

NCMTA Board Meeting  
May 5, 2012  
University of North Carolina  
Hill Hall, Room 207

Present: Diane Blanchard, Thomas Swenson, Don Oehler, Marie Willett, Kerry Henry, Karoline Strickland, Mary Lou Peeples, Laurel Siviglia, Ellen Scott, Paul Stewart, Diane Higgins, Amy Gardner, Dottie Buster, Denise Clauhs, Diane Blanchard, Kristen Allred

Call to Order, President's Items, Conference Report

The meeting was called to order at 12:10 pm by President Diane Blanchard. Both President and Secretary were present. All members present introduced themselves. The minutes from the January 2012 meeting were approved as they stand. The President announced important upcoming dates. She also announced the formation of a new communications committee, including Dottie Buster, Barbara Furr, Tina Brown, Dana Mallory, and Matt Libera, which will look at the broad picture of communications within NCMTA. She announced there is no update on the complaint against MTNA lodged with the Ohio Attorney-General. The president also announced that the State Presidents Advisory Committee (SPAC) has voted to start holding annual conference calls, partially in response to concerns raised in the wake of MTNA's recent proposal to end non-piano competitions.

President-elect Thomas Swenson and On-Site Chair Don Oehler provided the conference report. Jane Magrath will provide two presentations on Saturday and two on Sunday. Strings Chair Fabian Lopez is collaborating with the UNCG music department to bring in a strings duo. The president-elect reported on behalf of Student Activities Chair Yong Im Lee Federle that she has set a goal to bring 50 college students to the conference and plans to organize a panel discussion involving students from several different schools, focused on the topic "What I Wish I Had Learned Before College." The conference guest artist will be Joshua Bell. NCMTA is working with Carolina Performing Arts (CPA) to reserve seats for NCMTA conference registrants. The president-elect invited discussion of how many seats to reserve, and in what area of the auditorium. It was agreed to set aside 225 seats, including 50 for college student registrants. Don Oehler and Thomas Swenson will consider the options and choose which seats to reserve.

President-elect Thomas Swenson made the following motion: "I move that if visiting students don't receive \$10 student tickets for the Joshua Bell concert, NCMTA should set aside \$1000 to subsidize 50 student tickets by \$20 apiece." The motion was seconded, and approved. The president-elect then invited discussion about whether or not NCMTA should subsidize tickets for other conference participants. Members spoke on both sides of the question. The following motion was then made by Thomas Swenson: "That NCMTA subsidize the first 175 ticket registrations by

\$10 apiece.” The motion was passed.

### Executive Board Reports

Dottie Buster provided the MTNA Foundation report, announcing that NCMTA President Diane Blanchard has been named an NCMTA Fellow. Denise Clauhs provided the Treasurer’s report, announcing \$18,815.97 in checking, \$6829.49 in Morgan-Stanley. She submitted the proposed 2012-2013 budget. Kerry Henry made a motion to approve the budget as it stands. The motion was seconded, and passed.

### Board of Directors Reports

The Planning Senate Chair made her report. NCTM Editor Annette Shaw was absent, but the president relayed a message: she is considering resigning in January 2013. Piano Contest Director Amy Gardner passed around the 2012 contest statistics that will be published in the May journal. The President read a page-long proposal regarding piano contest structure, and made the following motion: “I move that the rules and regulations for the Piano Contest will be determined by a Piano Contest Committee made up of the Piano Contest Director, the Piano Section Chair, the Piano Section Vice-Chair, the Piano Section Secretary and the NCMTA President, *ex officio*. The activities of this committee are subject to the approval of the NCMTA Executive Board as currently defined by the NCMTA Constitution. The Piano Contest Committee has the authority to conduct its business through meetings, telephone, or computer technology.” The motion was seconded and passed.

Piano Teachers Chair Paul Stewart provided a printed report and announced dates for the Raleigh and Charlotte workshops. Mary Lou Peeples gave the Organ/Harpsichord Chair report. Webmaster Carolyn Bryan was absent, but the president encouraged members to look over the new website, consult the calendar, and keep it up-to-date. Carolyn has suggested including a page on the website where teachers can list their personal sites, if desired. She has also requested that members submit their documents in publishable format. Composition Chair Kristen Allred announced that the 2012 commissioned composer will be Alexander Rutty. She made the following motion: “To allow composer Alexander Rutty to accept another commission for this same work.” There was no second. She also announced that beginning this year, MTNA composition competition guidelines require that entries be submitted online in PDF format, rather than on paper.

Don Oehler gave the Woodwinds, Percussion, and Brass report. The president announced on behalf of the MTNA Competition Chair that current membership dues must be paid before teachers can access student application forms for the 2012-2013 competitions. The application deadline is September 12. The president announced on behalf of the Certification Chair that NCMTA has two newly certified members. The Scholarship Fund Chair provided a printed report. The president announced on behalf of the IMTF Chair that the IMT scholarship application is available online. On behalf of Arts Awareness and Advocacy Chair Dana Mallory, the

president encouraged members to share ideas for getting NCMTA's name out to the general public. The president read a report from Karen Beres, College Faculty Chair, who is working to encourage conference participation among university teachers. Constitution and Handbook Chair Barbara Furr was absent, but the president encouraged members to turn in their job descriptions to her as soon as possible. Historian Ellen Scott reported that she is compiling historical information and records for the NCMTA website. Laurel Siviglia made the CHMTA report. Denise Clauhs and Diane Higgins highlighted recent events in the GMTA and CMTA. Composition Chair Kristen Allred requested suggestions for composition judges.

### Announcements

The president announced she is looking to fill the Technology Chair. She also announced that Vice-President for Membership Cathy Albergo will be moving to Florida and leaving her position open. She proposed that NCMTA consider streaming presentations for the general membership.

### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:16 pm by President Diane Blanchard.

Submitted by Karoline Strickland