

WMTA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Waunakee, WI

June 7, 2019 9:30am – 12:00pm

Present: Nicholas Phillips, Rachel Fritz, Drew Donica, Kayme Henkel, Sandra Statz, Teresa Drews, Opala Bilhorn, Justin Krueger, Sydney Alexander, Mickey Lytle, Mary Anne Olvera, and Katie Butler.

- I. **Call to Order/Welcome:** 9:35am
- II. **Adoption of Agenda** Approval by Consensus.
- III. **Approval of Minutes** Approval by Consensus.
- IV. **Reports of Officers**
 - a. **President, Rachel Fritz** – Current resignations are; Drea Wagner as VP Membership and Teacher Award of Excellence. Justin Krueger as Certification Chair and Peggy Otwell as MTNA Competitions and WMTA Competitions Chair. Krueger will be taking over as VP Membership. Sam Ecoff will be taking over as WMTA Composition Chair.
 - b. **Immediate Past President, Nicholas Phillips, NCTM** – No report.
 - c. **1st VP-Conference, Kayme Henkel, NCTM** – See attached report.
 - d. **2nd VP-Membership, Drea Wagner**– No report.
 - e. **Treasurer, Sydney Alexander** – Income from membership dues and conference fees is \$79,455.29 and expenses from conference, grants, and auditions is \$69,212.73. The current balance is \$10,242.56. The Checking account has \$31,195.36, the money market account has \$10,236.36 and the CD's have \$141,648.85.
- V. **Reports of Program Chairs**
 - a. **Arts Awareness and Advocacy, Teresa Drews**– No report.
 - b. **Badger Keyboard Competition, Drew Donica** – See attached report. We had low numbers at the East site so it is recommended we keep it on Saturday in future years. Teachers also gave feedback that having at least one Sunday date available is helpful. Due to site schedules there are challenges to find ideal dates.
 - c. **Badger Vocal/Instrumental Competition – Opala Bilhorn, NCTM** – See attached report. Numbers were down a little this year. We would love to hear from teachers about what would encourage attendance. The board discussed strategies for improving volunteer availability and distribution during all the Badger competitions as a whole.
 - d. **College Faculty Representative, Jessica Johnson, NCTM** – No report.
 - e. **District Auditions, Sandra Statz** – See attached report. The procedure for the composition database went smoothly this year. Currently WMTA has the rule that during the oral part of the theory test, students have two hearings. There has been some confusion due to differences between facilities and practices in different districts. The board discussed current barriers and whether or not two hearings was sufficient. It was determined that additional technology resources provided to each district could help with equity. Nick Philips motioned that WMTA provide 1-2 wireless speakers and a usb drive for each district for use with theory tests. Seconded by Kayme Henkel. Motion passed unanimously. The finance committee will work out the specific details of the equipment.
 - f. **Independent Music Teachers Forum, Mickey Lytle, NCTM** – See attached report. The newsletter articles have been going over well. Additional ideas for how to fulfill the position would be appreciated.
 - g. **Local Associations, Mary Ann Olvera** – See attached report. Concerns from the Local Association presidents are focused on how to motivate members to participate. The board discussed ideas such as teacher wellness and teacher retreats as well as the need for a personal touch. The board also discussed why members may not join a local association as well when they are members of WMTA. The board discussed the social impact and connections between members, both good and bad, and how that impacts participation.
- VI. **Standing/Special Committees**
 - a. **Finance Committee, Sydney Alexander** – The biggest item of discussion from the Finance Committee is in the ways we can use the WMTA funds to encourage further participation in the Local Associations through available grants. \$100 grants are currently available. The board discussed further potential funds and how they could be used for bringing in presenters, events, or other local benefits. There was also discussion about additional transparency of the state budget and how funds used to boost membership helps everybody. Nick Philips motioned that we continue with the \$100 LA grants, but set aside an additional \$1000 for grants that Local Associations to submit applications for the Finance Committee to review. Seconded by Mickey Lytle. The board discussed details and restrictions to how the money could be distributed. Motioned passed unanimously.
- VII. **Old Business**
 - a. **Update Bylaws** – The board has already discussed the idea of discontinuing the Technology Chair and Archivist position and combining them to create a new Media Chair. Nick Philips volunteered to determine the new wording so it is ready to be voted on this fall.
 - b. **Milwaukee Historical Society** – Our archived documents are paper copies stored in bankers boxes. The board discussed if action was needed.

- c. **2020 foundation Fellow** – Next year’s national Conference is in Chicago and will be in Minneapolis in a couple years. It is \$1500 to fund a fellow each year. The board discussed what we look for in nominees and potential nominations for this year. Kayme Henkel motioned to nominate a specific member for this years Foundation Fellow. The name was seconded by Nick Philips. Motion passed unanimously. The name will be announced at the 2019 Conference.
- d. **State Piano Competition** – This idea was proposed as to create an additional elite competition for the winners of each district from auditions. We don’t currently have a state competition. The board discussed ideas, timing, ages, and geographical logistics. One idea is to have three judges hear all the grades and to have students perform in more of a recital format. The board discussed who might be willing to chair or head a committee for the event if we wanted to start it next year. After discussion it was decided to create a committee to further review the idea.
- e. **MTNA State/Local/Teachers of the Year** – We submitted for all of these awards last year. The board discussed if we want to move forward and submit for these each year, if so, who should do the submissions. It was determined we would submit something if there was a real purpose for the submission.

VIII. New Business

- a. **Collegiate Study Grants** – We received nine applications for summer study grants. Three candidates were chosen by the finance committee. The board voted on how to distribute the funds. Kayme Henkel motioned to give each \$500. Sandra Statz seconded. Motion approved unanimously.
- b. **Use of IMSLP Music for Auditions** – The current rule for WMTA is that if you use downloaded music it must be approved in advance by the district chair. There was a disqualification event this year regarding this rule and executive board agreed that the situation was handled correctly and discussed how to handle complications regarding this situation in the future. The board discussed the use of downloaded music in the industry and within WMTA. A great deal of discussion was made regarding legality and WMTA’s current policy and procedure. In the future teachers will attached a Copyright Representation and Indemnification Agreement Form for downloaded music that can be provided to accompany the music that will clarify responsibility for ownership of legality so the district chairs will no longer be responsible for making this judgment call. This form will be available to teachers on the WMTA website.
- c. **Review of Disqualification Penalties** – The board discussed whether changes need to made to the penalty process. The board found that the disqualification policy was clear.

IX. Announcements The Next executive board meeting will be Thursday, October 17th at 8:00pm in a room TBD at the Lismore hotel.

X. Adjournment 11:45am.