

**WMTA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Central Office, 1005 Quinn Drive, Waunakee, WI**  
**June 3, 2016 9:30AM – 12:00PM**

- I. **Call to Order/Welcome.** 9:36pm.
- II. **Adoption of Agenda.** Rachel Fritz moved. Seconded by Nancy Burman.
- III. **Approval of Minutes.** Approval by Consensus.
- IV. **Reports of Officers**
  - a. **President, Nicholas Phillips, NCTM** – New appointment: Kathy Latze-Daley, MTNA Foundation Chair and Mark Tollefsen as MTNA Competitions Coordinator. Resignations: Christine Groth, MTNA Competitions Coordinator; Monica Schultz, Archivist; and Laura Swenson, MTNA Foundation Chair.
  - b. **Immediate Past-President, Catherine Walby, NCTM** – No report.
  - c. **1st VP-Conference, Gail Heywood, NCTM** – Not present. This year's 2016 annual conference will be October 21-22 at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center in La Crosse. The theme is "Discover. Experience. Explore." Conference rates are the same as 2015. The Friday exhibit hall will only have space for 15 tables and space is filling up quickly. The hotel room rate is very reasonable at \$135.00 per night. We are still looking for local entertainment during the Friday social hour and students to perform in the Saturday Masterclass with Dr. Roth. Any information can be emailed to Gail at gailheywood0@gmail.com. There will be something for everybody. Forms were mailed directly to members in May and can also be found along with further information on the WMTA website.
  - d. **2nd VP-Membership, Arlyss Troge** – March 2016 statistics for MTNA show 20,990 members. This is significant because it is the first association wide increase since 2005. WMTA membership stands at 477. 14% of membership still doesn't renew and we need to continue working to improve the value of our organization. The MTNA website state portal is now available to Local Association Presidents and Treasurer's for their group members.
  - e. **Treasurer, Rachel Fritz** – Our numbers look better than usual for the year. Income is currently \$84,921.13 and expenses are \$78,461.74 for a current year balance of \$6,459.39. We now have a working balanced budget for future years.
- V. **Reports of Program Chairs**
  - a. **Arts Awareness and Advocacy, Drew Donica** – Drew went to the MTNA Conference in San Antonio and attended the Arts Awareness and Advocacy group. He will continue to submit newsletter articles on this subject. Anybody with ideas may email Drew at drew.r.donica@gmail.com.
  - b. **Badger Collegiate Competition, Drea Wagner, NCTM** – The 2016 WMTA Badger Collegiate Competition was held March 6<sup>th</sup> at Lakeland College. Students came from Lawrence University, Lakeland College, and UW-Green Bay. The registration fee was increased to help with the cost of the space.
  - c. **Badger Vocal/Instrumental, Nancy Burman, NCTM** – 2017 location and date options are still being discussed. The 2016 went very well as registration numbers for 2016 were almost double as in past years. We used rooms at Stevens Point in conjunction with the piano competition on the same day. Almost every category had enough performers for a winner to be declared. The judges were good and the day went smoothly. Baroque pieces were not required by first year students, but that will change to be even across the board. A couple Ovation and procedure adjustments will be made to keep things running smoothly.

- d. Badger Keyboard, Kayme Henkel** – Locations are not yet set and we are considering combining the North West and North East together. UW-La Crosse is under construction so we may be adjusting locations. Badger keyboard is always the third Saturday in May. Badger Keyboard had a total of 502 participants for 2016. Printing and postage costs were both lower this year. Next year we will be publishing a teacher work schedule first, then the student schedule. Due to various logistical problems, the Badger Keyboard competition will not be taking travel time preferences into account moving forward when setting the times during scheduling. The group discussed the potential problems with families traveling from long distances and being scheduled for early morning times. The board could not determine a fair solution at this time and the issue will be discussed again in the next meeting. The group also discussed having winners submit photos instead of stopping during the day to take group photos. A large discussion was made about how photos and winners are released. A winner flyer with photos and information was ruled out in lieu of the new WMTA Facebook Page. After conversation, Nancy Burman moved to have the photo release form for students ready to pass out at registration. Seconded by Rachel Fritz. Logistical and security information were debated. All opposed after discussion. Kayme Henkel motioned, starting in 2017 and beyond, WMTA will not post student photos from any WMTA student event in any print or electronic media, unless specific consent is given. Seconded by Catherine Walby. Majority in favor with one vote against.
- e. College Faculty Representative, Jessica Johnson, NCTM** – The way we define ourselves as professional musicians is broad and varied. During the 2016 State Conference, Dr. Jason Sifford, NCTM will be presenting “I Have No Idea What I’m Doing” for the College Faculty and Young Professionals session. For the second year, we will be encouraging WMTA Collegiate Chapters to participate in the Poster Session. Proposals will be due October 1, 2016.
- f. District Auditions, Rita Schuman, NCTM** – Emily Schultz has been doing a great job maintaining the database. Everybody has been aware of the issues with Ovation. Rita is already planning for next year. Rita extended a special thanks to Suzanne, Emily and the district chairs on the long hours and hard work they have put into Ovation this past year and also to Nick and Catherine for their leadership and problem solving. Over the summer, adjustments will be made to the information on the website and then a pdf version with the complete handbook will be compiled for members to download and print.
- g. Composition Manager, Emily Schultz** – Inconsistencies and duplications in entries have caused a few problems with registration. Some of the composers have been listed in two different categories and will now be limited to one. While some of these changes will be controversial, the change has been put in place for logistical reasons. Starting next year, we will be able to see the compositions entered and the teacher who entered it. We also encourage teachers to enter pieces with as much information as possible. Emily will be including an article with details about this in the August newsletter so teachers know how things are being organized. Some pieces will be disqualified, so teachers should be aware of the rules. The judges are responsible for listening to student’s play, not to disqualify the piece. Judge communication was better this year.
- h. High School Virtuoso Competition, Bethany Hartlaub** – The high School Virtuoso Competition will be held concurrently with the MTNA competitions on either October 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> at UW-Stevens Point. This event provides an opportunity for 9-12 grade students to perform. Without advancement beyond the state level. It is open to all instruments and voice. Applications must be postmarked by September 7, 2016. Information is posted on the website under student events.
- i. Independent Music Teachers Forum, Sandy Ryan** – Not Present. Sandy attended the MTNA National Conference in San Antonio and the IMTF meeting in April and also

participated in the Focus Group afterward. They discussed their hopes and frustrations for the future website including search and navigation problems, branding, public access and additional features. MTNA webinars are archived online and can be found on our website under member resources. Remember to take advantage of MTNA discount savings.

- j. **Local Associations, Lisa Zwiefelhofer, NCTM** – This spring, Nick Phillips, Catherine Walby and Lisa Zwiefelhofer collected and reviewed the constitutions and bylaws of all 13 local associations. MTNA will be drafting new model bylaws in the near future, so they will wait for that information before finishing the review. A new LA welcome letter was written to distribute to new members to increase awareness of what local associations have to offer. Lisa is committed to getting members, keeping members and helping them be involved. In answer to a group question, internal audits are fine for the Local Associations.

## VI. **Standing Committees**

- a. **Ovation, Suzanne Fauser** – Not present. The board reviewed the known issues requiring action and discussed what we wanted once the adjustments are made. Further research will be made to determine why Internet Explorer browsers are still not working properly. Badger scheduler and Badger reports are still being addressed. The executive board will discuss a transfer of the Ovations website to a new host provider with better uptime, running potential and customer service, during new business. This change should fix a huge host of problems. Several other problems will also be adjusted to improve the experience for members.
- b. **Central Office, Katie Butler** – Submissions for the August newsletter should be sent to WisconsinMTA@gmail.com by July 15<sup>th</sup>. Ideas for Conference exhibitors can also be forwarded along to Katie to follow up.
- c. **Finance – Catherine Walby, NCTM** – The finance committee met last week and discussed the income and expense for the association. They were able to set and balance a budget to insure positive cash flow. Rachel will be meeting with a representative at the bank regarding potential investments to protect the money. District chairs should send income in immediately, not at the same time as the expenses. Board members who travel to the board meeting will be reimbursed for mileage if they submit a form to Rachel. The three stipend positions will now submit a timeline of completed work to help track the responsibilities and time spent. Summer study grants will become a little more competitive in the future instead of simply dividing the reward money amongst those who apply. Catherine is going to begin working on a finance guide for WMTA members who deal with money within the organization.
- d. **Website** – no report
- e. **Nominating Committee, Rita Schuman, NCTM** – No outstanding nominations.

## VII. **Old Business**

## VIII. **New Business**

- a. **Reimbursements** – Nancy Burman moved to have MTNA Competition Chairs be paid for basic costs similar to judges. Kayme Henkel seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The current foundation fellow receives a ticket to the Gala at national. WMTA would reimburse one additional ticket within the next three years. It was voted in 2014 to do this and now needs to be voted in. Catherine Walby motioned that within three years since a member has been the foundation fellow, WMTA will reimburse a single ticket for that person. Seconded by Emily Schultz. Motion passed unanimously. Mileage reimbursement is already given for board members attending meetings. Some members have long enough drives to require hotel rooms. Reimbursement for those costs was tabled for a future meeting.
- b. **Change of Website Host** – Nick Phillips discussed the current situation and costs involved in switching the Ovation site webhost with the purpose of solving many of the current Ovation

problems. Motion from the finance committee transition the Ovations website to a new host provider with better uptime, running potential and customer service. Nancy Burman moved to accept. Emily Schultz seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- c. Summer Study Grants – There was discussion about making this grant more competitive in the future. For this year, 7 applicants were received. Catherine Walby moved to award each student \$200. Drea Wagner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- d. Discrepancy in Badger V/I Rules – Information states that first year students don't need to do a Baroque piece.

**IX. Announcements** – The next board meeting will be October 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm preceding the 2016 annual conference. The following meeting will be a teleconference on February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10am. And next summer's board meeting will be June 2<sup>nd</sup> starting at 9:30am.

**X. Adjournment.** 12:15pm.