

Indiana Arts Festival  
Board Meeting  
May 31, 2024

The IAF Board of Directors met on Friday, May 31, 2024 at the IUPUI campus Informatics Building. Those in attendance were: Karri York, Ronda Rosenbaum, David Mannell, Lisa Cremer, Sayuri Guelce, Virginia Kleeberg, Paula Alles, Melanie Edling, Debbie Griswold, Stephen Gruoner, Marta Hassfurder, Ginny Jones, Catherine Kling, Carolyn Lorenzoni, Ronda Rosenbaum, Andrea Schweizer, Anna Stumpf, Deena Talbert, Juanna Uhrich.

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

Carolyn Lorenzoni gave the invocation. Members helped themselves to a lovely dinner provided by IAF before the meeting started.

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

David Mannell reported on the treasury. There was an increase in festival participation in 2024. All festivals have paid their state fees at this time. IAF took in \$30,000.00. Only \$22,000.00 was spent. There will be another 5-6,000.00 of expenses going out for the state event. Catherine Kling moved to approve the treasurer report. Ronda Rosenbaum seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Anna Stumpf presented the investment report. She explained the handout that was provided. IAF did not take out the full amount of the monies from our two investment accounts. They took a more conservative approach. The market is strong at this time and our investments are very robust. David Mannell moved to accept the investment report. Catherine Kling seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Sayuri Guelce presented on State the Honors Recital. This year, information on the days events, rules and times were sent directly to the parents. Next year, the committee will be sure to copy all participating teachers as well. One area had two students not registered because they did not use the website properly. Those students were added to the schedule for the next day. There was a demonstration on how to use the website properly for local playoffs and then selecting the winners for state. (this demonstration occurred at the festival chair meeting) Sayuri also shared that students were going to be given the option to be in the photos for the website. If a parent did not want their child to appear on the .org website, they could simply step out of the photo taking.

Lisa Cremer reported on the website. Virginia and Lisa will contact Philip regarding a few changes that need to be made. One change is that when a festival deadline occurs, there are no more additions or subtractions being made by teachers. The other is that a report should be generated the day after state honors recital registration deadline to the chairs so they are sure that all of their entries are in the system.

Marta Hassfurder presented the bylaws and standing rules changes/additions. New members may join at any time. Catherine Kling moved David Mannell seconded. All in favor. The next change is in regards to the state playoff. Teachers may not adjust the judges schedule directly with the judge. If they do so, their students will not be able to participate in the next year. Catherine Kling moved to make this change. David Mannell seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Lisa Cremer reported that 7 students applied for the Sweeney Award. Two of them had teachers with no affiliation to IAF. Catherine Kling moved that the Sweeney Award would only be given to teachers that hold membership to IAF. Ronda Rosenbaum seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The Katherine Guillaume flute award states that a teacher may be an IAF member or Friends of the Arts. The board decided not to change the requirements for this award due to the low number of applicants.

Catherine Kling presented on the Newsletter. There have been two issues so far. Catherine asked for the deadlines for submission to be changed so that they do not fall in tandem with fall and spring breaks. The deadline for fall newsletter is Oct. 11, 2024 and for the spring newsletter, it will be April 3, 2025.

Visual Arts committee report was presented by Ronda Rosenbaum. Hendricks County was the beta test site. They tested one medium – drawings. Sayuri passed out the requirements and rubric that they created. All festivals will be able to add this event for 2025. Live drawings can be presented at the festival. The judge should judge the art prior to the actual festival. Hendricks County will Beta Test another medium next year.

David Mannell presented the requirements for the Ronda Rosenbaum Continuing Education Scholarship. This scholarship is for adult members that would like to further their education. A 100.00 IAF award with a possible 100.00 matching award from a private donor will be awarded one time each year. The requirements will be posted on the .org website and google form will be created for application.

Lisa Cremer read the Composition Report from Sara Kreilein. Marta Hassfurther inquired about the monetary awards for Composition. The same amounts are awarded as poetry and essay. Composition requires a more time and effort and Marta suggested that the composition awards be increased. Marta moved that we increase to 50.00 for grades 1-3, 75.00 for grades 4-6, 100.00 for grades 7-9 and 125.00 for grades 10-12. She also moved to remove the application fee. Andrea Schweizer seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Catherine Kling reported on essay and poetry. The comment about the formatting errors that many students received and did not understand had to do with single spacing. All essays should be double spaced. Catherine would like to have access to all of the student's information in order to send congratulatory notices and checks. *"Communicating Through Music"* will be the 2025 Theme. Discussion was held on the theme and did it have to be a music theme. Most people like the idea keeping it with music for now.

Catherine Kling moved to remove the language in the standing rules regarding bonding for the state festival chair. The state festival chair no longer handles monies. Ronda Rosenbaum seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The Scholarship Chair and Parliamentarian positions are open. Catherine Kling offered to be Parliamentarian when she is present at the meeting. IAF would be willing to make this a co-chair position. If anyone is available to take either of these positions, please contact Karri York.

David Mannell and Lisa Cremer were voted in for another two-year term in their current positions of Secretary and Treasurer.

The meeting was adjourned. Members then assembled welcome bags for the students.

Submitted by,

Lisa P. Cremer