

WMTA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wisconsin Center for Music Education Waunakee, Wisconsin

June 6th, 2014, 9:30am – 12:00pm

In attendance: Nancy Burman, Rachel Fritz, Kayme Henkel, Mary Tollefson, Dorie Petersen, Rita Schuman, Catherine Walby, Arlyss Troge, Gail Heywood, Suzanne Fauser (end of meeting), Sandy Ryan, Drea Wagner, and Katie Butler.

Regrets: Bethany Hartlaub and Jeri-Mae Astolfi.

- I. **Call to Order** 9:30am by President, Catherine Walby/Welcome and Introductions of all individuals in attendance.
- II. **Adoption of the Agenda** – Nancy Burman motioned to approve, Rita Schuman seconded.
- III. **Approval of Minutes**-Approved by consensus.
- IV. **Officer Reports**
 - a. President – Catherine Walby, NCTM – Several officer positions have changed. Emily Luker, VP membership, Jeri-Mae Astolfi, College Faculty Rep, and Cynthia Penker, Certification have resigned. Arlyss Troge has accepted the position as VP Membership, Drea Wagner has accepted as Badger Collegiate and Bethany Hartlaub as accepted the position as Arts Awareness. Catherine attended the MTNA Conference in Chicago and will be attending the leadership conference in Cincinnati. MTNA will be moving to a new address in December and will notify all the members once the change has been made.
 - b. Immediate Past President – Gail Heywood, NCTM – No Report
 - c. 1st VP-Conference – Gail Heywood, NCTM – This year’s Annual Conference will be on October 24th-25th. Everything is on track and we are looking forward to several exciting, new and updated events. There will be a recital on Friday night by Tammie Walker that was omitted from the brochure. The Friday evening banquet will be more interesting this year with a simultaneous recital by the Aber Suzuki Students. We will also be including two master classes, one on Friday and one on Saturday and have a college faculty/student chapter forum. Discussion was made about the presenters for this year and next year. The board felt like an adjudication workshop was an important priority and was very pleased with the level of talent already in place for this fall. An important change from past years, the lunch fees for Local Association Meetings and District Chair meetings will be collected along with registration, not during conference. Conference dates for 2015 will be October 23th and 24th.
 - d. 2nd VP-Membership – Arlyss Troge – As the exiting VP of Membership, Emily Luker reported that WMTA had 472 members as of the last day of March 2014. 215 members have renewed as of May 28. She is moving out of state and has officially resigned from the position. Arlyss Troge has already accepted the position.
 - e. Treasurer – Rachel Fritz – Our current assets are \$175,083.22, \$131,485.87 is in a CD, \$37,064.75 is in a Money Market account; the remainder, \$6,532.60 is in Checking. Our current balance for the year is -\$12,806.50. We are still in process of adopting new policies based on the audit, including the distribution of “For Deposit Only” stamps and the adoption of an operating budget. After producing a preliminary budget, the association’s potential operating expenses are working at a deficit.
- V. **Program Chair Reports**

- a. Arts Awareness and Advocacy – Bethany Hartlaub – Not Present. Bethany reported that she has signed up on the Wisconsin State Legislature Notification System to receive updates regarding music education and the arts as addressed by our state government. Bethany also prepared and distributed a short survey for board members, district chairs and local association presidents to help pinpoint our association’s current needs.
- b. Badger Collegiate Competition – Drea Wagner, NCTM – Badger Collegiate Performance Competition was held on May 17th, 2014 in UW-Stevens Point. Nine students from two colleges enrolled and six of these students attended and competed. This competition was held at the same time and place as the Badger Keyboard Competition which saved on the overall facility costs and labor. Because the event runs at a financial loss, the board discussed the attendance and value of the event and Drea will be doing further research toward the event’s current timeline.
- c. Badger Instrumental/Vocal Competition – Nancy Burman, NCTM – The competition is down to less than half the student attendance it’s been in the past, but is still bringing in new teachers and is well appreciated by those who attend. The judges were very good and wrote a lot of encouraging notes. This event was held again this year at Stevens Point. The location is central to the state and students enjoy the performance rooms at this venue. The board discussed piggy-backing this competition with one of the Keyboard locations in the future.
- d. Badger Keyboard Competition – Kayme Henkel, NCTM – A total of 532 students and 147 teachers participated this year. Many parents and students contacted Kayme Henkel and/or the central office asking about location information or results from the competitions this spring. Teachers need to remember they are responsible for communicating this information to their students.
- e. College Faculty Representative – Jeri-Mae Astolfi, NCTM – Not Present. Prior to resigning the position, Jeri-Mae put the college faculty/student forum into place for the fall conference.
- f. District Auditions – Rita Schuman, NCTM – Rita has been working diligently on organizing and compiling all the district audition information and handbook for the new WMTA website. The new Ovation system was running on a limited basis this past season and should be fully up and running by this fall. There are a lot of discussions and updates in the works for auditions.
- g. High School Virtuoso Competition – Mary Tollefson, NCTM – The High School Virtuoso Competition will be held on the weekend of October 17-18 at UW-Whitewater. Following the recommendation of WMTA at the November meeting, the HSV Competition has been expanded to applicants in 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grades. Points awarded to plaques and financial awards remain the same.
- h. Independent Music Teachers Forum – Sandra Ryan – Sandy attended the MTNA national conference and attended the IMTF conference session and participated in the discussions regarding the FTC investigation. The board discussed this again later on in the meeting.
- i. Local Associations – Dorie Petersen, NCTM – Dorie is still waiting on new officer lists for several associations and is in the process of compiling the yearly report for MTNA. She strongly recommends, as an organization, that we continue to pursue higher activity in the local associations. Local Association presidents have been encouraged to have their election of officers in May. Dorie will be finishing her term as Local Association Chair at the State Conference and will be working with Lisa Zwiefelhofer (of SCVMTA) over the summer for a smooth transition.

VI. Standing Committee Reports

- a. Ovation – Suzanne Fauser - The system had a variety of kinks, but many details have been worked out successfully. Reporting will be up this summer. Facilities (for district auditions) will need

computer and internet access to enter points on the day of the event. A session is scheduled for Conference this fall to acclimate members to the new system.

- b. Central Office – Katie Butler – A few new members were inadvertently overlooked during the last quarter due to errors in the National Membership report. These problems have been addressed, but any new members who did not receive a new member packet can contact the central office for more information. The deadline for the August Newsletter is July 1st. Any submissions can be emailed to Katie in the central office at wisconsinmta@gmail.com.
- c. Finance – Rachel Fritz – There were a lot of changes and additions to the non-profit status and tax paperwork, but Rachel has handled everything. The board discussed doing another complete audit this year and decided to wait until next year. We will use the year to implement procedural changes that were suggested during the audit. Kayme Henkel motioned and Dorie Petersen seconded that Wegner and Associates complete our 990 again this year. Unanimously passed. The finance committee will be reorganized in order to move ahead with the budget and other issues.
- d. Bylaws – Catherine Walby, NCTM – A committee has been formed to review the Bylaws. The committee needs to give 45 days’ notice of any changes made to the Bylaws. There will be a few changes, but not many. After bylaws have been revised, they will be voted on at the annual business meeting.
- e. Website – Katie Butler – The new website is planned to launch this fall with enough information posted to the new site to switch over by the time we print and mail the August newsletter. The board discussed photo opt out forms for online postings. Further information will be researched before proceeding. The new website will feature options for teachers to add profile information to the teacher search database.
- f. Nominating Committee – Rita Schuman, NCTM – Two members are interested in serving as the WMTA President Elect. As per the bylaws, the election will take place via secret ballot during the annual business meeting in October. Members must be present in order to vote.

VII. Old Business

- a. MTNA FTC Investigation – Catherine Walby, NCTM- As part of the settlement MTNA arranged with the FTC, each state and local association must sign a “certification of affiliate” by August 28, 2014. If any association needs extra time, an extension must be signed by the same date. Full information will be in the August newsletter but essentially, we must be careful with how we discuss rates and studio policies.

VIII. New Business

- a. Auditions Issues – There are concerns about the large and continual quantity of teachers who do not show up for their shift at auditions and do not send a reliable substitute to complete their shift. Additional discussion will be made during the Administrative Council.
- b. The Rule of Four for Competitions - The board discussed the situation of whether or not the association is required to issue a winner when three or fewer students participate in a category. Rita Schuman moved to implement the new rule for all Badger competitions that a winner is not required, Arlyss Troge seconded. Discussion was made and the motion was carried unanimously.
- c. Theory Tests - The board discussed the current policy on theory tests. Kayme Henkel motioned that the same student can take a separate theory test for different instruments. Rita Schuman seconded. The board voted and the motion carried unanimously.

- d. Collegiate Study Grants – Catherine Walby, NCTM – The board discussed five applicants and proposed grant amounts. Rita Schuman motioned that we evenly split the allotted funds among the applicants, Dorie Petersen seconded. Discussion was made on how much has been given in the past and what the association can afford this year. The motion was amended by Rita to \$300 per person and Dorie seconded. A vote was made and carried unanimously.
 - e. 2015 Foundation Fellow – Catherine Walby, NCTM – Dorie Peterson nominated Joan Davies and Rachel Fritz seconded. A vote was made and carried unanimously.
- IX. **Announcements** – The next executive meeting will be Thursday, October 23 at 8pm in Stevens Point.
- X. **Adjournment** at 12:10pm Mary Tollefson moved to close, Kayme Henkel seconded.