

## **ARJE Minutes Record**

### **Arkansas Jazz Educators Winter Meeting Minutes Hot Springs Convention Center February 18, 2010**

President Larry Jones called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

The minutes were approved as distributed by Secretary Jackie Lamar.

Treasurer Warren Casey reported that ARJE had 17 paid members and 1 sponsor for 2009-2010. With income from the Jazz Tryout Music, the organization has a current balance of \$3,470.

Old Business:

All-State Jazz Student Meal

Vice President Todd Johnson reported that the meal organized for the All-State Jazz students on Wednesday, February 17 was a success. He was able to get sponsorship from the following businesses to pay for the student's meals at Brick House Grill: Amro Music, Arkansas School Band Service, Ron Brammer Fund-Raising, Cooper Band Instrument Repair, DSD Band Repair, Jon Ross Music, Terrific T's, Wally Fowler, Joe Kemp/Eagle Fundraising. Please extend your thanks to these groups for ARJE. By organizing this meal, the students were able to have additional rehearsal time.

Tax ID Number

Jackie Lamar reported that after conversations with Julia Reynolds of ASBOA that it would not be possible to link ARJE under the ASBOA organization and to use their tax ID number for banking purposes. Because of the cost, nothing has been done toward seeking 501c3 status. Some discussion was held about whether to affiliate with the Jazz Education Network. The cost is \$25 for chapter fee and \$10 for each member. After contacting JEN, they will not allow affiliates to use their tax I. D. number.

Web Site: [www.arjazzed.org](http://www.arjazzed.org)

Bill Halbrook reported that the web site has a calendar page for events. He requested that members send him any jazz concert, guest artist performance, or any jazz event that would be of interest to the membership so he can post it on the calendar. Send to [halbrook@zttotal.com](mailto:halbrook@zttotal.com)

New Business:

State Conference/Festival

Clay Hooten recommended having a State ARJE Conference in conjunction with a Jazz Festival. Discussion was held about various possibilities, to include working with the Hot Springs Jazz Festival (May 1 date) or other outdoor festivals. Lowell Cavender volunteered to host this event at Springdale. April 23, 2011 was recommended as a date. Lowell Cavender moved and Tracie Marlin seconded that this date be placed on the ASBOA Calendar at the beginning of the 2010- 2011 school year. Motion passed

All-State Jazz Etudes:

President Larry Jones reported that the chord changes had been chosen and recordings were scheduled for the All-State Jazz Etudes. The composers have been designated and will complete their etudes prior to ABA conference. Todd Johnson recommended that we eliminate the "region" and "all-state" portions from the etudes and compose starting with easier material and growing more difficulty. The each region can select which portion to hear for their tryout

level. A request was made to have the drum-set music more real-life situational with perhaps trading 4's or 8's for their improvisation portion.

ABA:

President Larry Jones announced that he had secured Alan Blalock for the ABA clinician.

Clay Hooton recommended that the schedule for ABA Clinics be modified so that the rhythm section instruments go first so they can be set up ahead of time and so that each instrument will have sufficient time for their clinic.

Todd Johnson will notify players for the ABA demonstration band. Attendance:

Todd Johnson, Clay Hooten, Tracie Marlin, Kevin D. Dunn, Gary Meggs, Alex Heikkila, Ron McHone, Bill Halbrook, Mike Johnson, Bill Rowan, Paul Taylor, Ron Horton, Tim Howe, Daniel Hodge, Don Bailey, Warren Casey, Alan Nesbitt, Cody Jernigan, Jackie Lamar, Larry Jones, and guest All-State Clinician Mike Vax.

Respectfully submitted, Jackie Lamar, Secretary

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## **Arkansas Jazz Educators Summer Meeting Minutes Fort Smith Convention Center July 28, 2010**

President Larry Jones called the meeting to order at 8:10 p.m.

Secretary Jackie Lamar circulated the minutes from the Winter Meeting. The minutes were approved as circulated.

Treasurer Warren Casey presented the treasurer's report. We have a balance of \$3,706. Due to our increased income from the audition music, the chapter needs to spend more money.

Guest Clinician, Larry Green of WhipLash Consultants of Iowa, was introduced to the membership. He will present a clinic on Friday evening with the ARJE demonstration band.

Old Business:

Jazz Festival: The date of April 23, 2010 was set at the Winter Meeting. Discussion was held regarding scope and location. Possible programming could include a preview of the tryout material, individual instrument masterclasses, improvisation masterclasses, an Intercollegiate Jazz Band, or having multiple college jazz bands participate. The festival would need to secure sanction from Arkansas Activities Association. Vice President Todd Johnson is chair of the committee to be assisted by Paul Taylor and Clay Hooton.

Tryout Material:

All Tryout Material composers and clinicians were thanked for their efforts preparing a successful tryout clinic. Discussion was held regarding comments about this year's music. President-Elect Ron Horton is chairing the committee for next year's tryout music. Gary Meggs and Warren Casey are assisting.

ABA Clinician:

Secretary Jackie Lamar agreed to chair a committee for securing the ABA Clinician for 2011. She requested input from the membership for what type of clinic they are interested in.

High School All-State Jazz meal:

Warren Casey sent thank-you letters and receipts to all the vendors who supported the High School All-State meal. Each had contributed \$60. The meal cost \$520. Because of the treasury surplus, Jackie Lamar moved and Todd Johnson seconded that ARJE pay half of this amount for 2011 so that we only have to request \$30 each from contributors. Motion passed. Todd Johnson reported that he had gotten verbal commitments from all of these vendors to support this for next year.

New Business:

Discussion was held regarding ways our surplus could be used. Suggestions included reimbursement of officers to attend state conferences. Commissioning a work for the All-State Jazz Band. Paying rhythm section players and a professional studio to record the tryout material background tracks.

Ron Horton moved and Warren Casey seconded that we pay to make a more professional recording for the tryout material. Motion passed.

Discussion was held regarding improving our image among the rest of the music education community. Suggestions included making college jazz ensembles more available to visit public schools.

Discussion was held regarding adjudication of All-Region and All-State Jazz Auditions. Since now anyone judging concert band contest must attend an adjudication workshop, we might explore that as an option for jazz tryouts.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Jackie Lamar, Secretary

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## **Arkansas Jazz Educators Summer Meeting Minutes Robinson Convention Center July 27, 2011**

President Ron Horton called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. The minutes from 2-17-2011 were approved as circulated.

Treasurer Robin Ratliff reported the balance as \$4,322.86, with our expenses for the last year as follows: \$300 for ABA booth, \$75 for All-State clinician's plaques, \$628 for ABA clinician 2010, \$750 for recording the tryout accompaniment tracks, \$553.83 for All-State High School student meals. The deposit from Jon Ross music for royalties on the tryout material was #3,175. Contributions toward the meal from various vendors defrayed most of the cost. Dues are due by October 1 and are \$25.00 for regular members \$100 for patrons. Dues are now payable to ARJE, but need to be sent to Robin Ratliff, Heber Springs Middle School, 1100 W. Pine St., Heber Springs, AR 72543

Volunteers were requested to work the booth: Cody Jernigan, Robin Ratliff, Lowell Cavender & Jackie Lamar.

### Old Business:

Thank you to Warren Casey, outgoing treasurer for over 25 years of work as Treasurer/ President for first the Arkansas Unit of IAJE and as treasurer for ARJE!!!!

Thank you's were given to Todd Johnson for organizing the reading band for the clinician and to all players for volunteering their time. The clinician is Denis DiBlasio, who will be demonstrating his new improvisation method book and companion big-band arrangements. The music will be available at Pender's Music. DiBlasio is a Yamaha clinician and Yamaha corporation contributed to his appearance and provided him with a baritone saxophone to use.

Due to the success of the high school meal, the reasonable price, and the contributions from exhibitors to fund it, the membership voted to continue the practice.

### New Business:

Todd Johnson informed the membership of a proposal to the ASBOA concerning changing the jazz tryout sight-reading and improvisation. This proposal was recommended "do not pass" from the ASBOA Jazz Committee and was subsequently defeated in the ASBOA meeting.

Also proposed to the ASBOA Jazz Committee and tabled for further review was to ask ARJE to provide ASBOA with 3 sets of jazz tryout music for rotation rather than a new set every year.

Much discussion ensued about the ramifications this would have to ARJE.

Discussion was also held concerning the use of Jon-Ross Publishing for the jazz tryout material. The membership voted to review this and look at opening the process up for bid again. The issues with getting the music out on time was raised again. President Horton and Secretary Lamar contacted Larry Norred of Jon-Ross Music following ABA and there were misunderstandings regarding the time-line of publication. The person that ARJE negotiated the original agreement with is no longer with Jon-Ross and Larry Norred did not have all of that information. He apologized for not getting the music available by ABA, but had not known that was the deadline.

Discussion was also held about hosting another festival. Todd Johnson said his was successful, even though there were only 3 bands. A host is needed, and a volunteer is needed.

Attendance: Ron Horton, Paul Taylor, John Jordan, Adam Coats, Michael Underwood, Gary Meggs, Michal Williamson, Cody Jernigan, Cheryl Dunn, Michale Copeland, Larry Jones, Kevin Dunn, Lowell Cavender, Robert Kloap, Alexander Michaels, Jackie Lamar

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Respectfully submitted, Jackie Lamar, secretary

## **Arkansas Jazz Educators All-State Meeting Minutes Hot Springs Convention Center February 16, 2012**

President-elect Todd Johnson called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m. due to the absence of President Ron Horton.

Minutes from the summer meeting were circulated by Secretary Jackie Lamar and were approved.

Treasurer Robin Ratliff made a financial report which was approved.

Greg Hoffman from Branson On-Stage Live made a presentation to the membership regarding high school jazz festivals. They are starting a jazz festival in Branson, MO that will involve a performance with or without adjudication. The festival will include clinics and the winners will be featured in a showcase prior to a "Branson On-Stage Live" show.

Clay Hooten moved to present Warren Casey with a plaque for 25 years of service to Arkansas IAJE/ARJE. Motion passed.

Jackie Lamar requested recommendations for Jazz Clinicians for ABA convention. These included C.E. Askew, Eric Richards, Jim Cullom, Tome Bones Malone, mark Taylor and Allen Baylock.

ARJE Jazz Festival: Clay Hooten of Dardanelle High School volunteered to host the festival on April 21st in conjunction with the Dardanelle River Festival.

Audition Music: ASBOA has requested the ARJE develop 3 permanent sets of jazz tryout material that can be rotated, rather than composing new music every year. President Ron Horton and President Todd Johnson have been working on this project and presented a potential set for 2012-2013 which was reviewed by the ASBOA Jazz Committee and approved. Composers of etudes will be contacted to make any necessary changes to follow the recommendations of the ASBOA committee. Ron Horton has volunteered to work with Jon-Ross Music to meet the deadline of having the music ready prior to ABA. He has also engaged a recording company and rhythm section to record the back-ground tracks. The ABA clinics on the tryout material will not be recorded or included in this packet to expedite getting the material ready on time.

Members in attendance: Kevin Dunn, Robin Ratliff, Grant Harvison, Brenda Harbison, Don Bailey, Cody Jernigan, Clay Hooten, Lowell Cavender, Ron McHone, Larry Jones, Chuck Booker, Logan Smith, Todd Johnson, and Jackie Lamar  
Respectfully Submitted, Jackie Lamar, Secretary

## **Arkansas Jazz Educators All-State Meeting Minutes Hot Springs Convention Center July 25, 2012**

President Todd Johnson called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. Former President, Ron Horton, has resigned his office due to his move to Pennsylvania and according to the IAJE Constitution, the President-Elect assumes the office of President if the President can no longer serve. Minutes from the All-State meeting were circulated by Secretary Jackie Lamar and were approved.

Treasurer Robin Ratliff sent the financial report which showed a balance of \$5,450.13. Total income since the February meeting was \$395 from dues and sponsors for the jazz dinner. Expenses were \$2,073.30 for All-State dinner, clinician's meal & plaque, IAJE Jazz Festival expenses, 2012-2013 All-State Etude Recordings and the ABA booth.

Todd Johnson opened the meeting by thanking the clinicians who presented for the All-State Tryout Material sessions at ABA: Nick Williams, Michael Johnson, Carl Mouton, Adam Coats, Gary Meggs, Cody Jernigan, Mike Underwood, and Jackie Lamar. He also thanked Vice President Mike Underwood for organizing the ARJE reading band and Jackie Lamar for arranging for the clinician, Dr. Eric Richards of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln School of Music.

Old Business: Completion of the project to present Warren Casey with plaque for his many years of service to the organization. Robin Ratliff will search his records to see when he began as an officer and order the plaque to be presented at All-State 2013.

New Business: Audition Music: Todd Johnson presented copies of the proposed next 2 sets of All-State Jazz Audition Music and requested that the membership examine them and write in their suggestions for improvement. The materials will be at the ARJE booth during the rest of the ABA convention for examination. Several in attendance had suggestions for improvement. The etudes will be edited and/or re-written to reflect the suggestions of the membership and will be complete by the All-State convention. An executive decision was made to not record the demonstration clinics at this year's ABA. After all three sets of audition music are set, the issue will be brought before the membership to see if that is a project the organization would like to pursue in the future. The reason for the decision was to expedite publication of the material and because the previous recordings were done in a less than ideal live situation.

Clay Hooten reported on Jazz Festival 2012. This event was held in downtown Dardanelle in conjunction with their community's River Festival. He thanked Mike Underwood for serving as judge/clinician and the schools which participated. The format was to give each group 45 minutes to play. The first 3 tunes were adjudicated and the rest of the time was "free-style". In addition to the high school groups, there were two colleges and one semi-professional group that performed in exhibition. ARJE paid for expenses of \$431.90 for awards and services.

The mayor of Dardanelle attended and is encouraging our collaboration for 2013. The date for 2013 is April 26-27, and Clay wants to expand to 2 days. He will be signing up bands at the ARJE Booth. Contact Clay Hooten at Dardanelle High School for more information. Web site: If anyone has dates of concerts or other jazz events that would be of interest to the entire membership, please contact our web master, Bill Halbrook on the organization's web site: <http://www.arjazzed.org/> and he will post your event on the calendar.



UCA announced September 26th performance of Delfeayo Marsalis with the UCA Jazz Ensembles in Reynolds Performance Hall, 7:30 p.m., free admission, and Sunday, September 30 Preservation Hall Jazz Band, 3:00 p.m. Reynolds Performance Hall, tickets are \$30-\$50, available at <http://uca.edu.ticketforce.com/eventperformances.asp?evt=109>.

UAM announced that for summer of 2013, the UAM Jazz Camp will offer scholarships to All-State Students.

UAFS announced its jazz camp for summer of 2013.

Volunteers for working the booth were assigned.

Dues of \$25 are due by October 15th and payable to Arkansas Jazz Educators. Send to: Robin Ratliff, ARJE Treasurer Heber Springs Middle School 1100 W. Pine St. Heber Springs, AR 72543

Members in attendance: Adam Coats, Adam Gooden, Chuck Booker, Traci Marlin, Cody Jernigan, Clay Hooten, Becky Cavender, Lowell Cavender, James Pianalto, C. E. Askew, Ron Lewis, Stan Hall, John Wilkerson, Leah Jones, Brenda Harbison, Grant Harbison, David Stankiewicz, Michael Copeland, Kevin Dunn, Daniel Williams, Michael Tucker, Jordan Tucker, Logan Smith, Todd Johnson, Jackie Lamar  
Respectfully Submitted, Jackie Lamar, Secretary

## **Arkansas Jazz Educators Spring Meeting Minutes, 2-14-2013**

President Todd Johnson called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m.

The minutes from the summer meeting were approved as distributed by Secretary Jackie Lamar

Treasurer's report: \$5,040.45 balance was reported by Robin Ratliff.

President Todd Johnson solicited helpers for the All-State Jazz Concert, as he was ill and needed to go home.

Officer Elections: The following slate of officers was nominated for the 2013-2015 biennium:

President: Clay Hooten, Dardanelle

President Elect: Mike Underwood, UALR

Vice President: Adam Coats, Fort Smith

Treasurer: Robin Ratliff (Heber Springs Junior High) Secretary: Grant Harbison, West Memphis

Past President: Todd Johnson, Conway

A ballot will be circulated electronically to all active members on May 15 to be returned by May 30. Officers will begin their terms at the ABA Convention in July. Current officers will continue to serve until the convention.

Old Business: Todd Johnson gave a report on the ASBOA Jazz Committee, for which he also serves as chair. The dinner ARJE arranged for the All-State Jazz students was successful again, giving the students a shorter dinner break and more rehearsal time. Sponsors provided the bulk of the cost of providing the meal.

New Business: ABA Clinicians: The following names were suggested for ABA Jazz Clinicians: Victor Lopez, Kris Berg, Jose Diaz, Ron Carter, and Peter BarenBregge. Robin Ratliff volunteered to secure the clinician for ABA.

Todd Johnson presented the report on the 2013-2014 All-Region/All-State Jazz Audition Music. The change of scales was approved by ASBOA and will use swing feel and style of articulations.

Scale sheets are being prepared. Larry Nored is preparing the edits for the material and will get the music prepared on time. Clay Hooten volunteered to set up the recording for demonstration tracks.

Clay Hooten gave a report on the ARJE Jazz Festival. Due to the success of 2012's festival, it will be expanded to two days, April 26-27 at the Dardanelle City Park. He requested ARJE fund \$300 for certificates and mileage for the guest artists. Motion passed.

A reminder that dues are \$25 per year (\$100 for patrons) and are payable at ABA, with a deadline of October 1. Late payment of \$5 will be assessed if turned in after Oct. 1.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Attendance: Paul Taylor, Cody Jernigan, Grant Harbison, Brenda Harbison, Katrina Struckman,

Adam Gooden, Adam Coats, Clay Hooten, Stan Hall, Michael Williamson, Jackie Lamar, Todd Johnson.

Respectfully submitted, Jackie Lamar, secretary

**ARJE Minutes Summer Meeting ABA Conference, Little Rock Robinson Convention Center  
July 31, 2013**

President Clay Hooten called the meeting to order at 5:04 pm.

Minutes from the spring meeting were circulated by Jackie Lamar, former secretary, and were approved by the membership.

Thanks were given to Dr. Lamar for serving as secretary. Thanks were also given to Todd Johnson for organizing the clinics today as well as to all those who presented.

Robin Ratliff made the financial report, which was approved.

Old Business

Producing Set I Music – Todd Johnson discussed how the sets have been produced, as well as the future of the two sets.

Mr. Johnson also discussed the “Key Centers” initiative on the ASBOA General Ballot, which would go into effect in 2014-2015.

There was a discussion about the legality of placing the original titles of the charts on the Etudes that the All-State Etudes are a contrafact of.

President Clay Hooten suggested recommendations for clinicians for the next ABA. These names included Alan Baylock, Jeff Helmer, Tony Baker, Dr. Bill Prince, Ron Carter and Dave Steinmeyer.

New Business

The ARJE Jazz Festival Report was made by Clay Hooten. He reported the Clinton Foundation would like to partner with the Festival. Tentative sites discussed were in Dardanelle and at the Clinton Presidential Library, with both sites being outdoors. The Clinton Foundation would like to do statewide advertising as well as bring in an International Jazz Artist. Currently there were 22 possible participants for the Jazz Festival. This would be a 2 day event, with both sites operating both days. Dates are April 25&26, 2014.

An announcement was made about the 2nd Annual El Dorado Jazz Festival on April 5th. This is a non-competitive festival, but there are caption awards.

The participants of the reading band were thanked, as well as Michael Underwood for recruiting the band.

The Percussionist members formed a committee regarding the All-State Jazz Music.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:46

The following members were in attendance:

Justin Anders, C.E. Askew, Chuck Booker, Kevin Dunn, Brice Evans, Bobby Hagler, Brenda Harbison, Grant Harbison, Clay Hooten, Cody Jernigan, Todd Johnson, John Kloap, Rob Kloap, Jackie Lamar, Tracie Marlin, Alexander Michaels, James Pinalto, Robin Ratliff, Josh Ray, John Wilkerson, Daniel Williams, Nick Williams, and Michael Williamson

Respectfully Submitted, Grant W. Harbison, Secretary

## **ARJE Spring Meeting Minutes Arkansas All-State Hot Springs Convention Center 2/20/14**

4:45 pm President Clay Hooten called the meeting to order

Treasurer Robin Ratliff presented the treasurer's report, which was accepted. He also mentioned thanking the people during the concert who donated to the Jazz Dinner. Secretary Grant Harbison presented the minutes for the previous meeting on July 31st, which were accepted.

Old Business

Adopting New Jazz Sets

Keith Matthews is finalizing the "key centers" to go to the publisher. President Hooten, with the assistance of the membership, is finalizing Set I changes for the publisher.

Set I should be available May 2014 for the ASBOA membership to review and vote on at the

ABA general meeting. Note all 3 sets will be on the ballot as one item. It will pass or fail as one initiative.

If the Sets are adopted, recording could begin in August 2014 on Set I, producing one set per year.

The recording sessions will be in 1 hour blocks and etudes will be recorded in sections, instead of the entire etude.

There was a discussion about the copyright legality of the following situation: If a director has purchased a set of music, but is missing a few pages of that set, could those few pages be given to the director without having to buy the set again?

Treasurer Ratliff asked about the process of collecting money from the proceeds of the All-State Jazz Music sales from PDF Band. Money has not been collected since July 2011.

Jazz Festivals

President Hooten announced the ARJE Jazz Festival is April 25th and 26th. The festival will be held simultaneously at the Clinton Presidential Library and in

Dardanelle. It will run from 3-8 on Friday and 3-9 on Saturday. Tom "Bones" Malone is the guest artist.

There was a vote to spend approx. \$205 to finalize Mr. Malone's airfare. The vote passed.

President Hooten thanked Conn Selmer for donations and UAM, who will be providing for Mr. Malone while he is here.

Alexander Michaels spoke about the 2nd Annual Eldorado Jazz Festival on April 5th. The dates for the 2015 festival have been set and the Maniacal 4 are the headlining artists.

New Business

President Hooten suggested a mentoring system that would serve our state by starting Jazz bands and coaching directors who are new to Jazz. One suggestion for this was to present at the New Director's Social at ABA and then get them in contact with an ARJE member near them.

Treasurer Ratliff asked about the possibility of posting video clinics on the All-State Jazz material that would be posted to the ARJE website.

Cody Jernigan suggested sending a survey to ASBOA about what they would like to see in Jazz clinics at ABA.

Nominations were taken for ABA clinicians. Names included Alan Baylock, Miles Osland, Mike Medrick, Tony Baker, Kris Berg, and to email Pete Barrenbregge for recommendations. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30

Members in attendance were: Don Bailey, Ken Carroll, Adam Coats, Grant Harbison, Clay Hooten, Cody Jernigan, Todd Johnson, Robert Kloap, Jackie Lamar, Tracie Marlin, Alexander Michaels, Robin Ratliff, Etta Jo Robbins, Katrina Struckman, and Paul Taylor  
Respectfully submitted, Grant Harbison, Secretary

