

Indiana Arts Festival
Board Meeting
January 14, 2024

The IAF Board of Directors met on Sunday, January 14, 2024 via zoom. Those in attendance were: Karri York, Ronda Rosenbaum, David Mannell, Lisa Cremer, Sayuri Guelce, Catherine Kling, Carolyn Lorenzoni, Marta Hassfurder, Anna Stumpf, Ginny Kleeberg, Paula Alles, Kim Van Vorst, Andrea Schweizer, Juanna Uhrich, Melanie Edling, Debbie Griswold and Sarah Sergesketter.

The IAF Board of Directors meeting was called to order by President, Karri York.

Carolyn Lorenzoni gave the invocation.

Lisa Cremer stated that the minutes from the September meeting were previously accepted by the reading committee and they are posted on the IAF .org website.

David Mannell reported on the treasury. The accounts are doing well at this time. Ribbons will be a large expense presently as several thousand have been ordered. Festivals are required to pay for trophies but not ribbons. If you order them with trophies, the state will not have to pay for postage but if you elect to order them separately, the state will pay for postage. A motion was made by Catherine Kling to accept. Ronda Rosenbaum seconded the motion. All in favor.

Anna Stumpf reported on investments. Edward Jones account is back up to its' previous levels before the stock market lost vigor. The Windsor group has also regained. It has not been decided how much IAF will take out of each of these funds to support our general fund but officers will work with the financial advisors at each company to decide the best amount for the 2024 calendar year. David Mannell made a motion to approve the investment report. Catherine Kling seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Sayuri Guelce reported on the State Honors Recital. She is working on securing judges and then will start on the program.

Lisa Cremer reported on the IAF website. She indicated that she will be working with Philip on registration for Local and State Playoffs. This will save teachers and chairs from re-entering information that is already stored on the website.

Marta reported on Bylaws. A motion was made that previous student winners would be able to compete at the state Honors Recital without restrictions. Catherine Kling moved. David Mannell seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Catherine Kling reported that the first IAF newsletter was presented in October. It is posted on the website. April 20th will be the deadline for articles for the May newsletter.

Sara Kreilein was not present to report on Composition.

Catherine Kling reported on Essay and Poetry. All submissions are being entered via the indianaartsfestival.com website. If your festival has a deadline before the essay and poetry deadlines, Lisa will find out if they can register for these events and then add document afterward. Philip has asked for score-sheet information for Poetry and Essay. Lisa, Kathy Elkins, Ronda and Catherine are going to find the information to send to Philip for him to create a template.

Lisa Cremer reported on Guillaume and Sweeney awards. The information is updated on the .org website.

Lisa Cremer reported on Sightplaying Year B. She wanted to know if Harp and Strings want her to put the books together. Virginia and Lisa will check with Ginny Jones of Bloomington seeing she was not present at the meeting.

David reported on the Ronda Rosenbaum award for continuing education/professional development. IAF will announce the details in June at the general board meeting. This will be a great opportunity for teachers to take workshops or classes and gain financial assistance.

Karri York announced that Parliamentarian and Scholarship Chairman positions are available. Please contact her if you are able to fill either of these positions.

David Mannell reported that the membership form was sent out. Be sure that your members select the correct festival. Check all information on the form to confirm you are listed correctly.

Carolyn Lorenzoni asked if the membership dues deadline was set in stone. David said he did not want to push the deadline any later but new members could register at any time, even after the deadline. Marta Hassfurther indicated that this rule was not in the bylaws. David Mannell moved to make this change in the bylaws. Paula Alles seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Discussion was held on theory tests and whether they could be marked Year A and Year B on the pdf. Ginny stated that she would be sending out a NEW file every year and this is not necessary. Chairpersons should NOT keep tests from year to year. Files should be destroyed and they should not be used for practice tests. The current practice tests have ALL of the information that a student could be asked on each level. Please use those – they are located in the “Library” on the .com website.

Catherine Kling inquired about a student that wanted to play a video game duet and what category that should be entered in. Currently, video games duet is not a category. It was decided that that the student should be entered in the contemporary duet category.

Andrea Schweizer suggested that we increase the student limit in the vocal category to make for more competition. This issue will be discussed at the June meeting. It will not change for 2024. We may have more vocal students in the future.

Visual Arts – Ronda reported that everything is going well for the Hendricks County pilot program of this event. Marie Kirkeiner is heading this event up and she is very organized. They think they might have 40-50 student entries. She is hoping that it will be very successful. Ronda suggested that all students have their artwork evaluated by an art teacher before submission.

Virginia Kleeberg will send an addendum to the Handbook because a few errors were found. Please look for that email soon.

A motion to adjourn was made by Catherine Kling. The meeting ended at 5:00 PM.

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Lisa P. Cremer