

# NEW JERSEY MUSIC ADMINISTRATORS' ASSOCIATION

**NJMAA General Membership Meeting**  
**Friday, October 6, 2006**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**Rutgers Club, New Brunswick**  
**Minutes**

## Welcome and Introductions

## I. Reports

### **President's Report** – Tom Maliszewski

- Thanked Joe Akinskas and Dave Weintraub for their past service to the organization.
- Welcomed input for future endeavors to get more people involved in our organization.
- “Looking forward to a great year!”

### **Treasurer's / Membership Chair's Report** – Peter Griffin

- We are in transition with transferring accounts and updating treasury information.
- 23 Paid members for 06-07 at this point.
- \$1596.09 in the till

### **Secretary's Report** - Linda King

- President's letter and flyer went out; only one returned but address was corrected and resent.
- Welcome letter from our organization is in the October *Tempo* Issue.
- Next *Tempo* will have an additional ad: “Who's Your Boss?” to reach administrators who may supervise music teachers, but not necessarily be certified in that area.
- Asked for assistance with regards to music and art rooms vs. ‘on the cart’ in the elementary schools.

### **Urban Issues** –

#### **Leadership Conference** – Nick Santoro

- October 19, 20, 21 – Conference on Urban Issues (Multicultural) in Milwaukee
- Check website for further information.

#### **Outreach** – Bob Pispecky

- Urban issue occurring in North Plainfield – The district applied for an “IDEAL” grant from the state to improve language arts scores. This is making an impact on how much time students participate in the arts. There is also an “IDEAL” grant that may be received for Math instruction. (120 minute blocks of time in which students will not be pulled out for any other subjects: e.g. gym, art, music, etc). East Brunswick has been dealing with this issue and may be a resource for information on how to work around the block of time and still provide a beneficial ‘arts’ education.
- Members were asked to email Linda King with updates on how they are dealing with this issue. She will then forward info to the general membership for ongoing dialogue.

### **NJMEA News** – Joe Akinskas

- National Anthem Road Show – still looking for performing groups to participate. Contact Rachel Townsley (Rtownsley at menc.org) Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> at Camden Aquarium, and Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> at Liberty State Park.
- NJMEA – implementation of Strategic Plan – Three areas we are looking for assistance: Business Efficiency, Member Services, and Advocacy.
- We need to get our staff involved with these wonderful organizations (MENC & NJMEA).

### **Collegiate MENC** – John Iatesta

- Leadership changes every year as well as student advisory people;
- Need to make connections with the colleges;
- “Students don’t know, what they don’t know”
- We need to look for ways to support and inform, in addition to our organization’s conferences.

## II. Old Business

### Leadership Initiative Update – Bob Frampton

- Last June – held 1<sup>st</sup> leadership workshop;
- Next meeting – Next weekend (Parsippany) October 14<sup>th</sup>.
- This initiative helps with leadership issues in the arts. We are looking to assist new leaders who will be replacing us in the future.

\*\* A public “thank you” by Ron Dolce from Rahway, for the June session at Lincoln Center.

## III. New Business

### Check website for Inclement Weather Cancellations (usually posted by 5am)

### Rutgers Club Lunch Protocol – John Iatesta

- Anyone that would like to stay for lunch needs to contact John two weeks before the meeting date so that the Rutgers Club has enough notice to prepare. Having so many events that take place at this establishment requires us to plan early.

### NJMEA Conference – Bob Frampton

- Breakfast meeting on Friday morning
- Sessions – Transitioning / Turn around Teaching
- Job Fair – Jim Sheeley
- If anyone has ideas on a presentation(s), please let us know for future planning.

### Up-Coming Events

- Urban Music Leadership Conference (October 19-22, 2006, Milwaukee, WI)
- NJMEA Conference (February 22-24, 2007, East Brunswick, NJ)
- MENC Eastern Division Conference (March 8-11, 2007, Hartford, CT)

## IV. Main Topic

### A Comparative Analysis of Observation Instruments

Bob Frampton, Facilitator

- Everyone was asked to come with copies of their own observation instruments to share.
- Roundtable discussion on the various kinds of instruments from district to district.

## V. Roundtable / Other

- Congratulations to the Bridgewater-Raritan Marching Band who swept the categories in their competition in Ohio!
- Please spread the word about our organization; we would like to increase our membership and welcome those who may be supervising the arts, but not necessarily be certificated in one of the areas.

## Next Meeting:

“The Survey Says...”  
 Bob Morrison from the “Music for All Foundation”  
 Friday, December 1, 2006  
 The Rutgers Club

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## **Welcome and Introductions**

## **I. Reports**

### **President's Report – Tom Maliszewski**

- Welcome to everyone; exciting meeting for today; moved right on to membership

### **Treasurer's / Membership Chair's Report – Peter Griffin**

- \$1885.85 in account; 33 paid members

### **Secretary's Report - Linda King**

- Tempo Article went in for January as well as the “Who’s Your Boss?” ad.
- Any other info for Tempo, or if you have any ideas on how to increase membership, please send your ideas to Linda via email: lking@westfieldnj12.org

### **Urban Issues - Bob Pispecky**

- Current Plan in North Plainfield (to increase test scores): Double Math, Language Arts, and Science – **NO** electives for freshman. Next year it will be expanded to sophomores as well.
- “Ideal Grant” – is decimating the arts in schools. While it increases academic time, it takes ‘that time’ away from the arts.
- Not one bit of research that says increased academics benefits any program. If your district goes down this path, ask them for the research that says it will work.

### **NJMEA/ Higher Ed. News – Joe Akinskas**

- In Joe’s absence, Tom gave an update on how our influence has helped students who became teachers and are currently up and running in our field.

### **NJMAA Archives/Collegiate MENC – John Iatesta**

- In John’s absence, Tom informed everyone that John is working hard at archiving all our material from previous years onto a CD.

### **Leadership Initiative Update – Bob Frampton**

- Will continue providing training and info for upcoming teachers/leaders (people skills).
- Next session is March 24<sup>th</sup> (Tentatively @ PSA)

## **II. Old Business**

### **Check website for Inclement Weather Cancellations (usually posted by 5am)**

### **NJMEA Conference – Bob Frampton**

Breakfast meeting

Sessions – Transitioning / Turn around Teaching

Job Fair – Jim Sheeley

### **III. New Business**

#### **Suggestion to change general meeting time – membership**

- Consider moving the meeting time up to 9:30 with hospitality at 9:00am.
- Linda will email everyone asking for their preference (9:30 or 10:00am).
- Anyone who wants to become a member of our board, we would love to have you. Please let us know if you have any interest.

#### **Up-Coming Events**

NJMEA Conference (February 22-24, 2007, East Brunswick, NJ)

MENC Eastern Division Conference (March 8-11, 2007, Hartford, CT)

### **IV. Main Topic**

“The Survey Says ...”

Bob Morrison from the “Music For All” Foundation  
shares results of the NJ Arts Survey

Nick Santoro, Facilitator

- Thank you Nick for facilitating and thank you Bob Morrison for your thorough presentation.
- We look forward to the final report in January (it will be available on line).

### **V. Roundtable / Other**

#### **Next Meeting:**

“Combined Music and Art Administrators Discuss Common Concerns”

Friday, February 2, 2007

The Rutgers Club

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**NJMAA General Membership Meeting  
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## **Welcome and Introductions**

### **I. Reports**

#### **President's Report – Tom Maliszewski**

- Any ideas/topics to present at the convention, please contact us.

#### **Treasurer's / Membership Chair's Report – Peter Griffin**

- \$2,015.78 – Balance; 38 Paid Members

#### **Secretary's Report - Linda King**

- No Report

#### **Urban Issues - Bob Pispecky**

- No Report at this time

#### **NJMEA/ Higher Ed. News – Joe Akinkas**

- Conference is coming up at the end of this month and is action-packed;
- Rock-a-Pella is the entertainment at the Convention

#### **NJMAA Archives/Collegiate MENC – John Iatesta**

- Working on archiving our NJMAA information
- Exciting meeting at Kean – 2/3/07

#### **Leadership Initiative Update – Bob Frampton**

- Targeting young teachers; Next meeting - March 24<sup>th</sup> – at NJPSA

#### **Advocacy – Donna Serio, Nick Santoro**

- NJ Arts Education Partnership – Calendar for **ALL** arts events in **EVERY** district:  
[www.artsednj.com/calendar](http://www.artsednj.com/calendar)  
Click on “add event” and fill out the form. It will be sent to state legislators so that they are aware of everything that is going on around the state. Please add all that you can to this calendar.
- Survey results – not sure of where we are in the process of reporting the results.

### **II. Old Business**

#### **Fire code Issues –**

- The set ups for the Rutgers Club are dictated by fire code. We are not allowed to rearrange seating.

#### **NJMEA Conference (February 22-24, 2007, East Brunswick, NJ)**

##### **Job Fair – Jim Sheeley**

##### **Breakfast meeting -Tom Maliszewski, Joe Akinkas**

##### **Sessions – Tom Maliszewski, Bob Frampton**

- **Turn-around teaching** – Donna Serio
- **Transitioning** – John Iatesta

**Meeting times change request results** – Linda King

- An email was sent to the entire membership: 18 responded – 13 to keep as is; 3 to change to earlier time; 2 who would go either way.

**III. New Business**

**MENC Eastern Division Conference** - Joe Akinskas

- March 8-11, 2007, Hartford, CT

**June Luncheon** – Tom Mal

- If you have any ideas for the June Luncheon, please contact Linda (lking@westfieldnj12.org).

**IV. Main Topic**

**Combined Music and Art Administrators Discuss Common Concerns**

Joan Conway & David Weintraub

Facilitators

**V. Roundtable / Other**

**Next Meeting:**

“Higher Education Articulation”

Friday, April 13, 2007

The Rutgers Club

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**NJMAA General Membership Meeting**  
**Friday, April 13, 2007**  
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## **Welcome and Introductions**

## **I. Reports**

### **President's Report** – Tom Maliszewski

- Reviewed Job Fair topics and possible ideas for next year at the Days Inn.

### **Treasurer's / Membership Chair's Report** – Peter Griffin

- Balance: \$1761.22    40 Paid Members

### **Secretary's Report** - Linda King

- Tempo Article went in for May Issue
- Please email any topics of interest you would like included for next year NJMAA meetings (only 4 responded to the email survey)

### **Urban Issues** - Bob Pispecky

- NCLB and funding for the arts are topics on the forefront, no matter what district you are in.
- Doubling Language Arts & Math in some districts will ultimately devastate the arts.

### **NJMEA/ Higher Ed. News** – Joe Akinskas (absent)

### **NJMAA Archives/Collegiate MENC** – John Iatesta (absent)

- Anyone who could assist with archiving our material, it would be greatly appreciated.

### **Leadership Initiative Update** – Bob Frampton (absent)

### **Advocacy** – Donna Serio (absent), Nick Santoro

- Looking at Standards after the 5 year cycle. There will be an online site for information regarding lessons and how the standards tie in. In the future, teachers will be able to add on to the list of lessons and coordinating standards.

## **II. Old Business**

### **MENC Eastern Division Conference Recap** - Joe Akinskas (absent)

(March 8-11, 2007, Hartford, CT)

Pete Griffin spoke on behalf of Joe Akinskas:

- Eastern Division attendance was higher than last year. The team did a phenomenal job!
- Sessions were much improved and well attended. The concerts were amazing – one after the other!
- TR&R – scheduling conflicts still exist; hope to arrange something early next year.

### **June Luncheon Update** – Tom Mal

- June 1<sup>st</sup>, 11:30 hospitality, 12:00 lunch

Speaker - *Principal of the Year*, (former Fine Arts Supervisor), from East Brunswick – Robert Murphy

### **III. New business**

#### **Topics for 07/08 – Tom Mal**

- Please email any topic ideas for next year to Linda King: [lking@westfieldnj12.org](mailto:lking@westfieldnj12.org)

#### **February Conferences Ideas for 08 – Tom Mal – x board**

### **IV. Main Topic**

“Continuing The Higher Education Conversation”  
Expectations for prospective music majors and novice music educators.  
Facilitator – Nick Santoro

### **V. Roundtable / Other**

#### **Next Meeting:**

Annual Luncheon  
Friday June 1, 2007  
The Rutgers Club



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## NJMAA Annual Luncheon and General Meeting

Friday, June 1, 2007

11:30 a.m.

Rutgers Club, New Brunswick

Minutes

I. Networking and Attitude Adjustment (11:30)

II. Buffet Lunch (Noon)

III. Welcome, Introductions, Reports (12:45)

**President's Report** – Tom Maliszewski

- Pleased with the various events of the year.
- Looks like we may move to the Days Inn for future workshops with regards to MENC next year;
- If you have any ideas for future workshops, please let us know.
- Looking at a cruise for the end-of-year luncheon next year: Spirit of NJ/NY;
- May look to kick luncheon back 1 or 2 weeks for scheduling purposes.
- Continued thoughts and prayers for John Iatesta's wife and family.

**Treasurer's / Membership Chair's Report** – Peter Griffin

- Absent

**Secretary's Report** – Linda King

- Any info for Tempo October issue, please send it to me by July 1<sup>st</sup> :  
[lking@westfieldnj12.org](mailto:lking@westfieldnj12.org)

**Advocacy** – Nick Santoro & Donna Serio

- June 18th- release of NJ consensus report (Survey of the Arts)- NJN

**Urban Music** – Robert Pispcky

- June 4<sup>th</sup> meeting is cancelled.
- Next meeting will be October 1<sup>st</sup>.

**NJMEA** – Joe Akinskas

- NJ Teacher Retention Workshops will continue on to phase 2;
- Any other interests for Atlantic City Convention or MENC convention in February, please call Joe Akinskas.

IV. Main Topic - Special Guest Speaker:

**Robert Murphy - Principal of the Year – East Brunswick**

V. Roundtable / Announcements

**Next Meeting:**

Roundtable Discussion:

Articulation of Music Elective Feeder Programs  
Or  
*How do we keep them in Chorus, Orchestra and Band  
from elementary school until high school?*

Friday, October 5, 2007  
The Rutgers Club