

**Colorado ASTA with NSOA**  
**Minutes of January 20, 2006 General Membership Meeting**

1. Introductions:
  - Members in attendance approximately 35
  - The youngest member in attendance was 10-week old Connor, Margaret Berg's son
2. Approval of minutes from November 5<sup>th</sup> meeting:
  - Approved with few amendments and spelling correction
  - The minutes are available on the website
3. Upcoming Events:
  - a. All-State Orchestra, February 9-11, 2006
    - \*Report by Nancy Allwein
    - \*This year's director, Steven Amundson, is from St. Olaf's College
    - \*Mindy Loewen is the new southern governor
    - \*Goal of having program for 2007 picked by May so excerpts can be posted online
    - \*Larry Livingston from California will be directing in 2007
  - b. Sixth Annual Viva la Viola Day, April 15, 2006
    - \*Peter Slowik from Oberlin College is the special master class clinician
    - \*Handouts were distributed at the meeting.
    - \*Contact Margaret Miller for more information [margarem@adelphia.net](mailto:margarem@adelphia.net)
  - c. National ASTA Conference, March 9-11, 2006
    - \*Margaret Berg asked for volunteers attending from the Colorado Chapter to preside at sessions
    - \*Mike Nelson is in charge of compiling the CO State basket for the auction. Items included thus far include donated hotel rooms, scarves, music, and a Felder book
  - d. CSU/CASTA Conducting Symposium, July 18-19, 2006
    - \*Location will be the Denver School of the Arts
    - \*Brochures available and distributed at the meeting
    - \*Steve McNeal encouraged everyone to attend and take advantage of the valuable resource we have in Wes Kenney
    - \*More information is available on the website [www.CSUMusic.com](http://www.CSUMusic.com)
  - e. CASTA Middle School Camp, August 2-5, 2006
    - \*Brochures are now available for the camp
    - \*Students can register on the website
    - \*Steve McNeal will be the orchestra director
    - \*There are 2 full scholarships available to students
    - \*Encourage high school students interested in Music Education to apply as student interns
  - f. CASTA/CBA Summer Conference, July 20-21, 2006
    - \*The site is not yet finalized; options still include Rock Canyon High School and Cherry Creek High School
    - \*The invited clinician is Carrie Lane Gruselle
    - \*Sessions planned thus far include a vibrato panel, breathing, cello technique, and conducting

\*Please give any additional ideas to Andrea Meyers

g. 2006 CO Solo Competition, Fall 2006

\*Gail is chairing the event with Andrea Meyers

\*The committee is working on establishing criteria

\*The primary purpose will be to send a soloist to the National ASTA Conference every other year

\*The competition will get non-orchestra string teachers more involved in the chapter

\*Private teachers run most states, Colorado is an exception. There are about 50 private teachers that are members in Colorado

\*Questions to ponder:

1. Do we cover the expense to send a kid to National?

2. Do we give 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize?

3. Do we do first round by tape and 2<sup>nd</sup> by live audition?

4. What age? Just high school? Or include college?

5. Do students need to be involved with their school orchestra?

\*Winner would need to prepare for Albuquerque in 2007

4. President's Report

Please complete ballot for President Elect and Secretary if you have not already done so  
CASTA Handbook is being updated and sent to the national office, board members will receive a revised handbook

Contact the national office if you have had any changes in your contact information during the last year. You can make changes online at [www.astaweb.org](http://www.astaweb.org)

5. President-Elect's Report

Thank-yous to Margaret Berg for her hard work as president and to Fred Jewell as newsletter editor

Information about CASTA Summer Conference

Invitation to contact her with any ideas and suggestion you have for the next 2 years

6. Treasurer's Report

\$1500 in the scholarship fund

\$6300 in the general fund however CBA has not yet been paid for the summer 2005 conference

7. Old Business

a. Gail Sindelar's orchestra will be performing at the National Orchestra Festival at the National ASTA Conference in March. Gail had requested the CASTA consider making a contribution in support of their performance at the festival. There was a motion by Margaret Berg for \$200 towards a student scholarship. The motion passed.

b. In regards to the monetary request above it was decided by the membership that it needed to be on record that CASTA is not a blank check for school trips. There may be consideration for such large-scale events as National ASTA.

b. Margaret Berg is requesting that CASTA fund her registration fee to attend the National ASTA Conference. (Last year, CASTA did not fully fund her expenses to attend the Conference/Leadership Summit as specified in the handbook). Approved

c. Andreas Meyers has requested that CAST fund her trip to the National ASTA Conference to attend the Leadership Summit. According to the handbook, CASTA

reimburses the president's expenses to attend this event. Margaret Berg will not be attending the event this year. Approved

8. New Business and Announcements

\*Margaret Berg announced that CU Boulder has hired a new violin professor. Judith Ingolfsson will be joining the faculty in the fall.

\*Steve McNeal brought up the issue of the performance rotation of college and university orchestras at CMEA. He was instructed to direct questions to the University Council

\*Cameron Law and Susan Day requested that members bring instruments to their session

\*Andy Holmes announced that at the reading session there will be 28 string orchestra selections and 12 for full orchestra. The progressions will be from easiest to most difficult

\*For those staying through Saturday at the conference attendance was encouraged at the Colorado Springs Philharmonic Concert to hear Rachel Barton Pine as the soloist

\*Andy Holmes announced the Littleton Youth Orchestra program which consists of ½ orchestra experience and ½ quartet coaching

\*Edgar Meyer and Mike Marshall will be performing a benefit concert at Broomfield High School on March 3 at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$18 for students. There will be a lecture demonstration offered free of charge. Sam is trying to arrange for cooperate sponsorship to cover the performers fee

\*Mindy announced that Highland Etling will now publish Susan Day's music

\*Fort Collins Youth Orchestra is looking for young students. The pre-junior orchestra program will be doing a joint concert with the Laramie ensemble

\*Only Strings Attached: Concert on January 28 in Ft. Collins will include Penderski Threnody for the Victims of Hiroshima and Tchaikovsky Serenade for Strings