



WMTA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 21, 2021 8:00pm – 10:00pm
The Ingleside, Pewaukee WI

Present: Rachel Fritz, Mickey Lytle, Nicholas Phillips, Mary Ann Olvera, Opala Bilhorn, Sandra Statz, Catherine Walby, Justin Krueger, and Katie Butler.

- I. Call to Order/Welcome:** 8:10pm
- II. Adoption of Agenda** LA Grant vote added to New Business. Approval by Consensus.
- III. Approval of Minutes** Approval by Consensus.
- IV. Reports of Officers**
 - a. President, Rachel Fritz** – See attached report. Stacy Kraus will be the Collaborative performance chair. Shannon Whaples will be the MTNA Foundation Chair. Katie Nelson has resigned as the Media Chair and Ashley Jehn has resigned as the MTNA Senior Competitions Coordinator
 - b. Immediate Past President, Nicholas Phillips, NCTM** – No report.
 - c. 1st VP-Conference, Kayme Henkel, NCTM** – See attached report. We are grateful for all our presenters who have been patient with the delayed year. Henkel is recommending the responsibilities of this position be supported or divided up so more people are involved in the planning. Henkel is also recommending that we request a hotel room be covered for the VP of Conferences and pointed out that this can often be done as part of the event contract with the location. Nicholas Phillips motioned that the VP of Conferences have their hotel room covered for the Conference. Catherine Walby seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
 - d. 2nd VP-Membership, Justin Krueger, NCTM** – See attached report.
 - e. Treasurer, Sydney Alexander** – Not present. See attached report.
- V. Reports of Program Chairs**
 - a. Arts Awareness and Advocacy, Teresa Drews** – Not Present. No report.
 - b. Badger Keyboard Competition, Mary Anne Olvera, NCTM** – See attached report. All the dates and locations for the Badger competition are posted on the WMTA website. Please note, the registration deadline will be April 20th. These will be I person, although some Covid restrictions may be necessary.
 - c. Badger Vocal/Instrumental Competition – Opala Bilhorn, NCTM** – See attached report. Competition will be at Stevens Point on May 21st. We are seeking to expand this competition. It doesn't currently mesh well with the needs of some instrumental students, so Bilhorn has been discussing improvement options with

teachers. Ideas were discussed, including unique groupings and incentives for recruits from teachers. It was proposed that a work group come together to suggest changes for next year. Phillips motioned to consider adding a Badger vocal instrumental ensembled track. Henkel seconded. Discussion was made. Phillips amended the motion to consider Badger vocal ensemble tracks and Badger instrumental ensemble tracks. Further discussion was made. The board members discussed a proper list of questions to answer and a deadline for the work group. Bilhorn volunteered to head up the work group. The motion to formulate the tracks was tabled and the board decided to vote on changes after the work group meets and shares recommendations.

- d. **College Faculty Representative, Jessica Johnson, NCTM** – Not present. No report.
- e. **District Auditions, Sandra Statz, NCTM** – See attached report. Seven of the 14 District Audition Chairs are new this year and we are grateful for everybody who is stepping up to the position. The board decided to create a new District Auditions info sheet for new members.
- f. **Independent Music Teachers Forum, Mickey Lytle, NCTM** – See attached report.
- g. **Local Association Chair, Catherine Walby, NCTM** – See attached report. We have eight members of the year who have been awarded and many will be present to receive the reward in person at Conference. The biographies are available for everybody to see on the Conference Booklet page on the WMTA website.

VI. Standing/Special Committees

- a. **Finance Committee, Sydney Alexander** – Not present. No report. One item currently on the committee's task list is to review the student grant application.

VII. Old Business

- a. **Ovation Committee, Rachel Fritz** – Ovation is not currently functional, and a financial payment will be required to make it operational. We will need to pay for a quote just to learn how many hours may be required to fix it. Fees were already added for the 2021 year to get it up and going after requesting the job from three other companies who wouldn't do the work. Fritz has been discussion ongoing maintenance options from the company who has agreed to take on the project of creating an operational system and the current quote will have it up and working by January 2022. The board discussed what maintenance options might meet our needs best. Additional discussions were made as to how many users would need access to the database at once. The board evaluated due dates for the early districts so a proper amount of time and early testing can be given to the new system when it launches. Henkel motioned to accept the new database plan as proposed by Fritz. Seconded by Phillips. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. New Business

- a. **Audition 2022 Covid Protocols, Rachel Fritz** – Over the past couple of years new protocols were created to match the health restrictions at those times. The board discussed if ongoing protocols might be necessary. Some changes are already being made as to if the virtual theory option is needed for the district or not. Protocols have already been put in place for the virtual option if needed. Most of the protocols and policies we will need to be aware of will be based on the

local guidance's and the facility. Phillips motioned that we would follow and support any protocols as determined by the hosting institution. Seconded by Walby. Approved unanimously.

- b. Some teachers are now teaching online to students that are in other states and would like auditions available to them. The board discussed options. The MTNA competition was recommended to teachers who are teaching virtually. Phillips motioned that WMTA district auditions be only in person. Statz seconded. Amended motion to clarify that WMTA is not exploring virtual option at this time for online competitions and is referring teachers to the MTNA competition and other online competitions. Seconded by Walby. Motion passed unanimously.
- c. Local Association Grants – Twelve associations submitted at \$100 for the total amount of \$1200. Krueger motioned to accept them all. Henkel seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

IX. Announcements

- a. Our Administrative Assistant, Katie Butler, is officially leaving the organization after nine years. This position is now open to anybody in the state of Wisconsin.
- b. The deadline for the December Newsletter is November 15th.
- c. The next meeting will be held on February 4, 2022. This will be held virtually

X. Adjournment 9:49pm. By Consensus.