

President's Report – Annual General Meeting

Suzuki Talent Education Association, NSW

Presented by Takao Mizushima, President

Reporting Period: October 2024 – October 13, 2025

Opening Remarks

Thank you all for attending our Association's Annual General Meeting today. I would like to begin by expressing my sincere appreciation to our Board members for their thoughtful discussions and decision-making throughout the year.

My heartfelt thanks also go to our administrative staff, who have dedicated countless hours to supporting both internal events and external engagements.

To all our members—thank you. I especially want to acknowledge our teachers for their passionate commitment to the Suzuki Method, and the parents who have worked closely with them to support their children's musical journey.

Membership Overview

As part of this report, I would like to share the current membership statistics and compare them with the previous year:

Category	2024	2025
Teachers	150	141
Affiliate Members	28	12
Family Members	1,151	1,062
Total Members	1,329	1,215

We continue to monitor these trends closely and are actively discussing strategies to address the decline.

Events Summary

Here is a summary of key events held from the end of last year through to this AGM:

2024

o Spring School for Violin, Viola, and Cello

September 28–29 at Abbotsleigh Girls Primary School

o 46th Graduation Concert

October 27 at the Sydney Opera House

• *Piano Graduation Recitals*

• *November 10, 16, 17 at Utzon Room*

Sydney Opera House

2025

- **Joint Play-In for Strings (Violin & Cello)**
January 28
- **Sydney Suzuki Festival**
Student Festival: April 12–14
Professional Development: April 15–16 at Abbotsleigh Girls School
Participants: 210 students and 112 teachers
- **Suzuki Recital Days**
Held on March 16, June 15, and September 14

Honouring a Legacy

At the Festival Gala Concert, we officially launched the **Yasuki Nakamura Memorial Fund**, a tribute to Nakamura Sensei's lifelong dedication to nurturing children through Suzuki education.

This fund is more than financial support—it represents the spirit of the Suzuki movement and our commitment to continuous growth. Through this initiative, we aim to create opportunities for all students, ensuring that every child, regardless of background, can thrive in an environment of encouragement and inspiration.

At the same time, the Association has formally appointed **Mrs. Yoshiko Nakamura** as a **Life Member of STEAA**, in recognition of her enduring contributions.

Reflections & Future Direction

As noted in last year's President's Report, our Association continues to face a decline in membership. The Board recognises this as a serious concern and has been actively exploring ways to address it.


We believe this issue goes beyond numbers—it may also reflect challenges in member engagement and connection. Strengthening these relationships is vital to our mission.

We must continue to deepen our understanding of these dynamics and work together to ensure that as many people as possible understand the value of the Suzuki Method and its importance for the future of children.

Increasing membership alone will not solve the problem. We must focus on building a strong, united community that shares our vision and supports our goals.

Closing

Thank you once again for your continued support and dedication to our Association. I look forward to working together in the coming year to further our shared mission.



Takao Mizushima
President, Suzuki Talent Education Association, NSW