

WMTA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Teleconference

February 8, 2019 10:00am–12:00pm

Present: Rachel Fritz, Nicholas Phillips, Kayme Henkel, Drea Wagner, Sydney Alexander, Sandra Statz, Mickey Lytle, Mary Anne Olvera, and Katie Butler.

I. Call to Order/Welcome: 10:02 AM

II. Adoption of Agenda Approval by Consensus.

III. Approval of Minutes Approval by Consensus.

IV. Reports of Officers

- a. **President, Rachel Fritz** – Fritz will be working through certification with Laurie Asch this summer as part of an invitation she extended to all WMTA members. The position of Arts Advocacy vacated by Drew Donica has been filled by Teresa Drews. Forums at the National level have been changed to an all-digital format. This format allows for participation by those that are unable to attend conferences. Thank you to Nick Phillips for all of his assistance through the transition.
- b. **Immediate Past President, Nicholas Phillips, NCTM** – No Report.
- c. **1st VP-Conference, Kayme Henkel, NCTM** – The new Exhibitor form and policy information has been created and will be posted online. Exhibitors will pay \$50 for one exhibit table and \$20 for an additional table. Carolyn True from Trinity University has agreed to be the guest artist. She is a versatile speaker and teacher who is willing to help where needed. Henkel has already received proposal submissions and anybody with additional ideas for presenters or presentations should contact her. The board also discussed current Conference fees, but tabled the discussion until later in the meeting.
- d. **2nd VP-Membership, Drea Wagner, NCTM** – As of December 31, 2018, WMTA membership stands at 465. This is a 22% increase in the number of members compared to the same time last year, due in part to the addition of the Madison local association and the new collegiate chapter at Maranatha Baptist University. A 22% increase in membership is the 2nd highest increase among all the state affiliates. With the new year, 6-month trial membership is available, and MTNA is asking teachers to reach out to their associates and encourage them to take advantage of this opportunity. Thank you to Arlyss Troge for her very thorough job as VP-Membership in the past.
- e. **Treasurer, Sydney Alexander** – Income from membership dues and conference fees is \$21,655.45 and expenses from conference, grants, and auditions is \$33,573.61. The current balance is -\$11,918.16. The Checking account has \$8,974.81, the money market account has \$10,235.11 and the CD has \$137,325.17. 1099's were sent out to everybody.

V. Reports of Program Chairs

- a. **Arts Awareness and Advocacy, Teresa Drews** – Not Present. No report.
- b. **Badger Keyboard Competition, Drew Donica** – Not Present. Donica is working on securing and confirming judges. Trophies were cheaper this year. Information about site dates, locations, audition process, and volunteering were published in the February newsletter and updated on the website
- c. **Badger Vocal/Instrumental Competition – Opala Bilhorn** – Badger V/I 2019 will be held at UW-Whitewater on Saturday, May 11. All of the information has been updated and is available to review on the website.
- d. **College Faculty Representative, Jessica Johnson, NCTM** – Not Present. If anyone has ideas for collegiate or wellness conference sessions in either category please let Johnson know.
- e. **District Auditions, Sandra Statz, NCTM** – All the information has been updated on the website. In correction to a previous listing, March 30th is the audition date for River Falls.
- f. **Independent Music Teachers Forum, Mickey Lytle, NCTM** – We received very positive feedback from the 2018 IMTF newsletter articles and are now in search of others who would like to submit articles for future newsletters. Please contact Lytle at musicbymickey@gmail.com with ideas.
- g. **Local Associations, Mary Ann Olvera, NCTM** – Local Association presidents met at the 2018 state Conference and had a very productive meeting. Primary discourse revolved around positive membership

growth, retention, engagement of existing members, recruiting, and creating a positive presence in the community.

VI. Standing/Special Committees

- a. **Finance Committee, Sydney Alexander** – No report.

VII. Old Business

- a. **Media Chair, Action needed, Nicholas Phillips, NCTM** – The board continued its discussion on combining the Archivist and Technology Chair positions into one. The bylaws still need to be adjusted to put this change officially in place. Change of bylaws will need to be placed in the August newsletter to be voted on during the October Conference. Phillips will be working on a draft for future review.
- b. **Financial Guide Update, Catherine Walby, NCTM** – An update will be coming for review during the summer board meetings.
- c. **Milwaukee Historical Society, Rachel Fritz** – Fritz hasn't been able to get a hold of anybody within this organization so it has been determined to discontinue using their service.
- d. **Cash Awards/WMTA Composition Competition, Nicholas Phillips, NCTM** – The board asked teachers whose students regularly participate in this completion about the cash reward and about what motivates their students to participate. Some limited information from members on the call indicates students are motivated by the cash award as an exciting perk, but they would probably still participate. Some students also played their composition for Conference and thought it was an honor. The local area has provided limited grants so the travel isn't a burden. The finance committee hasn't met yet to report on this so the issue so it will be discussed again in June.
- e. **Conference Mailing Preferences, Katie Butler** – Further discussion was made as a follow-up from the October meeting regarding how to communicate with members about Conference. Many ideas were shared for consideration. Phillips motioned to include an order form in the August newsletter for those who don't have email and only send a postcard to the membership instead of a tri-fold mailer with printed order form. Seconded by Henkel. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. New Business

- a. **Conference Fees, Kayme Henkel, NCTM** – 2015 was the last time the Conference fee was increased. The board discussed whether or not this is needs to be raised. This will likely need to happen in the future due to constantly increasing Conference costs, but to encourage participation in Eau Claire, it was determined this may not be the best year to raise rates.
- b. **2020 Foundation Fellow, Rachel Fritz** – The fee this year is \$1500 and the foundation has already raised money towards that number. The upcoming Conference will be in Chicago so it would be a great time to send a nominee. The board discussed current nominations.
- c. **State Piano Competition, Rachel Fritz, Sandra Statz, Drew Donica** – Badger V/I is currently held at one site, but the piano Badger competition is at three different sites. The idea of a true state Piano Competition was discussed. The board members considered options with a state-wide joint competition or a smaller competition with the top students from the three different sites. Often the 11th and 12th grade students are combined at one site which could complicate that idea. The board members will take some time to think about this idea for further discussion at the June meeting.
- d. **MTNA State/Local/Teachers of the Year, Rachel Fritz** – Around the middle of July MTNA puts out a call for MTNA State Affiliate of the Year. Fritz has created application forms for these awards. The board discussed if we want to nominate a state affiliate each year? MTNA regularly changes how they process awards. It was determined to submit ourselves for the state or submit a LA when we have a specific reason to do so during that year.

- IX. Announcements** The summer Executive Board Meeting will be Friday, June 7th, 2019 at 9:30am at the Wisconsin Music Educator Association in Waunakee WI, with lunch meetings at noon followed by the Administrative council meeting from 1:30 to 3:30. The deadline for reports will be June 1st.

- X. Adjournment** 11:18am.