

**WMTA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING AGENDA**  
**Central Office, 1005 Quinn Drive, Waunakee, WI**  
**June 2, 2017 9:30am-12:00p.m.**

Attendance: Drea Wagner, Mickey Lytle, Jess Johnson, Drew Donica, Rachel Fritz, Catherine Walby, Lisa Zwiefelhofer, Nancy Burman, Emily Shultz, Kayme Henkel, Diana Shapiro, Arlyss Troge, Nicholas Phillips, Rita Schuman and Katie Butler.

- I. **Call to Order/Welcome** 9:30 am.
- II. **Adoption of Agenda** Approval by Consensus.
- III. **Approval of Minutes** Approval by Consensus.
- IV. **Reports of Officers**
  - a. **President, Nicholas Phillips, NCTM** – Resignations; Diane Wilson (Theory), Mark Tollefsen (MTNA Competitions Chair), Rita Schuman (District Auditions Chair), Carmen Shaw (Oshkosh DC), and Nancy Burman (Badger V/I). New appointments; Sydney Alexander (Theory), Sandra Statz (District Auditions Chair), Kristin Ihde (Chair) and Annemarie Birshbach (Co-chair), Hector Landa (MTNA Competitions Chair), and Kim Shivley (Badger V/I). We received a \$1000 donation from the family of Jane Scheef, a member who passed away in April. The finance committee is considering ways to use this in a meaningful way.
  - b. **Immediate Past President, Catherine Walby, NCTM** – No report.
  - c. **1<sup>st</sup> VP-Conference, Gail Heywood, NCTM** – Not Present. The theme for the 2017 annual Conference is “Connecting Teachers with Creative Strategies”. It is scheduled to take place on October 20 to 21, 2017 at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center in Madison, Wisconsin. Plans are all on schedule for events this year. General sessions will take place in the Canyon A/B rooms and the exhibit hall will be in the Grand Canyon C. Friday evening banquet and Saturday business luncheon will be held in Oakbrook I-III. Conference rates are the same as 2016. The overnight room rate at the hotel is \$134.00. Many advertising options are available and pricing starts as low as \$15. Please review the website for more details. If you are interested in exhibiting, please contact Catherine Walby: Catherine.walby@lawrence.edu. Further information, including registration, will be available on the WMTA website before the end of June.
  - d. **2<sup>nd</sup> VP-Membership, Arlyss Troge** – As of April 2017, MTNA statistics show 20,839 members, down from 151 from March 31, 2016. WMTA membership on March 31 was 463, down from 477 in 2016. Historically membership typically goes down about 14% each year to lost renewals. Perhaps there is a way to address that trend. New members should especially be encouraged to attend Conference in the fall. Arlyss emailed a welcome to all new members this year. There was a discussion on who has access to the online portal with membership information and if further access is needed. December, February and May newsletters were mailed to the 9 members who do not have email.
  - e. **Treasurer, Rachel Fritz** – The current balances for WMTA accounts are \$26,721.59 in Checking, \$7,241.72 in Money Market and \$136,478.19 in the CD. Income for the year at this point is \$80,747.41, Expenses equal \$71,125.43 for a current year balance of \$9,621.98. Current numbers do not include Badger Expenses. Rachel will be sending a spreadsheet to the District Chairs with district profit and loss statement to help everybody be aware of what we are tracking.
- V. **Reports of Program Chairs**
  - a. **Arts Awareness and Advocacy, Drew Donica** – Drew attended the Arts Advocacy and Awareness Forum Meeting at MTNA National Conference in Baltimore. The main concern at the meeting was the national financial cuts to the National Endowment for the Arts. The three best things an individual can do if they want to support these issues are to call, write a letter or email to our Congressional representatives. Further details will be included in the next WMTA newsletter.
  - b. **Badger Collegiate Competition, Drea Wagner, NCTM** – Competition was in March. The competition was adjudicated by Dr. Theresa Camilli. We only had three attendees. Everything went smoothly and the students did well, but attendance continues to be low and the competition runs at a loss.
  - c. **Badger Vocal/Instrumental Competition, Nancy Burman, NCTM** – There were 56 registrations in 11 divisions with 18 participating teachers. These numbers are similar to 2016. We used a total of 4 rooms at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. Every division had a winner declared. Next year will most likely be at Stevens Point. Thank you to all who helped. We do not need a form to fill out for trophies when the information can simply be emailed.
  - d. **Badger Keyboard Competition, Kayme Henkel, NCTM** – Numbers this year were similar to what they have been in the past. Some students were able to participate for the first time this year due to a Sunday date. We will not be able to send deadline reminders and members should keep track of these dates through the newsletter and checking the website.
  - e. **College Faculty Representative, Jessica Johnson, NCTM** – To solicit greater participation from collegiate members we are expanding the call for proposals at Conference to include three types of presentations; performances,

lightning talks, and poster sessions. This session will take place on Saturday, October 21 from 1:00 to 2:00pm. The deadline for these submissions is October 1, 2017. The board discussed opening volunteer and free Conference attendance opportunities up to young professionals and high school students. The decision was made to keep this directed only to collegiate students.

- f. **District Auditions, Rita Schuman, NCTM** – Sandra Stats will be taking over the position of District Auditions Chair. It has also been discussed to take time to clean up the judges list. Volunteers are already willing to contact individuals on the list to see if they are still active. Emily Schultz has continued to do a wonderful job on the Ovation database. The online handbook also needs to be updated and Emily will have access to the website for the purpose of these updates. Discussion was made over the individuals who work with the District Auditions position and how to organize the communication structure. Nancy Burman moves to add Composition Manager position to the Administrative Council. Catherine Walby seconded. Discussion was made. Motion was rescinded.
- g. **Composition Manager, Emily Shultz, NCTM** – Any changes that are made must be included in the newsletter so everybody is kept updated. Auditions related questions can be directed to their district chair. The help button on Ovation is currently directed to Suzanne Fauser and is meant for problems with the website. The board discussed adding a link to help teachers contact their district chairs for questions about auditions.
- h. **High School Virtuoso Competition, Bethany Hartlaub, NCTM** – Not present. The High School Virtuoso Competition will be held concurrently with MTNA competitions on Saturday, October 7, 2017. Applications for this competition must be postmarked by Wednesday, September 6, 2017.
- i. **Independent Music Teachers Forum, Mickey Lytle, NCTM** – A panel has been assembled for state conference to support small business information to the members. Catherine Walby motioned to give each panel member \$100. Seconded by Arlyss Troge. Discussion was made. Motion approved unanimously.
- j. **Local Associations, Lisa Zwiefelhofer, NCTM** – All local association constitutions and bylaws have been reviewed and checked for FTC compliance. A new poster and flyer was created to help Local Associations encourage new members. Information about membership for MAPTA will be discussed under new business.

#### VI. **Standing/Special Committees**

- a. **Ovation, Suzanne Fauser** – Not present. Most of the requested fixes from the last Board Meeting were completed along with other updates. A Few things such as “Badger Judge Forms” and “Forms Sorting” are still in progress.
- b. **Central office, Katie Butler** – Central Office has a new phone number through Google Voice. The number is 608-571-4101. The website has been updated.
- c. **Finance Committee, Rachel Fritz** – No report.
- d. **Nominating committee, Catherine Walby, NCTM** – Rachel Fritz is now officially the President Elect. Kayme Henkel will step in as 1st VP of Conferences and Drew Donica will step in as Badger Keyboard.

#### VII. **Old Business**

- a. **Conference discount (New member/1<sup>st</sup> time)** – Nancy moves to make a \$55 fee to cover members who are attending annual conference for first time, regardless is they are new members. Seconded by Kayme Henkel. Discussion was made. Motion approved unanimously.
- b. **Conference Honorarium** – Discussion set aside until the next meeting.

#### VIII. **New Business**

- a. **Conference rate for MAPTA members, Mickey Lytle, NCTM** – The MAPTA organization is voting on September 8<sup>th</sup> to determine if they want to become a local association of WMTA. Due to the unique situation, discussion was made as to whether the board wants to support a reduced rate for conference attendance. We do want to welcome them to WMTA if they choose to join. Catherine Walby moves we apply all current member rates to MAMPTA for 2017 only. Arlyss Troge seconded. Motioned passed unanimously.
- b. **Points rubric for District Auditions judge, Nicholas Phillips, NCTM** – Several inconsistencies were discussed in how numbers were totaled by the judges. It was decided to create a committee to address individual clarifications and changes.
- c. **Extended time option for all 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> graders, Terry Wilkinson** – The wording in the handbook needs to be adjusted slightly to allow for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders who request extra time. This decision will stay by grade and exceptions will not be made for students graduating early.
- d. **Future of Badger Collegiate Competition, Drea Wagner, NCTM** – This event continually runs at a loss due to low numbers. Finding an appropriate weekend for this competition has been tricky. This issue has been discussed in Board Meetings several times in the past and effort has been made to increase attendance. Some students haven't attended because they don't have transportation. Catherine Walby motioned to no longer continue this competition. Seconded by Rachel Fritz. Further discussion was made including MTNA options that are available and potential online e-competition options. Motion approved unanimously. This will also remove the Badger Collegiate Competition Chair position from the board.
- e. **Viability/future of Mantiwoc site** – Discussion was made for the viability of continuing this as a separate site for District Auditions. Attendance has been very low in the past few years. If they are split off, these students would

not likely be willing to drive to Chicago. Rita Schuman moved to dismantle this location. Seconded by Rita. Further discussion was made. It was proposed that we need to give them one more year and give them notice of potential dissolution. All apposed with one abstention.

- f. **Member of the Year, Catherine Walby, NCTM** – WMTA has not sent forward a “Member of the Year” to MTNA in several years. Catherine Walby proposed a nomination for this next year. Her recommendation was approved by consensus.
- g. **WMTA Competition for Young Composers, Erin Peyer** – A specific rule was discussed regarding age categories and how that effects some current students. The Executive Board voted to change Catherine Walby motioned to change this so that as long as they are entering new compositions they will be eligible for awards within the same category. Seconded by Rachel Fritz. Motion approved unanimously.
- h. **Summer Study Grant** – Discussion was saved for the Administrative council meeting.

**IX. Announcements** The next Executive Board meeting will be held at the annual Conference in Madison on Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>.

**X. Adjournment** 12:05pm