

# Meeting of the Board of Directors of the International Suzuki Association Inc.

Monday, October 15-Wednesday, October 17, 2012  
Amora Hotel Riverwalk Melbourne,  
Melbourne, Victoria, Australia



## Summary

The Board of Directors of the International Suzuki Association met for their annual meeting October 15-17, 2012. The board meetings of the ISA take place in different places in the world each year. The 2012 meeting was held in Melbourne, Australia.

The meeting opened with a welcome from the ISA Board Chair, Hideya Taida and a message from President Koji Toyoda. Following the message, the Board paid tribute "In Memoriam" to Yasuko S. Joichi.

The minutes from the 2011 meeting held on October 13-15, 2011 in Honolulu, Hawaii were approved.

Board elections were held. Pamela Brasch was elected as ISA Chair from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2015. Yasuki Nakamura was elected as vice-Chair from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015. Julia Breen was elected Secretary from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015. Haukur Hannesson was elected Treasurer from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015. Martin Ruttimann was elected as ESA regional representative from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015. Hideya Taida was elected as TERI regional representative from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015.

## CEO Report

Much of the work of the CEO was in the area of publications and processing licenses to publish non-core materials. The CEO works closely with Alfred in the area of publications. Other activities included handling the financial transactions of the association and preparations for the board meeting. The full CEO report is available by request.

## Regional Associations

Each of the 5 regional associations presented reports about the activities in their region. The PPSA reorganization and constitution are to be completed no later than May 31, 2013. The ASA is to propose a plan for Suzuki development in China which includes participation of teacher trainers from all Suzuki regions. This plan is to be presented to the ISA Board for approval by February 1, 2013.

## Instrument Committees

Reports from all ISA instrument committees were received and discussed.

## **Teacher Training**

The ISA has no intention at this time to establish a category of *International Suzuki Teacher Trainer* and has no intention to issue or approve certificates of *International Teacher Trainer Status*.

The Board updated the basic requirements for the appointment of regional Suzuki teacher trainers.

A region can only appoint a Suzuki teacher trainer according to its specific and approved regulations, which must include:

1. Membership and residence in the regional Suzuki association. A region may, however, appoint a Suzuki teacher trainer who does not live in the region if that teacher trainer has previously been appointed as a Suzuki teacher trainer by another region.
2. A minimum of 10 years' experience teaching in the Suzuki Method at the time of application.
3. Completion of Suzuki teacher training through the highest level of Suzuki core material for that particular discipline at the time of application.\*

\*Exception for the SAA: This particular requirement comes into effect on January 1, 2015.

## **Finances**

The income for the ISA for the fiscal year 2011-2012 was in the region of USD 64,000. The majority of this comes from membership fees.

The expenses of the ISA for the same fiscal year were around USD 57,000, leaving a small surplus for the year. Major items for costs are administrative costs (CEO and office), legal costs pertaining to the protection of the Suzuki Name and meeting costs for the ISA Board and the different instrument committees.

A revised budget for the fiscal year 2012-2013 and a preliminary budget for fiscal year 2013-2014 were passed, predicting no major differences from existing income and expense levels.

## **New Instrument Areas**

As ISA Trumpet Committee was established.

## **Suzuki in the Schools**

The Board accepted the findings of the task force on Suzuki in the Schools. The task force found that only the SAA has developed and published philosophy and advisory statements regarding Suzuki in the Schools. Other regions have some Suzuki teaching on site in various schools, but not statements of policy, philosophy or advice regarding Suzuki In the Schools. The task force

recommends that in the future, any region considering developing policies for Suzuki In the Schools in that region review the SAA materials on this subject. The SAA materials are thorough and well written, and could serve as a valuable resource.

The ISA Suzuki in the Schools Committee was dissolved.

### **Regional Association Policies**

The ISA Policies for Regional Associations were updated. Please see the policy as it is listed on the website.

### **Name Agreements**

A committee was appointed to examine all Name Agreements, assess their current relevance and suggest changes if necessary.

### **The ISA Vision**

The ISA vision is central to the work of the ISA Board. The Board reaffirms the vision statement prepared at the ISA Board Meeting in Seoul, Korea, October 2010: Dr. Suzuki's name and method is known and respected throughout the world.

ISA is the umbrella for the Suzuki world.

Children are well educated.

Parents and teachers have the tools to educate children.

Suzuki's ideas are shared internationally.

Suzuki teacher training is available throughout the world.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the ISA Board of Directors will be held in Uppsala, Sweden, October 7-9, 2013.

A copy of the complete minutes is available by request.

Haukur F. Hannesson, Secretary to the Board of Directors