

WMTA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Raddison Hotel and Conference Center, Madison, WI
October 19, 2017 8:00pm-10:00pm

Attendance: Nicholas Phillips, Catherine Walby, Gail Heywood, Arlyss Troge, Rachel Fritz, Drew Donica, Kayme Henkel, Nancy Burman, Jess Johnson, Sandra Statz, Bethany Hartlaub, Mickey Lytle, Lisa Zwiefelhofer, Mary Ann Olvera, and Katie Butler.

- I. **Call to Order/Welcome** 8:05pm.
- II. **Adoption of Agenda** Approval by Consensus.
- III. **Approval of Minutes** Approval by Consensus.
- IV. **Reports of Officers**
 - a. **President, Nicholas Phillips, NCTM** – Resignations; Lisa Zwiefelhofer as Local Association Chair and Diana Shapiro as Collaboration Chair. Appointments; Mary Anne Olvera as Local Association Chair. Nancy Burman has graciously agreed to continue running Badger V/I, but other are encouraged to volunteer if they would like the opportunity. The Executive Board voted, via email, to donate \$1000 to the MTNA Benevolence Fund to help teachers affected by this season's hurricanes. Nick attended the MTNA Leadership Summit in Cincinnati on September 9th and 10th. The 2018 National Conference will be at Disney Coronado Springs, March 18-21. Check the MTNA website to update your profile. Instructions were emailed to all members. MTNA e-Festival is now live and open to anyone. Distinguished Composer of the Year submissions are now accepted only online. MTNA has a new event, the Stecher & Horowitz Two Piano Competition. Deadline for submissions is January 3, 2018.
 - b. **Immediate Past President, Catherine Walby, NCTM** – Carmen Shaw was the board's selection as member of the year to send in as the MTNA member of the year nomination. This will be announced at the awards banquet on Friday night during Conference.
 - c. **1st VP-Conference, Gail Heywood, NCTM** – Everything is prepared and ready for Conference this year. Our numbers increased from past year with pre-registration at exactly 100 attendees. Kayme Henkel was copied on many emails as she is the VP-Conference nominee for next year. Thank you to Heid Music for their generous donations towards Conference this year. Next year's conference will be held at the Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin on October 19th and 20th, 2018. Members who attended Conference this year are asked to help us plan future conferences by participating in a survey. The link for this survey is at http://eSurv.org?s=LJEIOG_97c3b2e5 and will be accepting responses until January 1, 2018.
 - d. **2nd VP-Membership, Arlyss Troge** – As of October 13, 2017, we stand at 414 members and we are still working with a few last minute renewals. We will continue to reach out to collegiate members so the next generation can keep us strong. As of August, MTNA national numbers stand at 16,662 members. This is down 19.6% from last year in part because many members are now renewing in September, but also because new membership isn't keeping up with non-renewals and retirees.
 - e. **Treasurer, Rachel Fritz** – The 2016-2017 year balance was positive \$2,688.16. As of September, the current numbers for the 2017-2018 year are \$10,364.48 Income from membership dues and conference fees, and \$8,017.05 expenses from Conference, grants and programs. Together they give a current balance of \$2,347.43. These numbers have already changed as we draw closer to Conference and will update after Conference, but we are right on track for the year. The audit is currently in process with anticipated completion in mid-November.
- V. **Reports of Program Chairs**
 - a. **Arts Awareness and Advocacy, Drew Donica** – At the National Conference in March, they focused on the national budget cuts to the NEA. As of July 12th, the U.S. House Interior Appropriations Subcommittee approved a bill to fund the NEA at \$145 million dollars, which is \$5 million dollars less than the current funding level. This is a great improvement over the March proposal. It's not too late to contact a Senator about this issue and Drew can help with anybody who wants more information about how to do this. You can contact him by email at drew.r.donica@gmail.com.
 - b. **Badger Keyboard Competition, Kayme Henkel, NCTM** – The early stages of planning show the Northwest competitions will be on Saturday, May 19th at UW-LaCrosse with a deadline of April 15th. Northeast competitions will be Saturday, May 19th at UW-Stevens Point with a deadline of April 15th. South competitions will be on Sunday, May 6th at UW-Milwaukee with a deadline of April 30th. Some sites and dates might switch around still before they are official. The District Chairs will be communicating further about the locations as we near the competitions. Please note, Eau Claire District Auditions will have a very fast turn around date for getting entries in.
 - c. **Badger Vocal/Instrumental Competition, Nancy Burman, NCTM** – Nancy is still going to run this program until another individual has interest in taking her place. Badger V/I will be in Stevens Point on Saturday, May 19, 2018. Freeze date for entries will be April 30. For 2017 we had 56 registrants in 11 divisions with 18 participating teachers. These numbers are similar to 2016.

- d. **College Faculty Representative, Jessica Johnson, NCTM** – We have 10 Collegiate attendees registered for Conference this year and 8 students who were selected to present during the poster session at Conference. We are delighted with the positive participation from collegiate members and will continue to provide professional development opportunities for collegiate members.
- e. **District Auditions, Sandra Statz** – New and experienced teachers should take a few minutes to browse the website for rules and requirements on entering students. To do this you can visit the WMTA website at www.wisconsinmusicteachers.com, then “Student Events”, then “District Auditions”. Locations, dates and deadlines for 2018 auditions are also posted there. Emily Schultz will continue to serve on the District Auditions committee and you should email her with all questions regarding auditions repertoire at WMTACompositionHotline@gmail.com. Abby Patchet will also be joining the District Auditions Committee to assist with planning and entries in Ovation.
- f. **High School Virtuoso Competition, Bethany Hartlaub, NCTM** – The 2017 competition was held on Saturday, October 7 at Lawrence University in Appleton in concurrence with the MTNA competitions. Only three students participated. Further updates regarding this competition can be reviewed in the Old Business section of these meeting minutes.
- g. **Independent Music Teachers Forum, Mickey Lytle, NCTM** – There will be a panel during Conference this year entitled “You’ve Got Questions... We’ve Got Answers!” featuring Dr. David Mays, a physician, and Scott Haumersen, a CPA. Mickey is also looking for anybody who would like to write an article about the challenges and benefits to being an independent music teacher.
- h. **Local Associations, Lisa Zwiefelhofer, NCTM** – Mary Ann Olvera will be taking over as the new Local Associations Chair. We are happy to report that the Madison Area Piano Teachers Association has recently voted to form a WMTA affiliated association and will proceed with the application process this year. Overall the LA membership within Wisconsin is stable. Some groups gained or lost members this past year and the LA presidents will be discussing what is working for some of our groups so that everybody can benefit. Member recruitment continues to be our focus. This past year, Katie Butler created a poster and tri-fold brochure that can be customized for each local association and used to spread the word and recruit new members. A welcome letter was also sent to new WMTA members listing our state’s local associations and contact information. A committee also reviewed each local association’s constitutions and bylaws to bring them up to date in compliance with FTC requirements.

VI. **Standing/Special Committees**

- a. **Ovation, Suzanne Fauser** – Not Present. There is still small list of improvements that need to be done. Very few of these will impact auditions this year. Some of the recent and potential changes were discussed as a group.
- b. **Finance Committee, Rachel Fritz** – No report.
- c. **Nominating committee, Catherine Walby, NCTM** – Nominations from the committee were announced in June as Rachel Fritz for President Elect, Kayme Henkel as VP of Conferences, Drea Wagner as VP of Membership and Drew Donica as Badger Keyboard Chair. We are still looking for somebody as a treasurer nominee. The vote on President Elect will take place at the Annual Business Meeting during Conference this year.

VII. **Old Business**

- a. **High School Virtuoso Competition** – The Board reviewed participation numbers for this program over the past few years and discussed the benefits of continuing to offer it in the future. It was put in place because of requirement differences that no longer exist. Rachel Fritz moved that we discontinue the HS Virtuoso Competition. Bethany Hartlaub seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. **Language for the 11th and 12th Groups** – Language still needs to be changed in the handbook and on the website to allow for all 11th and 12th graders to request a longer audition. Currently, the handbook reads, only students preparing for a college audition.
- c. **Points Rubric Updates** – Judging expectations were discussed to determine if there is a need to modify our universal language for the judges in Wisconsin to make the comments more consistent for new judges. A committee will be getting together at Conference to discuss potential changes so further discussion can be made at the next meeting.

VIII. **New Business**

- a. **Compensation for Competition Judge** – Right now the adjudicator’s receive \$20 per piece. The fee is only \$25 and the competition has cash prizes. The board discussed the balance of funds as well as the time needed to judge a composition. More discussion will be made on this issue at a future meeting.
- b. **Points for Composition Competition** – Ovation is not coded to enter composition points separately. Catherine Walby will look at old minutes to see what was decided about these points and report back.
- c. **Office Supplies** – Some miscellaneous supplies were cleared out of the old office and the board discussed how to distribute the items.
- d. **Ovation Review** – There were many early problems with the Ovation release, but most have now been resolved. Nick received an unsolicited communication from a student website developer with a quote of \$5,000 (minimum)

to correct all the current issues. During discussion the board was reminded that we have currently spent over \$21,00 on the site. Catherine Walby motioned to decline the offer. Nancy Burman seconded. Rachel Fritz called for a vote. The board voted unanimously to kindly not accept the offer at this time.

- e. **Position Restructuring** – The board discussed the current need for this position of Collaborative Performance Forum Chair, after Diana Shapiro’s resignation. There is no requirement from MTNA to have the position or a directive on how to shape the position. The point was made that is good for the board to have introductory level leadership positions that help train members for other leadership positions in the future, and agreed to keep the position. It also benefits members through experience and continued professional development. The Composition Database Manager and Theory Chair will become committee members serving the District Auditions Chair. Further discussion will be made on this at a future meeting, and our bylaws will need to be amended.
 - f. **Jane Scheef Money** – The Board discussed the \$1,000 that Jane’s estate bequeathed to WMTA. Jane was passionate about attending the National Conference. The potential of offering grants for attending Conference was discussed. Catherine Walby motioned to make five \$200 grants available to members for the 2018 Conference, with preference given to first time attendees, with application parameters to be determined by the Executive Board over the next few days. Nancy Burman seconded. Discussion was made. An addendum was made to push the funds towards the next year if appropriate applications aren’t turned in this year. Nancy called for the vote. Motion passed unanimously.
- IX. Announcements** – The next Executive Board meeting will be held via teleconference on February 2nd at 10:00am. The following meeting will be June 1st in Waunakee at 9:30am to noon with Administrative Council following at 1:00pm.
- X. Adjournment** 10:07 pm.