



NCMTA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Saturday, January 19, 2019
11:00 a.m. Isabella Cannon Room
Elon University

Summary of Motions/Approvals made during this meeting:

1. Honorarium approved for Development Chair by BOD- **MOTION PASSED**
2. Approval for the donation for the Gala table and State Pride for 2019 MTNA Conference. **MOTION PASSED**
3. Approval for the annual contribution for the Gala Table (\$350 maximum) and State Pride (\$50). **MOTION PASSED**
4. Regarding North Carolina Benevolence Funds, we approve the sub-committee to distribute these funds as they see fit. **MOTION PASSED**

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

11:05 am

- II. **Approval of the Agenda** – Vicky- adds to old business- NC table at Gala Motion/Second: Diane Higgins/Kent Lyman
- III. **Approval of the Minutes** from the October 2018 NCMTA Board Meeting Vicky- Correct spelling of Milton Laufer’s name, section IV correct to MTNA summit, add Eden’s report, and include that the conference was during Hurricane Michael. Motion/second: Dylan Savage/Jeanine Skinner

IV. Executive Officer Reports

a. President (Vicky Fischer)

Vicky just finished judging the South Central Division. It was nice to be on the inside of the process of the new video taped auditions. Scores were not supplied so it was different, but still successful.

b. President-Elect (Jeanine Skinner)

Report is review of the success of the conference. Jeanine appreciates Allison’s part in making it a success. She is proud of ending in the black. Next conference is Nov. 1 and 2, 2019 with the Executive Board meeting on Oct. 31st. John O’Connor from Shenandoah is a possible conference artist. We want to think about our collaborative efforts with teachers of other instruments. Martha Hilley (upcoming

President of MTNA) is willing to come free of charge. Also, Jeanine plans to reach out to Randall Faber. Possible theme ideas are repertoire, renewal (or refresh) and retention of students or maybe train and retain.

c. VP/ Membership (Akiko Yamazaki)

There is currently a membership decline.

Website directory is now password protected (User name –NCMTA and password-member)

d. VP/ MTNA Foundation Report (Dylan Savage) No Report

e. Treasurer (Denise Pugliese)

Membership dues up a little and advertising is up. The Charlotte workshop had to be cancelled because of the hurricane.

Checking: \$14,533.35

Morgan Stanley \$7700.66

New proposed budget will be ready to vote on at May meeting.

f. Secretary (Ravonda Mormann) No report

g. Past President (Kerry Carlin) absent- Nominating Committee is working on finalizing a slate of Executive Officer nominees for the next biennium.

V. Board of Directors Reports

• **MTNA Competition Chair (Kent Lyman)**

- Junior Competition Coordinator (Brad Hunnicutt)
- Senior Competition Coordinator (Kwan Li)
- Young Artist Competition Coordinator

The MTNA Performance Competition was held at UNC School of the Arts in Winston-Salem on Friday, October 12, 2018 in connection with the annual NCMTA Conference.

A total of 70 students entered, representing 28 teachers from schools and private studios from all over the state.

It is worth mentioning that one of our teacher members, Julie Harris, entered NINE students in the composition competition, one of whom was a winner at the division level.

The results of the division competition came out just two days ago. We have a few winners there as follows, who will be representing North Carolina at the National Conference in Spokane in March.

Chamber Strings: de Sterke Quartet, coached by Brooks Whitehouse (Delphine Skene and Sarah Harrigan, violins; David Schmitz, viola; Blake Kitayama, cello

Junior Composition: Alex Moiseev, taught by Julie Harris

Senior Woodwind: Daniel Dauber, taught by Robert Young

We had two other NC students who received recognition:

Senior Voice: Rae Fredette (alternate), taught by Catherine Charlton

Young Artist Composition: Hassan DuRant (HM), taught by Julie Harris

- **Webmaster (Yee Wing Chan)** absent- See report
- **MTNA Certification (Eden Esters Brown)**

Megan Craine of Jacksonville, NC has received her MTNA certification in piano as of November 26, 2018 and will be formally recognized 2019 NCMTA Conference. There are 3 others in process of getting their certification. It makes sense to do some of the requirements for certification before actually submitting the application. One only has 1 year once the application is submitted. Vicky- Her piano pedagogy minors are ready to pursue their certification if they desire once they graduate.
- **Planning Senate Chair (Paul Stewart)**

Past presidents met at conference. The Teacher of the Year has been added to his job description. The deadline to apply is during the summer up to 1 month before the conference. He will check on the actual deadline date.

Annette Stowe asked if the commissioned composer recital could be put earlier in the day at the conference to encourage attendance.
- **Editor (Annette Shaw)**

Annette will be stepping down as the editor after the spring publication. If you contribute to the publication, please note the deadlines in her report.

Voice, strings, and wind/chamber section news needs to be added to the deadline list along with piano, so each section knows when to submit their information.
- **Piano Teachers Chair (Tonya Kirk)**

Big change is the newly added 4th rating for the piano performance rating sheet. There is interest in an elementary division, but that is

tabled until the next meeting. For future discussion, most likely this year there are only 4 people involved in the performance festival at Mars Hill. We really don't have a presence in the Asheville/mountain areas. Vicky- There is some membership activity in both the Boone and Hickory areas. How can we recruit more members in these areas? Can we perhaps redistrict so the festivals are more spread out to encourage student participation? The MTNA E-Festival may be an option for those too far away.

The Performance Festival Repertoire committee will be meeting soon to choose new repertoire. The goal is to get it to members in a more timely manner.

Rules and regulations have not been updated in a long time. They will be uploaded to the website soon.

Frank has made a tutorial for people to see to help with online registration. We must continue to be mindful of spam and the tutorial will help people to see what they should be seeing as they register online.

- **Voice Teachers Chair (Annette Stowe)** No report
- **String Teachers Chair (Gordon Kreplin)** Absent, no report
- **WW/Perc/Brass and NC Chamber Music Teachers Chair (Cathy Kreplin)** Absent, no report
- **Composition/Theory Chair (Zach Zubow)** Absent, see report
- **Organ/Harpsichord Teachers Chair (Mary Lou Peeples)** Absent- No report
- **Piano Performance Festival Chair (Frank Pittman)** Absent-No report
- **Voice Performance Festival Chair (Margot Hafner)** Absent- no report
- **NC Scholarship Fund Chair (Diane Higgins)**
She has purchased items for prizes for next year's conference at a substantial discount.

- **College Faculty Chair and 2018 Conference Chair (Allison Gagnon)**
Allison has make a checklist for the future host institution to help with planning future conferences. If competition and conference chairs as well as the on site representatives can talk sooner it would help with planning rooms and logistics.

She is in contact with college faculty to see what brought them to NCMTA and what ideas they have for the future.

- **Technology Chair (Brittany Smith)** Absent, see report
Wufoo forms need to be uploaded ASAP.
- **Independent Music Teachers Forum Chair (Dottie Buster)** Absent, see report
- **Historian (Carol Ann Barry)** Absent, no report
- **Arts Awareness & Advocacy Chair (Dylan Savage)** Absent, no report
- **Student Activities Chair (Yong Im Lee Federle)** Absent- see report
- **Constitution/Handbook Chair (Barbara Furr)**
The extensive revisions has been submitted to Brittany for the website.
- **Local Presidents' Reports** – (no reports requested)
 - Cape Fear MTA (Flo Aquilina)
 - Chapel Hill MTA (Aviva Enoch)
 - Durham MTA (Catherine Alderman)
 - Charlotte MTA (Margaret Louise Norwood)
 - Greensboro MTA (Denise Pugliese)
 - Raleigh PTA (Sheila Dacus)

VI. **Ex-Officio Report**

- **MTNA Southern Division Director (Diane Blanchard)**
Local association of the year is central Oklahoma from National. The state award went to Utah MTA and Frances Larimer from Northwestern is the new Teacher of the Year.
Please vote (beginning in late Jan.)- Southern division candidates include:
President-Elect: Peter Jutras (GA) or Karen Thickstun (IN)
Vice President: Kevin Chance (AL) or Ginger Hwalek (ME)
Secretary-Treasurer: Marc Hebda (FL) or Beth Klingenstein (ND)

MTNA Monthly Memo is new and will be sent out to reach members with news. E-festival fees have been lowered from \$60 to \$25. This should encourage more participation.

New format for state forums- see report

Affecting sitting national board members only, they have decided to change meeting times and added a monthly online chat. This helps to trim budget.

State forums are controlled by the states so they do not have to follow suit with the National changes to the forums.

MTNA Benevolence Fund- funds are still currently available (\$40K) but will not be able to continue because of the IRS rules. MTNA is not capable of following through with all of the regulations and rules required. States can do a Benevolence Fund on their own.

VII. Old Business

- Officers Policy and Procedures Handbook job descriptions:
We are waiting on everyone to send in their job description. Cathy is willing and able to help anyone who needs it. She will be reaching out to those people who have not submitted yet to see if she can assist you in any way.
- Updating of website
Please keep your area of the website up to date.
- Rescission of Motion and Amendment regarding donations to Southern Division competitors and NCMTA Scholarship Fund: see Oct. 11, 2018 minutes. The Executive Board voted to rescind two motions made at the Oct 11 meeting regarding NCMTA donations to the NCMTA Scholarship fund and to Southern Division to support travel for competition winners. The result is no change to the policy and amount.
- Honorarium for Development Chair
Finance committee moves that there be a \$250 for an honorarium for the Development Chair. Vicky/Kent Lyman **MOTION PASSED**
The general membership meeting at the conference needs to vote on this too.
- Membership Directory is now password protected
- NCMTA Festivals Task Force
- Vicky wants to meet online with the Festivals Task Force to continue the discussion about the festivals.
- Voice section budget:
Annette Stowe- Because the voice festival is just starting, we are trying to cover the judge with the fees. Accompanists will be needed for voice/strings, etc. Can money be included in the budget to cover this? Diane Blanchard remembers Margaret Fontiveros asking for some funds to cover accompanists back when the voice section was created. Denise can't find it in quickbooks budget and was not treasurer when this was done. \$250 is in the financial policy that is

available online but this is very outdated (2014). Jeanine- It is not in the conference budget. Vicky- Is this something for the finance committee? Jeanine- We do not pay host school or MTNA members who accompany at the conference but will pay out of state and non-MTNA members. Annette- We did pay the accompanist this year and we need to continue to pay all accompanists at the conference. The financial policy needs to be updated. The conference budget and financial policy should be in agreement. Vicky- Executive officers need to look at this and bring it to the next meeting. We aren't sure who's responsibility it would be to bring a proposal to update the financial policy.

Clarification: We only pay presenters who come from out of state or non-MTNA people.

- NCMTA and Performance Festival Mission Statements

Vicky- We aren't prepared to talk about either of these mission statements today. Both need to be updated with the Task Force. The Board was in favor of holding Performance Festival Summit II this summer.

- Membership concerns and ideas
- Gala Table (\$350) and State Pride (\$50)-each state brings something to represent their state to the MTNA National Conference. Total \$400 commitment. Motion: to make the donation for the Gala table and State Pride for 2019- Jeanine/Tonya **MOTION PASSED.**
- Can we approve this to be ongoing so we don't have to approve each year? Motion: We approve the annual Gala Table \$350 at a maximum and State Pride \$50 contributions. Dylan Savage/Kent Lyman **MOTION PASSED**

VIII. New Business:

- Hurricane relief donations to our state
This is not under the MTNA Benevolence fund. Money has been donated from other states to NC and it is to be used as we see fit. There are students who lost everything in the hurricane. It has been suggested that this money be used to fund these student's lessons. MOTION- The sub committee (Barbara Furr, Diane Blanchard, and Vicky) is authorized to allocate these donations as they see fit. Motion- Vicky/ Paul Stewart **MOTION PASSED**
Are there IRS rules for states regarding this for non profit organizations like there are for National Benevolence Funds?

- Stepping down after the spring publication is Annette Shaw as Publications Editor. Is it time to consider more online applications for our publications? It will potentially save us \$5,000 to go online. Can Editor's job be absorbed by the technology chair, Development Director and Webmaster? Allison- Format of journal needs to be printer friendly. Tonya- It would be helpful to have repertoire list and bulletin in one place on the website. Vicky will work with a Sub-Committee to explore the succession of the Editor's position.
- Establishment of Local Association Presidents Forum
- Policy on Board meeting attendance and timing of reports. Ideas regarding newest members not here at meeting? Allison- We could use "Go to Meeting" if needed for smaller groups to meet.
- Need a date for spring board meeting- Decided upon April 27th at Elon University.
- Restructuring to create a point person for the Handbook- SCTNA has a separate person that maintains the handbook and another to plan the conference. It is a problem for someone to find the time to put this handbook together.
- 2019 NCMTA Summit topic?
We feel like the past summer's summit was a success. Are there ideas for a topic? A summit helps to keep deadlines in place and it also involves the teachers. Should we use this coming summer summit to follow up on last year's topic instead of having a new one? Talk about this with the Task Force.
- MTNA Grant applications due May 1, 2019 Vicky-Send ideas to her. Vicky asked for feedback on last year's grant application but didn't receive any from MTNA. We intend to submit a grant again this year to support Performance Festival Summit II.
- Vicky- Meeting attendance –wants to establish a Local Association Presidents Forum and explore their interaction with the State Board and organization, as well as encourage them to attend the meetings. She reemphasized that the presidents are to send an annual report in the spring and give them a place on the agenda at the spring meeting. The Board discussed this issue, and consensus was that the meetings are important for all members individually as well as for the whole. In-person meetings supply important opportunities to know each other, to freely discuss issues, and for each member to connect with the whole. The Local Presidents have the potential to serve as important liaisons with the general membership, and represent a vital

link. We need a local association president job description. What is the role of the presidents going forward? Also, we need someone to reach out to those teacher groups who are not MTNA affiliated. For example, the Winston-Salem Teachers Association sponsored a reception at the conference. We need someone to reach out to them and see if they are interested in becoming NCMTA members. Jeanine- We need the local presidents input on how the state can help them. The local presidents are the liaisons between the state and local. There is no substitute for being face to face at a board meeting. There needs to be something in the job description about a responsibility for all board members to be involved in the meetings through attendance. Vicky will take these ideas to the LAPF for their discussion, and report back to the Board in April.

IX. Announcements

Gordon Kreplin will be resigning his post on the board as Strings Chair. If there are any suggestions for a replacement, please let Vicky know. Our thanks and appreciation to Gordon and to Annette Shaw for their service!

X. Adjournment 2:35 P.M.

Important Dates:

SPRING NCMTA BOARD MEETING : April 27,2019 at Elon University
MTNA National Conference, Spokane, Washington, March 16-20, 2019
Executive Board Dinner and Meeting, Thursday, October 31, 2019
(Dinner 6:30, meeting 7:00-9:00) WCU
MTNA Leadership Summit (Vicky and Jeanine) August

Present: Vicky Fischer, Jeanine Skinner, Akiko Yamazaki, Denise Pulguese, Ravonda Mormann, Kent Lyman, Eden Esters Brown, Paul Stewart, Tonya Kirk, Diane Higgins, Allison Gagnon, Barbara Furr, Annette Stowe, Dylan Savage and Diane Blanchard.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ravonda Mormann, Secretary