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**Minutes of the
NBA Executive Committee Meetings
Chicago Hilton-NBA President's Suite
Tuesday, December 15, 2009
1:30-3:30 pm**

Meeting called to order at 1:30 pm by President John Culvahouse. Members in attendance: John Culvahouse, President; Bobby Adams, Immediate Past President and Acting Second Vice-President; and Linda Moorhouse, Executive Secretary-Treasurer.

Items of Business

NBA Foundation: President Culvahouse will oversee the formation of the NBA Foundation. He is in discussions with lawyers in addition to Joe Allison in Richmond, Virginia.

NBA Booth: Doug Phillips and Colleen Clark will set up and administer the booth once the Midwest Exhibits are open. Phillips has set the booth schedule for this year.

Young Composer/Conductor Mentor Projects: Both projects are set and ready to go in June. Applicants will be chosen in April.

Past President's Nomination Meeting: Linda Moorhouse reported that everything is set for the afternoon meeting. It will be held in the President's suite.

AWAPA Commission: Chairman Bob Foster announced that all is set for Ray Cramer to be presented with the materials on Thursday evening. He also presented for nomination, James Croft. Motion made and approved. Bob also announced he will be resigning as AWAPA Chair after this year. President Culvahouse will move to fill the position before December.

Hall of Fame of Distinguished Conductors: Plans are set for Bill Moody and Frank Wickes to be inducted the first weekend in February 2010.

My College Options Survey: The Executive Committee decided to not pursue any more joint ventures after this year.

Merrill Jones Composition Contest: Frank Wickes reported that there was no winner this year and that the contest, which is

biennial, will run this next year. He also announced he will be stepping down as Chair of the Committee and suggested that Dennis Zeisler be appointed in his place.

Music Publications/Projects: (John) Cody Birdwell will help Randall Coleman take on the next phase of the Selective Music List. Jim Cochran has been added to the committee as an ad hoc member.

Constitution Committee: The chair of this committee is open and will be filled by President Culvahouse by December.

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm.

**Minutes of the
NBA Executive Committee Meetings
Hyatt McCormick Place
Meeting Suite #2
Wednesday, December 16, 2009
10:00 am - 3:00 pm**

Meeting called to order by President Culvahouse at 10:20 am. Executive Committee (EC) members in attendance: John Culvahouse, President; Paula Thornton, First Vice-President; Bobby Adams, Immediate Past President and Acting Second Vice-President; and Linda Moorhouse, Executive Secretary-Treasurer.

Minutes and Financial Report: Linda Moorhouse presented the minutes and financial report. Membership is down in the Student Member category. The account has approximately \$40,000 before 2009 Midwest expenses. She encouraged the EC to think about reserving funds for a new database, a website administrator, and office coordinator (subsidized in part right now).

Merrill Jones Contest: Frank Wickes, Chair, reported there were sixteen entries this year, but no winner was declared. There were very good compositions, however they were not suitable for the level of the contest. The Merrill Jones Committee recommended the contest be extended to the 2010 year (and not wait until 2011).

Officer Insurance: Paula Thornton reported she needs more time to investigate.

Dues Changes: Discussion ensued to revise

the following membership categories from the last discussion:

Individual: change from the proposed \$60 to \$55 / Spousal: no change from the recommended \$100 / Institutional: no change from the recommended \$75 / International: change from the proposed \$100 to \$75) / Canadian: eliminate this category (will use International category) / Corporate: no change from the proposed \$200 / Student: no change from the proposed \$15 / Life: will be granted/offered/continued only for Past-Presidents, Hall of Fame members, AWAPA members, and current life members.

International Conducting Symposium: The EC moved to table discussions since a detailed budget proposal was not submitted. David Gregory did ask for \$8,000 to be allocated to send two NBA members to Italy.

Constant Contact: No information was received or submitted for an update on this project.

Symphonic Band Camp: David Vandewalker will be asked to present to the Board of Directors more information on a possible 2011 event on President's Day Weekend.

New Membership Category: Bobby Adams stated his is committed to giving \$1,000 for this new project which would honor Past President Finley Hamilton. It would include a one-year membership to NBA (includes certificate and pamphlet on Finley). This category would be for new members only. Adams hopes to involve more Past President's in this project.

2010 Conn-Selmer Institute: John Culvahouse will travel to represent NBA this summer at this event. A travel allowance from NBA will be allotted for flight and housing.

NBA Honorary President: Upon approval from the EC, John Culvahouse polled the Past Presidents for their approval to grant Dr. John Long Honorary President status. Dr. Long will be presented a certificate at the NBA Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony in Troy, Alabama in February. It

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will be kept a secret until that time.

NBA Journal CD-Rom Project: John Culvahouse reported Mark Heidel has agreed to head up this project which includes turning all past NBA Journals into pdf files and storing them on an interactive CD-Rom.

Corporate Memberships: John Culvahouse will work to secure someone to head up a membership drive in this area.

Leadership Retreat: Discussion ensued about whether or not to have another summer retreat and when to have it. President Culvahouse will poll NBA Board members for their input. A final decision will be made in the summer.

NBA Clinic at Midwest Proposal: Linda Moorhouse suggested that the NBA Representatives submit a clinic proposal for next year's Midwest Clinic.

NBA on Powerpoint: John Culvahouse suggested NBA put together a powerpoint presentation on NBA for recruiting purposes. He will try to find someone to take on this project.

Conducting Symposium Grants: Discussion ensued about the money which has been traditionally set aside for the International Conducting Symposium be set aside for conducting symposiums in the states. With \$5,000 as seed money, this would pay for ten people at \$500 each if NBA were to pursue Conducting Symposium Grants. Criteria to be determined.

WASBE: John Culvahouse reported he talked to Susan Creasap regarding her concern about unkind remarks made about a composer (and NBA member) at the summer WASBE conference. She felt NBA should not partner with an organization that would condone such actions. Leon Bly talked to Culvahouse and expressed his wishes to continue to partner with NBA in future WASBE events.

NBA Mission Statement: Bill Moody was asked to rework/revise the NBA mission statement with the help of David Gregory.

NBA/Revelli Composition Contest: Chairman Terry Austin reported that there were 56 entries for the 2009 contest. The winner was John Mackey for *Aurora*

Awakes. Mackey will be present on Thursday at the General Membership Meeting to accept the \$4,000 prize.

AWAPA: Bob Foster, Chair, reported Dr. James Croft has been nominated by the AWAPA Committee to be the 2009 recipient. An EC motion was made to accept the report. Motion seconded and approved to accept Croft into the Academy. Foster also reported he will be stepping down as Chair of the AWAPA committee. President Culvahouse will appoint a replacement.

Meeting adjourned at 3:12 pm.

Minutes of the NBA Board of Directors Meeting McCormick Place West - CC11 Thursday, December 17, 2009 9:30-11:30 am

Meeting called to order by President John Culvahouse at 9:32 am.

Meeting called to order at 1:30 pm by President John Culvahouse. President Culvahouse explained the officer changes since the passing of Finley Hamilton (Paula Thornton moved to First Vice-president and John Culvahouse moved to President, and Bobby Adams assumed the duties of the Second Vice-President. Bob Hansbrough was publically thanked for his willingness to help with the State and Division Chair duties of the Second Vice-President position.

President Culvahouse then asked everyone to introduce themselves. Members in attendance: John Culvahouse (President), Bobby Adams (Immediate Past President and Acting Second Vice-President), Paula Thornton (First Vice-President), Linda Moorhouse (Executive Secretary-Treasurer), John Darling (Camper Citations Chair), Alan Clark (Jazz Chair), Susan Creasap (At-Large Representative), Steve Trull (Music Industry Chair), Andrea Strauss (At-Large Representative), Gary Sousa (College/University Representative), Tim Holton (Military/Professional Bands Chair), Scott Casagrande (High School Representative), Bob Hansbrough (Eastern Division Chair), Scott Rush (High School Representative), David Vandewalker (High School Representative), Stephen Long (Student Representative), Marcellus Brown (At-Large Representative), Tom Caneva (North

Central Division Chair), Roy Holder (High School Representative), Terry Austin (Revelli Contest Chair), Lisa Zemlock (Elementary/Middle School Representative), Scott Taylor (High School Representative), Doug Phillips (At-Large Representative), John Bolin (Community Bands Chair), Don Ryder (At-Large Representative), Rick Good (Southern Division Chair), and Randall Coleman (guest).

Minutes and Financial Report: Linda Moorhouse gave overviews of both reports which were distributed in hard copies. Motion made to accept (Holton) and seconded (Brown). Motion approved.

Paula Thornton thanked Doug Phillips for his help with the NBA Exhibit Booth. She also reported why she did not foresee a future position with NBA as her duties with the Midwest Clinic were increasing. She also asked the NBA Board for their input and suggestions about the Midwest Clinic for next year.

Selective Music List: John Culvahouse has asked Randall Coleman to serve as a Co-Editor of the Selective Music List and to work with (John) Cody Birdwell. Jim Cochran has also agreed to be an ad hoc committee member.

Military/Professional Bands: Tim Holton reported on the status of Military Bands. A new award will be made in Col. (Ret) Finley Hamilton's name. The John Philip Sousa Foundation will assist in the approval of candidates. This award will be for military bandsmen only. Please refer to his full report to be included the May 2010 *NBA Journal*.

Student News: Stephen Long reported on the NBA Facebook page he created. He will take pictures of NBA events at the Midwest Clinic and put on the facebook page.

Revelli Composition Contest: Terry Austin reported there were 56 entries for the 2009 contest. The announcement of the winner will be made at the General Meeting on Thursday evening.

NBA Symphonic Band Camp: David Vandewalker reported the high school representatives were proposing to hold a National Symphonic Band camp with a

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spring timeline. He is working to partner with a travel company and will report on his progress at a further date.

Discussion ensued with Marcellus Brown talking about a template to use for possible regional Symphonic Band Camps.

Music Camper Citations: John Darling presented his report to be included in the May 2010 *NBA Journal*.

Music Citations and Awards: Doug Phillips presented his report to be included in the May 2010 *NBA Journal*.

New Website: Scott Casagrande will investigate prices for a new website and yearly hosting fees.

Corporate Membership Drive: Marcellus Brown talked about his initiatives in trying to secure more members.

Discussion ensued with Steve Trull about the need for NBA to market its "brand" better. NBA needs a marketing campaign which reaches out to teachers and industry.

Susan Creasap suggested that NBA come up with a "slick looking" advertising-type card for the 2010 Midwest Clinic.

Research Grants: Susan Creasap reported there were two proposals submitted for 2009. They are included in her report in the 2010 May *NBA Journal*.

Mentor Project: Susan Creasap reported that not many people are taking advantage of the mentor program. Talk ensued about the NBA Facebook page and how this could be an even better tool to reach out to young teachers. John Culvahouse asked Susan Creasap, David Vandewalker and Stephen Long to develop a "mentor-type" section on the facebook page.

NBA Dues: President Culvahouse brought to the Board new changes to the proposed dues changes. Don Ryder made a motion to accept the changes as stated. Susan Creasap seconded. Motion approved.

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category (will use International category) / Corporate: no change from the proposed \$200 / Student: no change from the proposed \$15 / Life: will be granted/offered/continued only for Past-Presidents, Hall of Fame members, AWAPA members, and current life members.

Middle School Representative Report: Lisa Zemlock referred everyone to her article in the December 2009 *NBA Journal*.

Community Band Report: Dan Bolin remarked there was nothing to report at this time.

Merrill Jones Composition Contest: Frank Wickes reported that he will be stepping as chair of the committee and Dennis Zeisler will be taking his place. There was also no winner for the 2009 contest. Since there was no winner for the biennial contest, the Merrill Jones Committee recommended to make the contest available for 2010.

NBA Journal CD-Rom: John Culvahouse reported that Mark Heidel will coordinate this project which will take all of the NBA Journals and put them on a CD-Rom.

Col. (Ret) Finley Hamilton Honorary Membership: Bobby Adams reported he will fund 20 memberships for new members to join NBA.

Before the adjournment of the meeting, President Culvahouse announced the room change for the evening's General Membership Meeting (Hilton Continental Ballroom) and encouraged everyone to be in attendance.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

Minutes of the NBA State/Division Chair Meeting Hyatt McCormick Place West - CC 24 Thursday, December 17, 2009 1:30-3:00 pm

Meeting was called to order by President John Culvahouse. Members in attendance: Bob Hansbrough (Eastern Division), Rick Good (Southern Division), Corey Spurlin (Alabama), John Darling (North Dakota), Marcellus Brown (Idaho), Mickey Stisher (Indiana), Tom Caneva (North Central Division), Bill DeJournett (Mississippi), Brad McDavid (Northwest Division), Mike

Stewart (Tennessee), Walter Harley (Maryland), Randy Fillmore (Kansas), Gregory Cunningham (Michigan), Brian Dell (Florida), Mike Phillips (New York), Chris Chapman (Oregon), Mack McGrannahan (Western Division), Michael Oubre (Georgia), Michael Luley (Virginia), and Linda Moorhouse (Executive Secretary-Treasurer).

Reports: Bob Hansbrough asked Division Chairs to speak about the highlights of their divisions in lieu of reading through their reports.

Southern Division: Rick Good reported on the involvement of his NBA Student Chapter at Auburn University. He also talked about the upcoming CBDNA/NBA Southern Division Conference which will be held in Oxford, Mississippi. At this time, the Southern Division is the only Division joining with CBDNA for a conference. Five NBA high school bands have been invited to perform.

Northwest Division: Brad McDavid reported on the need to have more tangible items that NBA can offer for members.

North Central: Tom Caneva reported that his Division has not changed much. He also asked the other Division Chairs if the report gathering from State Chairs is cumbersome.

Western Division: Mack McGrannahan reported he is brand new to the position and may consider trying to get CBDNA in his division to combine with NBA for their next division conference in two years.

Georgia: Michael Oubre reported on his activities in Georgia. He will submit information for the State/Division Handbook on the very successful NBA gathering they have in Georgia for music educators.

Utah: John Miller started a state marching band camp clinic under the NBA umbrella. They expect 900-1200 students to participate and have contracted Greg Bimm to serve as a clinician. They also have a travel company underwriting some of the expenses.

North Dakota: John Darling reported that NBA sponsors the junior high school all-

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state in his state in addition to helping their music educators association with money to offset costs.

Eastern Division: Bob Hansbrough discussed the need for State and Division Chairs to utilize the awards more . . . good and free publicity for NBA.

Discussion ensued about venues that were and were not appropriate to use to give our awards. John Culvahouse talked about the need to keep the integrity of the Citation of Excellence in check. It should be an honor to receive it.

Reports: John Culvahouse read to those in attendance some of the highlights of the State and Division Reports and praised the work of the State and Division Chairs. These positions are among the most important "offices" of NBA.

Before adjournment, President Culvahouse announced the room change for the evening's General Membership Meeting (Hilton Continental Ballroom) and encouraged everyone to be in attendance.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

**Minutes of the
NBA General Membership Meeting
Chicago Hilton Continental Ballroom
Thursday, December 17, 2009
5:00-6:00 pm**

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by President John Culvahouse.

AWAPA Presentation: Bob Foster, AWAPA Chair, introduced Mark Kelly, who introduced Ray Cramer, 2008 AWAPA recipient. Cramer then thanked the membership for the award and support. Foster presented Cramer with the AWAPA statuette, medallion and certificate.

Hall of Fame of Distinguished Conductors: Bill Moody, Hall of Fame Board of Electors Chair, reported he and Frank Wickes will be inducted into the Hall of Fame at the February 2010 induction. He then announced the newest elected member, Ray Cramer, would be inducted also at the February ceremony.

President's remarks: John Culvahouse introduced the Past Presidents in

attendance. He then held a moment of silence for Finley Hamilton, who passed away the previous spring. He then introduced the Board of Directors in attendance.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report: Linda Moorhouse reported NBA has a balance of approximately \$40,000 before 2009 Midwest expenses. Membership is close to 2500 counting the new members who have joined since the beginning of the Midwest Clinic week.

AWAPA 2009: Bob Foster returned to the podium to announce Dr. James (Jim) Croft was elected to the Academy for 2009. Dr. Croft will be presented with the AWAPA materials at the 2010 NBA General Meeting at the Midwest Clinic.

Young Composer/Conductor Mentor Project: Paula Crider reported the 2010 project is set to take place on the campus of Illinois State University June 20-22. The conductors and composers for the event will be chosen in late April/early May. Conductor Mentors include Terry Austin, Thomas Dvorak, David Whitwell. Composer Mentors include Mark Camphouse, Thomas Duffy and Joseph Turrin.

NBA/Revelli Composition Contest: Terry Austin, Contest Chair, reported there were 56 entries for the 2009 contest and that composer John Mackey was selected the recipient of the \$4,000 prize for his composition *Aurora Awakes*. John Mackey was called to the podium to speak and receive his prize.

NBA/Merrill Jones Composition Contest: Frank Wickes, Contest Chair, reported that although they had many entries, the committee felt there was not a winning composition which represented the grade level of the contest. The committee also recommended the biennial contest be offered for 2010 since there was not a 2009 winner. Wickes also reported he will be stepping down as chair, and will be replaced by longtime committee member Dennis Zeisler.

Citations of Excellence: Doug Phillips reported the following NBA members would be recognized with Citations as their ensembles were performing at the Midwest clinic: William Eicher, Mark

Scatterday, Alex Kaminsky and Charlie Menghini.

Future Projects: John Culvahouse reported several new projects and awards were in the planning stages for the near future:

- 1) Jazz Composition Contest
- 2) Finley Hamilton Bandsman Award (for military bandmen)
- 3) NBA Foundation
- 4) Finley Hamilton Membership Award

Before the adjournment of the meeting, President Culvahouse invited everyone to stay for the reception and publically thanked DeMoulin Uniforms and Larry Daehn (Daehn Publications) for their financial assistance with the reception.

Meeting was motioned to adjourn at 5:55 pm (Terry Austin) and seconded (Bill DeJournett). ■

Respectfully submitted:

*Linda R. Moorhouse, D.M.A.
Executive Secretary-Treasurer*

Awards NBA Members can present

*Mentor Award
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Outstanding Jazz Educator
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Outstanding Musician Award
Outstanding Jazz Musician Award
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