

2020 State Affiliate of the Year

NCMTA Board of Directors Meeting MINUTES

October 10, 2020

10:00 AM Virtual Zoom Meeting

Summary of Motions made during this meeting:

A motion was made to approve the minutes for this meeting.

I. Call to Order at 10:01 am and Roll Call

Members present were Jeanine Skinner, Tonya Kirk, Allison Gagnon, Kent Lyman, Ravonda Mormann, Denise Pugliese, Victoria Fischer Faw, Diane Blanchard, Carol Ann Barry, Mark Tollefsen, Diane Higgins, Dottie Buster, Barbara Furr, Annie Jeng, Kerry Carlin, Eden Esters Brown, Annette Stowe, Nicolas Lira, Frank Pittman, Cathy Kreplin, and Thomas Swenson.

II. Approval of the Agenda (motion/seconded) Kent Lyman/Barbara Furr -PASSED

III. Approval of the Minutes from the June 26, 2020 NCMTA Board Meeting- Minutes will be revised and sent out for approval soon via email.

IV. Executive Officer Reports

- President (Jeanine Skinner)

Our President, Jeanine Skinner, reminded us that our board consists of great diversity and appreciates everyone's contribution. She shared in her report a comment from Gary Ingle, CEO of MTNA that the state president's job is to be the curator of the organization, to help facilitate action, and encourage board members in their roles as leaders in the state.

She shared an array of objectives that were accomplished since the last BOD meeting. These consisted of website reviews and updates, continued research and support of the Online Performance Festival ad hoc committee, formed an ad hoc committee for additions to our bylaws regarding conflict of interest, assisted various chairs per their need, reached out to local association presidents, and welcomed new presidents. In addition, the president attended online meetings and conferences sponsored by our local, state, and national entities.

Jeanine thanked her executive board and offered special thanks to her mentors Vicky Fischer Faw, Diane Blanchard, Kerry Carlin, and Thomas Swenson.

- President-Elect (Kent Lyman)

The President-Elect, Kent Lyman acknowledged Cathy Kreplin and her expertise in web design and management for the online virtual conference, Frank Pittman who has worked to put together the honors recital online, as well as the other committee members, Jeanine Skinner, Eden Brown, and Mark Tollefsen.

For the “2020 –Looking Forward with Vision, Understanding Our Past NCMTA Conference”, there will be real-time business meetings conducted via Zoom as well as pre-recorded content for on-demand viewing. On October 17, we will hold our general business meeting in the morning, and meetings of the various sections in the afternoon. On October 24, we will hold Q&A sessions in real-time with our presenters. All pre-recorded content will go live on the NCMTA website on October 17. That content will consist of the following principal offerings:

Presentations by NCMTA Members
Performance Festival Honors Students
North Carolina Young Composers Concert
MTNA Competition Students

Cathy Kreplin will prepare a “how to” section on the website to help those who don’t know how to upload the greeting videos. The deadline is Wednesday, October 14th to upload your video. The conference presentations can be freely shared with non-members however the Zoom business meetings are only for members. There is no registration fee for the conference. There is no conference bulletin this year, but there will be a printable outline of the conference available after the conference for future reference.

- Webmaster (Cathy Kreplin)

The Webmaster thanks those who have written content for the website. Each member is responsible for his/her own part of the website. She asks us to send anything, any time, to update their section of the website. The free conference is a wonderful tool to invite new people to be a part of NCMTA. There was a question about the 2 FlipSnack charges for reimbursement which is used for the journal. The President will follow up with the editor, Jennifer Paschal, to check on these charges to be sure they both are needed.

- VP/ Membership (Allison Gagnon)

Allison Gagnon thanks Cathy Kreplin for helping her update and answer some of her technical questions.

From July1- Sept 1, the email blasts were very helpful in keeping everyone informed. We have had a nice increase in collegiate membership. We have around 475 members currently.

If you have something to send out via an e-blast, please send it in the form you want people to receive it. There is now a PDF and Excel version of the directory available online on the website. Allison asks us all to do our part to recruit new members to NCMTA.

- VP/ MTNA Foundation Report (Tonya Kirk)

VP/Foundation Chair, Tonya Kirk added \$144 to the Foundation total that is on her report that came in recently. She suggests we not solicit funds for a fellow this year but put our efforts into next year's fellow hopefully having a name by January 2021 for 2022. Please send to her ideas for fellows to discuss at the next meeting.

- Treasurer (Denise Pugliese)

The Treasurer, Denise Pugliese reported that membership totals were more than anticipated and the lack of mileage payment to judges helped to put us ahead in the budget. The balance for the checking account is \$12,671.62 and Morgan Stanley account is \$7,747.29.

- Secretary (Ravonda Mormann) No report
- Past President (Vicky Fischer Faw)

Past-President, Vicky Fischer Faw reported that the nominating committee for the next biennium has been formed.

She informed us of Vivian Dula's passing. Vivian was a dedicated NCMTA member who taught at Elon University for many years. A tribute to her will be made during the conference business meeting. If you have any stories/memories, please let Vicky know.

We have received a plaque for the 2020 State Affiliate of the year from MTNA. She will show the membership the plaque during the conference business meeting and she congratulates us all for this honor.

V. Ex-Officio Report

MTNA Southern Division Director-Elect (Thomas Swenson)

The MTNA 2021 Conference will be virtual in March.

VI. Board of Director reports

- MTNA Certification (Diane Blanchard)

There are 10 active members currently working on their certification. She will be recognizing 7 members at the conference who have successfully completed the process: Laura Chu Stokes, Bridget O'Leary, Kay Bagwell, Heather Hills, Lindsay Alexandra Hopkins, Dr. Andrew Adams, and Brenda Bruce.

- NCMTA Scholarship Foundation Chair (Diane Higgins)

NCMTA Scholarship Foundation Chair, Diane Higgins reported conference winners (usually 10-15 students) usually receive a \$50 check for travel expenses for going to southern division. This year, we will again award the check to them to cover other expenses even though there were no travel expenses. The board felt there are other expenses they could have incurred such as recording fees or other expenses and that it would be an incentive for the students.

- MTNA Competition Chair (Mark Tollefsen)

There are 68 entrants for the NC MTNA Competition with a good representation of strings this year. Winners' announcements and performances will be released on the Oct. 24. Special thanks to Alan Woo, Jae Won Kim and Margaret Evans for serving as our Junior, Senior and Young Artist coordinators.

- Student Activities Chair (Annie Jeng)

Student Activities Chair, Annie Jeng reports that many students at UNC-G has joined the NCMTA collegiate chapter. Another large collegiate chapter at Salem College is collaborating with UNC-G to put on some creative programs.

- Historian (Carol Ann Barry)

Carol Ann Barry, historian suggests using screen shots to capture the upcoming conference.

- Constitution/Handbook Chair (Barbara Furr)

Barbara Furr, Constitution/Handbook Chair reported that we voted in an earlier meeting to make the 3 revisions and the general membership will vote next Saturday, Oct. 17, 2020 at the general business meeting. The positions themselves are not being eliminated but are only being eliminated from the board.

- Planning Senate Chair (Kerry Carlin)

Kerry Carlin, Planning Senate Chair, will be having the planning senate meeting soon after the virtual conference so that they can reflect on the virtual conference. Also, the selection of the teacher of the year award is a part of the planning senate committee. He suggested we need to standardize how we make this selection. For example, who nominates them and who votes on them. Kerry will work on this and present some suggested guidelines for next year, 2021 at the January meeting.

- Composition/Theory Chair (Travis Alford)

Composition winners from the MTNA Composers Competition will be announced 10/24.

- Organ/Harpsichord Teachers Chair (Mary Lou Peeples) No report
- Piano Teachers Chair (Eden Esters Brown)

The Piano Teachers Chair, Eden Esters Brown reported that the fall workshop was very successful with 49 teachers and 16 students attending with a profit of \$538.83. Ruggero Piano helped with the technology and spent a lot of time to make the workshop successful. Both Diane Higgins and Mark Tollefsen were spectacular presenters. Those who attended the workshop will have access to the videos for their reference. Also, Eden thanked Yong Im Federle who was also extremely helpful.

A committee has been formed to work on the Elementary Level A and B. It has been proposed that two memorized, contrasting selections be performed. There will not be a repertoire list for these levels. Time limit will be 3 minutes. The adjudication rubric will be reworded to make it appropriate for elementary students. Spring 2021 will be a good time to pilot this online then changes can be made the 2nd year in 2022. Members will vote on this at the piano section meeting next Saturday, October 17, 2020.

Eden and her committee are proposing that the Performance Festival Repertoire List will be continued for 2 years (starting 2022). Teachers would have more time to teach the same literature and it allows piano section leadership to work on a new list in their 2nd year of their term. Ten selections in each category are suggested. The fall workshop could still continue each year for the new teachers and perhaps for a refresher for the others.

- String Teachers Chair (vacant)

Make suggestions to fill this chair to Jeanine.

- Voice Teachers Chair (Annette Stowe) No report
- WW/Perc/Brass and NC Chamber Music Teachers Chair (Nicolas Lira)

Nicolas Lira has been working on regulations and standards for the new ww/brass/perc./chamber music section of the NCMTA. It would include a junior and senior division as well as a collegiate division. He is also gathering a recommended repertoire list.

- Piano Performance Festival Chair (Frank Pittman)

Frank Pittman, the Performance Festival Chair reports that 40 videos have been submitted for 2 honors recitals for the conference. The Junior B category has been included this year. Looking forward, Frank would like to have feedback on if/how to incorporate music for the adjudicators. There are copyright legalities for scanned PDF copies. In some states, judges do not use the music to adjudicate. There was discussion and the board's consensus for this coming year is to leave it up to the judge. If they have their own copy of the music score then they may use it. Otherwise, they will judge without music.

- Voice Performance Festival Chair (Margot Hafner)
- Arts Awareness & Advocacy Chair (Dylan Savage)
- College Faculty Chair (Laura Stokes)
- Independent Music Teachers Forum Chair (Dottie Buster)

The deadline to nominate IMTF scholarship has been extended to January 30, 2021. Dottie Buster, the Independent Music Teachers Forum Chair will send an email blast out to announce this.

- Editor (Jennifer Paschal)
- Development Chair (Jennifer Paschal)
- Technology Chair (vacant)
- Local Association Presidents' Reports

Cape Fear MTA (Byron Marshall)

Chapel Hill MTA (Aviva Enoch)

Charlotte MTA (Margaret Louise Norwood)

Durham MTA (Matt Sampson)

Greensboro MTA (Denise Pugliese)

Raleigh PTA (Bonnie Walker)

VII. OLD BUSINESS: None

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

Be thinking about next summer's Summit and a topic that would be valuable to our membership.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ruggero workshops for piano teachers have been very good. The next one is Oct 30th at 10 am.

General Board Meeting- next Sat. 10:00 am

X. ADJOURNMENT 12:47pm

Important Dates:

A Doodle poll will be sent for next meeting of the NCMTA Board in January

MTNA National Conference, Virtual Agenda, March 13-17, 2021

Respectfully submitted by Ravonda Mormann