

**FLASTA General Membership Meeting Minutes**  
**Radisson Resort Worldgate Hotel, Orlando**  
**July 25, 2008**

*ASTA Mission Statement: The American String Teachers Association enriches people's lives by supporting string and orchestra teaching and playing.*

**Call to Order 10:04am**

**1. Minutes**

Will be sent via e-mail

**2. Treasurer's Report**

There is a full report available

Balance is @ \$9000 due to expense of Justin Locke

**3. Old Business**

a. New officers:

1. Nancy Beebe, President
2. Melissa Lesniak, President-Elect
3. Karen Gettel-Bell, Secretary
4. Jessica Talbott, Past President
5. Valerie Arsenault, Treasurer

b. Committee members:

1. Newsletter Editor-Eden Vaning-Rosen
2. Solo Competition Chair-Simon Shiao
3. National High School Competition Chair-Barbara Cripe
4. Certificate Chair- Claudio Jaffe
5. Special Project Grant Chair-Nick Curry
6. Webmaster-Ben Salsbury
7. Private Studio Chair-Audrey Pilafian
8. Awards Chair-*vacant*
9. Historian- Jody Atwood

**4. New Business**

a. FOA/FLASTA Summer Conference

The conference was very successful this year. FOA and FLASTA sponsored our keynote speaker Justin Locke. Claudio Jaffe and Barbara Cripe presented an informative session on ASTA events. ASTA provided the music for part of our reading session. Jody Atwood provided the picture boards.

b. Membership Directory

Nancy is working on having this ready to hand-out at our January meeting.

c. Cellobrations

1. South Florida –Saturday, November 1 at St. Andrews School in Boca Raton, hosted by Claudio Jaffe.
2. Central Florida at Liberty Middle School in Orlando in April after Spring Break

- d. Newsletter
  - i. A fall newsletter will be sent via mail. Send articles and pictures to Eden Vaning-Rosen at [edenvaning@ebaru.com](mailto:edenvaning@ebaru.com)  
Will include deadlines for ASTA activities and other communications with officer contacts
- e. Website

Nancy is looking into possibly having the website professionally designed and from there, our webmaster Ben Salsbury will keep it updated.  
Monthly updates, deadlines and events will be posted.  
Want to “jazz-up” website. Possible professional website update (approved by board yesterday) by Nick Curry’s sister. Done by August.
- f. Bylaws

Jody Atwood has volunteered to update our bylaws.  
Basically just need to take out NSOA for the language as a result of our incorporating
- g. Commission Project

Working on having a piece commissioned for the 2010 7&8 All-State String Orchestra. Dr. Nick Curry will be chairing this.  
Both FOA and FLASTA board approved this.
- h. Breakfast/Dinner meeting at FMEA conference in January.
  - i. Friday Morning, Jan 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009, 7:30-9:00am at Radisson. Room is \$300. It will be \$18.50 per person.
- i. National Conference- Atlanta Georgia, March 19-21, 2009
  - i. Info will be on the National website ([www.astaweb.com](http://www.astaweb.com))

## **5. Good of the Order**

- a. Tom Siliman,: Brevard County Cello Day on Jan 17<sup>th</sup>
- b. Viola Day at Baron Collier in Naples on Jan 19<sup>th</sup>
- c. Award chair still vacant

Adjournment 10:16am