

Minutes of Colorado ASTA w/NSOA General Membership Meeting  
CASTA/CBA Conference (July 22, 2005)

1. Introductions
  - Approximately 36 members were present
2. Minutes from January/CMEA Conference Meeting approved
3. Upcoming Events
  - **CASTA Summer Camp** (August 3-6, 2005)
  
  - **Western States Honors Orchestra Festival** (November 3-5, 2005)
    - i. CD/Tape Deadline: September 23
  
  - **CMEA Conference** (January 19 – 21, 2005)
    - i. Featured Clinicians:
      - Dr. Brett Smith, sessions on cello pedagogy & aural skills development
      - Doris Gazda, sessions on musical performance
      - Ron Francois, session on techniques for memorization
      - Wes Kenney/Steve McNeal, session on conducting
      - Cameron Law/Susan Day, session on arranging
    - ii. CMEA Ensemble Selection Committee – Mindy Loewen (chair)
      - Thanks to everyone who helped listen to the tapes
  
  - **All-State Orchestra** (February 9-11, 2006) Nancy Allwein reporting
    - i. The guest conductors are Ida Steadman from El Paso and Steve Amundson from St. Olaf College
    - ii. Excerpts on the web-site, now 1 tape or CD per audition
  
  - **National ASTA Conference** (March 9-11, 2006; Kansas City, MO) Margaret Berg reporting
    - i. Early bird registration due: December 1
    - ii. National Orchestra Festival (at the conference)
    - iii. See handout for future conference, solo competition, NHSO dates!!
    - iv. CO teacher presentations/attendance
    - v. Thank you to Andrea and Nancy: Our 2005 State Basket earned the most money for ASTA!! The basket included Esterhazy wine, Colorado and Colorado College items.
    - vi. Send in suggestions for improvements to the conference by September 1.
  
  - Other 2005-2006 events?
    - i. Join introduced the student James from Palmer regarding “All-State with a Trip to Europe” (A Youth Orchestra organization, event occurs each summer)
4. President’s Report (Margaret Berg)
  - 2005 CASTA/CBA Conference: thank you Andrea Meyers!
  - 2006 National ASTA Conference: 3 CO presidors are needed
  - 2006 Solo Competition Chair: Margaret asked for volunteers
5. President-Elect’s Report (Andrea Meyer)
  - Advocating promoting “A Reflection of our Legacy”
  - E-mail information
  - Would like to see pictures of our outstanding teachers, etc. on the web
6. Past President’s Report
  - We have one past president that married when 98.5 and is now 101 years young

7. Treasurer's Report
  - Checking account \$6817.84, though there is money owed to CBA for the conference
  - Scholarship account \$1513.34
  - Four scholarships to CASTA camp
  
8. Editor's Report (Fred Jewell)
  - PLEASE update your contact information if you've moved or your email/phone has changed! (contact [www.astaweb.com](http://www.astaweb.com))
  - 2005-2006 newsletter deadlines: 9/1; 12/1; 5/1
  - Please share ideas with fellow teachers in the newsletter
  
9. CASTA Webmaster's Report
  - Andrea acknowledged Linda Johnson for her efforts as webmaster
  - Our email list is alphabetical by first name
  - Please submit pictures and notices of events
  - The goal is to share information and post job openings
  - There was a suggestion to refer graduating/moving students to the applicable ASTA State chapter
  - Barbara Riser suggested having private teachers listed on the website
  
10. Old Business
  
11. New Business / Announcements
  - Awards: Jim McNeal and Larry Lashley recommended for the Hall of Fame. Please be thinking of others to nominate for awards. Michelle Ewer encouraged us to look out for our organization
  - Brian Lewis will be giving a workshop in October
  - Michelle Ewer expressed concern of peers judging one another at large-group contests and discussion ensued. Are there enough judges out there? Is there a list of trained judges? (Gary Ambrosia can answer this and is willing to come in and train as well) The certificate does mean something. Steve McNeal doesn't believe we should judge one another. There is a financial concern of hiring out-of-state judges