, 2003, 10:00 a.m.

NBA President's Suite

David Gregory, presiding

A meeting of the NBA Executive Committee was convened at 10:00 a.m. by President David Gregory. Officers present were First Vice President Linda Moorhouse, Second Vice President Gary Barton, Past President Paula Crider, Executive Secretary-Treasurer Tom Frascillo, and NBA Administrator John Stroube.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report. Administrator John Stroube distributed a financial report showing that the balance on hand as of 11/30/03 was \$50,709.84. He provided a professional audit of the account for the past two years showing that moneys are being handled properly. President Gregory moved that the financial report be accepted. The motions was seconded by Past-President Crider. Motion passed.

Membership Report. Administrator John Stroube reported that the membership has increased by approximately 750 since one year ago. There are 224 student members, an increase of approximately 200 in the past year. He plans to use e-mail to invite the membership to renew by credit card in early January. Those who do not respond will be sent an invoice by mail in early February which will emphasize the on-line renewal capabilities of the website, but which will include instructions for renewal by mail. Members' use of on-line renewal streamlines the national office's procedures because the record keeping follows automatically and does not have to be manually updated by office staff.

Old Business items discussed included:

1. President Gregory commended Gary Barton for his excellent work recruiting and organizing workers for the booth. He suggested that student members be approached about manning the booth.
2. 2nd Vice-President Barton reported that 7000 Music Education brochures were distributed last year.
3. First Vice-President Linda Moorhouse reported that 199 Outstanding Band Musician Awards, 89 Band

Booster Awards, and 32 Outstanding Jazz Student Awards were distributed from the national office. The jazz chair distributed 109 Outstanding Jazz Student Awards and 3 Outstanding Jazz Educators Awards. The 1st Vice-President's office mailed 7 certificates of Merit for Marching Excellence, 97 Citations of Excellence, and two Mentor Awards. (Ray Cramer and Earl Dunn were the Mentor Award recipients.) President Gregory gave his opinion that the website should be the main venue through which the Mentor Awards should be requested, and that the site should contain a running list of the award's recipients.

4. President Gregory reported that the Hall of Fame Board of Electors will not meet this year. Jim Croft and Hal Gibson will be an inducted February 7 at the NBA Hall of Fame in Troy, Alabama.
5. President Gregory reported that many NBA past presidents contributed gift memberships to four or more college students for the current student membership year (September 2003–August 2004).
6. President Gregory reported that many committee chairs have provided reports and information for their webpages.
7. President Gregory reported that the CD-rom project was a success. Board members responded with suggestions after receiving a pilot version, improvements were made, and a final version was produced for the membership in September. Response has been positive.
8. President Gregory reported that, as of December 14, there have been 488,926 hits since the website went live in October. There have 11,044 visits in that time.
9. President Gregory reported that Leon Pascucci and Mark Heidel have coordinated the use of available start-up funding for student chapters. Corporate members have provided the funding.
10. President Gregory summarized improvements in the booth: a better location, a new display, a computerized display of website pages, and new graphics.
11. President Gregory mentioned that BOA underwrote the Young Composer Mentor Project in the summer of 2003, and that the project occurred in Normal, Illinois at the BOA Summer Symposium. The Army

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Field Band served as the clinic band for the project.

12. President Gregory mentioned that NBA sponsored three clinics at the Texas Bandmasters Association convention in 2003. They were presented by Frank Wickes, Pat Sheridan, and Jared Spears. At this time no NBA sponsored programs have been placed on the TBA schedule for 2004.
13. Past-President Crider shared her perspective that NBA has excellent opportunity to involve some of our officers and members as hosts to the sessions at the 2004 biennial convention.
14. Past-President Crider mentioned that the mentors for the new Young Conductor Mentor Program will be NBA past-presidents Tom Fraschillo, Jim Keene, and Frank Wickes. She reported that she and Mark Camphouse have been coordinating the interaction between this and the Young Composer Mentor Project.

New Business items discussed included:

1. President Gregory made a motion that the National Band Association offer, as it does for the Revelli Composition Contest, to pay for housing at the Hilton for the chair of the Merrill Jones Composition Contest. The offer would be tendered every other year, *i.e.* on years in which the contest occurs. Motion passed.

2. President Gregory reported that a rotation system for the Revelli Composition Contest committee has been put in place, ensuring a regular renewal of committee personnel.
3. Past-President Crider spoke about the NBA members that had been recommended to her. She was pleased with the number and quality of the individuals whose names she would be able to take to the nomination committee to be considered for inclusion on the upcoming ballot. She recommended that, in future years, people who make recommendations be asked to contact those they nominate to ensure they would be willing to serve.
4. President Gregory mentioned, in regard to the Mentor Project, the difficulty in identifying directors who could benefit from receiving mentorship. He said that Andrea Strauss would address this at the meetings of the Board of Directors and the State and Division Chairs. Furthermore, Andrea has agreed to be in charge of an Outstanding Mentors page on the website.

5. Constitutional change initiatives:

- a. President Gregory suggested that a student representative slot be added to the Board of Directors. He noted that this would require a constitutional change. There was a consensus that this should be appropriate.
- b. President Gregory pointed out that duties of officers in regard to the biennial convention occur after the end of the membership year. Past President Crider moved that a constitutional revision be proposed to the membership stating that the terms of office run for two years, from July 1–June 30. Secretary Fraschillo seconded the motion.
- c. Past President Crider moved that the Executive Committee propose a constitutional amendment changing the number of elementary middle school representatives on the board from three to four. This was accepted by consensus.

6. President Gregory suggested that, for the coming year, new and renewing members be given the option to receive a paper copy of the Journal. Alternatively they would receive only an electronic version, *i.e.* on a CD. The cost would be the same regardless. The issue was tabled until after lunch.
7. Kevin Jocius of Headed North, Inc., met with the Executive Committee to review the new website. The committee was in agreement that Mr. Jocius should be placed on retainer for regular website updates as needed.

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210-226-8167
www.southernmusic.com

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www.fameevents.com

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615-726-3693
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Minutes
NBA Executive Committee
Meeting
December 16, 2003, 1:00 p.m.

NBA President's Suite

David Gregory, presiding

1. President Gregory submitted that it should no longer be said that student members receive “only *The Instrumentalist*” since, with electronic access, they now get everything professional members get.
2. President Gregory moved that a state’s membership total on December 14, the last day memberships are accepted for a membership year, should be the number on which the state’s per member rebate should be calculated for the following calendar year. The motion was seconded by Past President Crider. Motion passed.
3. President Gregory asked that there be clarification regarding the disbursement of state per member rebates. Past practice has been upon request by the state chair. The consensus was that this practice be continued.
4. President Gregory revisited the procedures for awarding NBA Grants. Past-President Crider suggested that the amount budgeted for NBA grants should continue to be \$500.00 per year. After some discussion it was determined that the best path for requests was through the state chair, who would forward it to the Executive Secretary. If a state chair was found by a requesting member to be unresponsive, the member would be allowed to directly contact the Executive Secretary.
5. AWAPA Chair Bob Foster met with the committee and shared plans for honoring Bill Moody on December 18.
6. President Gregory spoke about the 2004 Biennial Convention, to be held in conjunction with Bands of America, June 21–23 at Illinois State University in Normal, IL.
 - a. The National Community Band will run from Friday, June 18 — Sunday, June 20. Their concert will be Sunday at 3:00 p.m. Lowell Graham will conduct.
 - b. The Young Composer-Conductor Mentor Project will begin on Sunday, June 20. Composer mentors are Don Grantham, Dana Wilson, and Mark Camphouse. Conductor mentors are Tom Fraschillo, Jim Keene, and Frank Wickes.
7. President Gregory spoke about the proposed NBA International Conducting Symposium, through which three selected conductors would be given a chance to participate in an expenses-paid, week-long workshop in Rome with the Italian Army Band and at conservatories in the area. The purpose of the project would be to serve as an incentive and reward for excellence in the profession. Funding is being sought through sources in the music industry and with the support of international lobbyists who work for several large corporations. He emphasized that the National Band Association would control the design and quality of the project. Past-President Crider reflected that an opportunity for auditing might be added to the project, allowing individuals to attend the workshop as observers, covering their own expenses. Dr. Gregory requested an endorsement of the concept of a National Band Association International Conducting Symposium and authorization to pursue funding on its behalf. Executive Secretary Fraschillo made a motion to that effect, which was seconded by Past-President Crider. Motion carried.
 - c. The convention and BOA symposium will begin with a general session at 1:00 p.m. The NBA events will also serve as the BOA directors’ track events for the three days of our convention.
 - d. There will be individuals who present clinics, and a conductors’ forum (individuals may meet with notable conductors and discuss scores, recordings of their groups, and other subjects of interest).
 - e. On Monday evening will be the program that culminates the Young Conductor-Young Composer/Mentor Project featuring the Air Force Band of Mid America.
 - f. Tuesday afternoon is the opportunity to tour the Sousa museum and Grainger collection at the University of Illinois.
 - g. Tuesday night is the official concert of that band.
 - h. Wednesday night is the performance of the Saitama Sakae high school band.
 - i. President Gregory reported that Bands of America is soon to be sponsoring the commissioning of works, is covering expenses of the Young Composer-Conductor Mentor Projects, and will house clinicians.

8. President Gregory mentioned that Earl Dunn would continue putting out the hard copy of the NBA Journal and would train John Carmichael in the intricacies of the publication in anticipation of that time when the Journal becomes primarily an electronic publication. The October issue will still appear, as always, in *The Instrumentalist*. With membership applications and renewals this year, members will be asked to choose whether they want a paper copy of the journal. The results of these requests will drive the future of the NBA Journal.
9. 2nd Vice-President Barton observed that the CD-ROM, originally designed to help as the organization transitions to a better website, has served its purpose and does not need to be repeated. Discussion followed and the consensus became that no CD is needed since members can be notified by e-mail of an online Journal.
10. President Gregory mentioned that he had spoken with Jim Rohner who has agreed to cooperate with NBA in offering a transitional membership for graduating student members who wish to convert to a professional membership. The need for the transitional membership is spurred by the gap between the end of a student membership (August 31) and the beginning of a professional membership (April 1). President Gregory made a motion that NBA offer a Student-to-Professional membership at \$10.00 which would cover the costs. Past-President Crider seconded the motion. Motion carried.
11. President Gregory suggested that NBA purchase a CD burner and a scanner for the office. 2nd Vice-President Barton made a motion to that effect, seconded by Executive Secretary Fraschillo. Motion carried.
12. President Gregory mentioned that he, at the request of Hall of Fame Director Johnny Long, had appointed Troy State Dean of Arts and Sciences Hal Fulmer and Director of Bands Ralph Ford to the NBA Hall of Fame Board of Directors.
13. Regarding website committee pages, President Gregory reported that there had been progress in getting committee goals and reports posted.
14. Regarding past NBA Journal issues, President Gregory reported that most back issues are archived in the NBA office. Efforts are underway to locate the few that are missing.
15. President Gregory led a discussion about the future of the NBA office after John Stroube graduates from the University of Southern Mississippi. He

pointed out that Executive Secretary Fraschillo will be responsible to arrange for staffing the office. Dr. Fraschillo expressed his feeling that the physical address of the office should remain in Hattiesburg for the sake of stability. He stated his intention to postpone any definite decision until Stroube's post-graduate employment status was known.

Minutes NBA Executive Committee Meeting

December 17, 2003, 10:00 a.m.

NBA President's Suite

David Gregory, presiding

1. Past-President Crider reported the results of the nominating committee meeting as follows:
 - a. 1st Vice-President — Bobby Adams and Gary Barton
 - b. 2nd Vice-President — John Carmichael and Charlie Menghini
 - c. College-University Representative — Steve Gage and Mark Heidel
 - d. High School Representatives — Chuck Campbell, Scott Casagrande, Matt Cool, John DeStefano, Diane Koutsulis, Bill Connell, Margene Pappas, and Mohamed Schumann,
 - e. Elementary/Middle School Representatives — Joni Mabry Brown, Cheryl Floyd, Cecilia Fraschillo, Susan Giroir, Steve Tyndall, and Lisa Zemlock
 - f. Representatives-at-Large — Terry Austin, Lafe Cook, Wayne Dorothy, Les Hicken, Gary Gilroy, Richard Mayne, Everett McConnell, Steve Pratt, David Romines, and Scott Taylor
2. President Gregory reported a discussion in the nominating committee and a recommendation that there be two appointed representatives-at-large on the Board of Directors. Since that would require a constitutional change, he recommended that this be included in the constitutional changes to be taken to the membership. There was a consensus that this should be done.
3. President Gregory reported on the meeting of a task force that includes representatives from NBA, CBDNA, the Midwest Clinic, WBDI, and ABA. He

has hopes that an outcome of this committee can be a set of reasonable expectations for beginning band directors and a set of guidelines for administrators to use when hiring new band directors.

4. President Gregory suggested that we provide CD-roms for new members. 2nd Vice-President Barton recommended that the remainder of the first edition of the CDs could be employed for this purpose.
5. President Gregory suggested that some interview questions should be asked of past NBA presidents for possible publication on the website, NBA Journal, and Instrumentalist. He asked Past-President Crider to spearhead the effort.
6. President Gregory reported on behalf of Cody Birdwell, that the target for completion of the Selective March List is May 2004, at the latest. The same target exists for the update of the Selective Music List.
7. President Gregory suggested that the Executive Committee meet during the convention in June to catch up on business.
8. Gerald Guilbeaux, chair of the National Community Band, met with the Executive Committee.
 - a. He reported his excitement about the performance venue for this summer's band to be conducted by Lowell Graham. He said that 15 individuals had signed up thus far. Current plans are to house the band at the Radisson for \$90 a night and the Best Western for \$75 a night.
 - b. He proposed that the chair for the National Community Band be included among the appointed members of the Board of Directors.
9. Bob Foster, chair of the AWAPA committee, returned and submitted the names of Vic Zajec and Earl Dunn to be honored at the 2004 national membership meeting.
10. Scott McCormick, president of Bands of America, met with the Executive Committee. Informal discussion ensued regarding the NBA biennial convention that is to be held in conjunction with the BOA Summer Symposium.
 - a. A point of discussion was coordination between NBA session hosts and BOA SWAG team members.
 - b. Mr. McCormick stated his need to know the number of NBA clinicians and Composer-Conductor Mentor Project selectees who would re-

quire housing. President Gregory stated that he would communicate this number to McCormick.

- c. Past-President Crider discussed her idea to invite Young Conductor Mentor Project applicants who are not selected as participants to attend as observers. It was agreed that such people could attend the Monday night reception.
11. John Carmichael met with the Executive Committee in response to President Gregory's invitation to edit an online version of the NBA Journal. President Gregory reported that Earl Dunn will continue to edit the hard copy of the Journal that appears in the October issue of *The Instrumentalist*. The understanding was that an online version would be posted to the website for the December 2004 Journal. President Gregory charged Dr. Carmichael with the task of proposing an editorial policy for the online Journal. Dr. Carmichael emphasized the importance of notifying members when a Journal appears on the website. Dr. Carmichael stated the intention to prepare a sample using material from a previous Journal by June 15.

Minutes
NBA Executive Committee
Meeting
December 17, 2003, 1:00 p.m.

NBA President's Suite

David Gregory, presiding

1. Mark Heidel, chair of the NBA student chapter initiative, reported that a student ensemble from the University of Illinois will provide music at the General Membership Meeting on Thursday evening. He reported that, whereas only one chapter existed a year ago, a number of new chapters have been formed in the interim. He emphasized the importance of formal incorporation of chapters at universities and the importance of the website as a means of coordinating reports from various student chapters. He envisions that student chapter can make an annual report through an online form. Posting of this information on the website will allow others to see what is happening and serve as a permanent record of activities. President Gregory asked Dr. Heidel to establish a means for selecting a student representative who would sit on the NBA Board of Directors. Heidel submitted a written report that is appended to these minutes.
2. Frank Wickes reported on the results of the Merrill Jones Composition Contest. The winner is Jonathon

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Newman. His winning piece is entitled *Moon by Night*, and is for band and chorus.

3. Terry Austin reported on the results of the Revelli composition contest. For the first time in the history of the contest there was a tie. The winners are David Dzubay's *Ra!* and Sam Hazo's *Perthshire Majesty*. Dr. Austin asked the Executive Committee to approve the unprecedented selection of dual winners who would split the prize money. Past President Crider made a motion to that effect, which was seconded by President Gregory. The motion carried. Dr. Austin submitted a written report that is appended to these minutes.
4. Mark Camphouse met with the Executive Committee regarding the Young Composer/Conductor Mentor Projects. He agreed to contact Steve Grimo about the rehearsal schedule in June. Past-President Crider mentioned that she had prevailed upon Mr. Camphouse to ask the composers who are serving as mentors should to round out the program, conducting works of their own. She also mentioned that it is her goal to have the young conductors who are chosen as participants to send a videotape to their assigned mentor to ask for some preliminary critique. Mr. Camphouse reported that he hopes to have the participants write about their experience for publication in various venues.

Minutes

NBA Board Of Directors Meeting

December 18, 2003, 10:00 a.m.

Lake Erie Room

Linda Moorhouse, presiding

1. Executive Committee members present were: David Gregory, Linda Moorhouse, Gary Barton, Tom Fraschillo, and Paula Crider,
2. Board members present were: Bobby Adams, Joe Alme, John Carmichael, John Casagrande, John Culvahouse, Bruce Dinkins, Wayne Dorothy, Rick Good, Col. Finley Hamilton, Mark Heidel, Mary Land, Shirley Mullins, Margene Pappas, Leon Pascucci, Tim Paul, Richard Sanger, Todd Shiver, Andrea Strauss, and Paula Thornton.
3. Also present was NBA Journal editor Earl Dunn.
4. Those assembled were brought up-to-date by President Gregory on NBA business regarding the convention and the Journal.

5. Joe Alme reported on Music Camper certificates which had been distributed.
6. Todd Shiver reported on Jazz Awards.
7. Finley Hamilton reported on activities of Military-Professional bands.
8. Mark Heidel reported on student chapter growth and activities.
9. Leon Pascucci reported on Corporate Member activity.
10. Paula Crider reported on Young Composer and Conductor Projects.
11. Rick Good reported on findings about marching band and fitness.
12. Andrea Strauss asked board members to look at information on the website concerning young band director attrition. She challenged those present to offer mentorship to a young band director of their choosing.
13. Wayne Dorothy reported on findings about the changing college curricula and their impacts on the preparation of future band directors.
14. President David Gregory commented on the status of national projects.

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NBA State And Division Chairs Meeting

December 18, 2003, 1:30 P.m.

Lake Ontario Room

Gary Barton, presiding

1. Executive Committee members present were: David Gregory, Linda Moorhouse, Gary Barton, Tom Fraschillo, and Paula Crider.
2. a. Division chairs present were: Greg Benson (Northwestern Division), Pat Casey (Southwestern Division), Phil DeFranco (Eastern Division), Mike Eddy (Southern Division), Gary Gilroy (Western Division), Ricky Suk (North Central Division).
b. State chairs present were: Gary Adam (Mississippi), Shawn Barat (Florida), David Belson (Connecticut), Tim Brannan (Alabama), Tom

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- Caneva (Illinois), John Carmichael (Kentucky), Lafe Cook (Tennessee), Greg Cunningham (Michigan), Mark Elrod (Georgia), Randall Fillmore (Kansas), Nola Jones (Arizona), Bill Manka (Wisconsin), Laura McBride (Virginia), Ben Miller (West Virginia), and Dustin Siefert (New Mexico).
3. Also present were NBA Journal editor Earl Dunn and Music Advocacy Committee chair Charlie Menghini.
 4. 2nd Vice President Barton asked those present to spend some time at the booth. He further encouraged them to take advantage of NBA grants.
 5. Past President Paula Crider described the Young Conductor Mentor Project. She asked those present to encourage young conductors to apply.
 6. Charlie Menghini mentioned that the website contains a music advocacy Powerpoint presentation.
 7. Earl Dunn encouraged the submission of articles to the NBA Journal.
 8. Andrea Strauss asked state and division chairs to look at information on the website concerning young band director attrition. She challenged those present to offer mentorship to a young band director of their choosing. She proposed that they contact these young directors once a week.
 9. Executive Secretary Tom Frascillo reported that the association has \$50,709.84 in the accounts.
 10. Mike Eddy reported that the NBA Southern division and the CBDNA Southeast division will again combine for a conference in Atlanta.
 11. Phil DeFranco, on behalf of Matt Cool, reported that efforts are underway in the Eastern Division to increase membership.
 12. Gary Gilroy reported on renewed vigor in the Western Division, as partially evidenced by the several state chairs in attendance at the meeting.
 13. Ben Miller reported on the distribution of *Career in Music* flyers to all-state instrumentalists. He mentioned a concern with getting band directors to join given the April 1 start of the membership year.
 14. Laura McBride spoke about successful recruiting by means of distributing applications. She mentioned that Citations of Excellence are being awarded to bands that perform at the Virginia state convention. She further mentioned the distribution of *Career in Music* flyers to all-state instrumentalists.
 15. Greg Benson from Utah reported that the few Utah NBA members are among the most influential band directors, so he hopes to meet with them for ideas.

NBA AWARDS

Award request forms are available from your state and division chairs. After you have completed the request forms, please send them to the appropriate people listed below, and the awards will be forwarded to you. These awards are available at no cost to the N.B.A. membership.

N.B.A. Citation of Excellence, Certificate of Merit for Marching Excellence, NBA Mentor Award

Linda Moorhouse, 5364 River Meadow Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70820, 225-388-2384 (W), e-mail: moorhouse@lsu.edu

Outstanding Jazz Educator & Jazz Student Award

Todd Shiver, Georgia College and State University, College Box 66, Milledgeville, GA 31061, 912-445-2644 (W), 912-453-2566 (H), e-mail: tshiver@mail.gcsu.edu

Music Campers Citation

Joe Alme, 1725 11th St., S.W., Minot, ND 58701, 701-838-8472 (H), e-mail: joe@internationalmusiccamp.com

Band Booster Award; Outstanding Band Musician

N.B.A. Executive Administrator, 118 College Drive, #5032, Hattiesburg, MS 39406-0001, 601-297-8168, e-mail: john.stroube@usm.edu

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16. Gary Adam mentioned that David Gregory had spoken to the young music educators at the University of Southern Mississippi and encouraged others to invite officers for that purpose.
17. Nola Jones mentioned that she will have a planning meeting with Arizona NBA members at the state music convention.
18. Lafe Cook mentioned plans for a breakfast at the state music convention.
19. Dustin Seifert mentioned plans to start a student chapter at Eastern New Mexico University.
20. John Carmichael mentioned plans to offer memberships to graduating students.
21. Shawn Barat reported that the use of NBA awards is up. He pointed out that there is an initiative to increase awareness of the NBA and its purposes in hopes of recruiting members.
22. Tom Caneva reported the formation of a student chapter at the University of Illinois. He mentioned that he sends an NBA membership application as an inclusion with another mailing from the university.
23. Tim Brannan pointed out that the NBA Hall of Fame induction will take place in Troy, Alabama on February 8. He has assembled an advisory council of three high school directors and three middle school directors who meet twice a year to discuss needs that NBA might be able to meet. He reported that Citations of Excellence are awarded to bands that perform at the state conference, a practice he believes is good for the visibility of the NBA.
24. Mark Elrod reported that NBA hosts a reception at the Georgia state music convention, sponsored by 8 or 9 music stores.
25. Randy Fillmore suggested gift memberships to young outstanding directors.
26. Bill Manka reported on a goal to get a student chapter at each of the universities in the state. He further mentioned that the new all-star collegiate band at the state NBA convention is helping bring college directors to the convention. Additionally, the chapter is sponsoring a reading day clinic, featuring new elementary and middle school literature.
27. President Gregory mentioned expanded features that will appear on the website that will serve the organization and the profession. He presented an overview of the upcoming biennial convention, to

be held in Normal, Illinois from June 21–23. He also mentioned a new effort to reward excellence for a few directors by way of an invitation to participate in an expense-paid international conducting symposium. He reported an increase in membership of over 800 members since a year ago.

Minutes NBA General Membership Meeting December 18, 2003, 8:00 p.m.

Waldorf Room

David Gregory, presiding

1. The meeting was convened by President David Gregory, who welcomed members and guests.
2. Executive Secretary Tom Fraschillo reported that the association has \$50,709.84 in the accounts.
3. President Gregory introduced NBA past presidents who were in attendance, and charter members Al Wright, Earl Dunn, and David McCormick.
4. Terry Austin announced the winners of the William D. Revelli Composition contest. Co-winners were Sam Hazo (*Perthshire Majesty*) and David Dzubay (*Ra!*). Mr. Hazo was present and spoke briefly.
5. Frank Wickes announced the winner of the Merrill Jones Composition contest, Jonathan Newman (*Moon by Night*). Mr. Newman was present and spoke briefly.
6. Bob Foster announced that Vic Zajak and Earl Dunn had been selected to receive the AWAPA award at the 2004 General Membership Meeting. Both were present and spoke briefly. Foster then presented the AWAPA award to Bill Moody who spoke briefly.
7. 1st Vice President Linda Moorhouse announced and presented Citations of Excellence to NBA members whose bands performed at the Midwest Clinic in 2003.
8. President Gregory presented an overview of the upcoming biennial convention, to be held in Normal, Illinois from June 21–23. He also gave closing remarks regarding the challenges and opportunities NBA provides its members.

Respectfully submitted,
John Stroube, Executive Administrator 