

WMTA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Zoom Meeting

June 4, 2021 9:30am – 11:30am

On the Call: Rachel Fritz, Justin Krueger, Sydney Alexander, Mary Ann Olvera, Opala Bilhorn, Justin Krueger, Sandra Statz, Tricia Marton, Jessica Johnson, Catherine Walby, Mickey Lytle, 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** – See attached report. Catherine Walby has now joined us as Local Association Chair. William Whipple resigned as MTNA Foundation Chair. Kristen Ihde resigned as Collaborative Artist Chair. A special thank you to Mary Anne Olvera, Opala Bilhorn, Sydney Alexander, and Sandra Statz for all their work this year.
- b. **Immediate Past President, Nicholas Phillips, NCTM** – Not present. No report.
- c. **1st VP-Conference, Kayme Henkel, NCTM** – Not Present. See attached report. Work continues for the in-person 2021 Conference. All of our presenters have been confirmed including Mara Gibson as guest artist. Henkel will not be seeking re-election and Rachel Fritz has already begun reaching out to others to fill the position.
- d. **2nd VP-Membership, Justin Krueger, NCTM** – Membership currently stands at 432 people. The total number seems down just a little, but people often wait to renew so the numbers are actually high for this time in the year. Northeast Wisconsin has a collaborative group that has been meeting to coordinate music organization and the work they are doing. Krueger has been working with them to get the name out and spread awareness of membership benefits.
- e. **Treasurer, Sydney Alexander** – Not present. See attached report. In the report, District Audition income and fees have been listed in detail for those with questions on where funds go. There were some fees, such as judge's mileage, we did not have this year, so the report shows a higher income than normal. With events shut down, many expenses did not happen. One of our CD's has come due and the funds need to be moved. Alexander recommended they be moved into the money market account. Sandra Statz moved that we move the funds as recommended. Justin Krueger seconded. The motion passed. The board discussed categorizing the technology items differently on the report to make it easier for board members to evaluate.

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. Olvera was pleased with the attendance and flexibility of the judges given the circumstances this year. While there were many challenges with virtual, there were also many benefits, such as students being judged by different judges than usual. Overall, the event was extremely successful and showed outstanding work from teachers and students and strong collaborative work from everybody involved.
- c. **Badger Vocal/Instrumental Competition – Opala Bilhorn, NCTM** – See attached report. We had 35 students who participated this year. Bilhorn has been looking at how these numbers could go up in the future, but these were good numbers for this year. We are confirmed for next year's date of May 21, 2022 at UW-Steves Point. There were some judging issues with students whose auditions were too long. The executive board discussed time limits and concerns with different pieces by the same composer. Sandra Statz proposed that we keep the current policy to educate teachers and provide information, but not micromanage their teaching. This change was put in place only a few years ago. The board had a productive and lengthy discussion about the benefits to trusting the teachers and agreed to keep the current policy in place.
- d. **Collaborative Performance Forum Chair - Vacant**

- e. **College Faculty Representative, Jessica Johnson, NCTM** – No report.
- f. **District Auditions, Sandra Statz, NCTM** – See attached report. District Auditions were difficult, but successful. We had nearly 1200 students who prepared and submitted pieces and exams online. Many of the districts have already confirmed new in-person locations for next year.
- g. **Independent Music Teachers Forum, Mickey Lytle, NCTM** – See attached report. We are always looking for individuals to submit articles for the newsletter.
- h. **Local Association Chair, Mary Anne Olvera, NCTM** – See attached report. Every local association lost members during the rough year. Catherine Walby is taking over the position of Local Association Chair.

VI. Standing/Special Committees

- a. **Finance Committee, Sydney Alexander** – The committee reviewed study grant applications received this year. This grant awards a potential pool of \$2000 to one or more students towards supporting them in music programs. The finance committee reviewed and recommended two awards. Mickey Lytle moved to approve the study grant applications as proposed. Jess Johnson seconded. Motion passed. The finance committee also recommended to give Katie Butler a \$1.00 raise in her position. Opala Bilhorn moved to approve their recommendation. Catherine Walby seconded. Motion passed.
- b. **Nominating Committee, Nicholas Phillips, NCTM** – No report.

VII. Old Business

- a. **Ovations Committee, Rachel Fritz** - In 2015 the Ovation system was finished and then students worked on it until January 2020. The student working on it at that time quit due to the complications with the system. Fritz took the project to a few companies for review. Slingshot has remained in communication and has provided feedback about the disproportionate coding system for the size of our organization. Fritz will be consulting with one other company for their recommendations. A vote will likely be needed in the future as further information is determined. It has been made clear that the requirements of our organization and the maintenance of the system are not currently going to be maintainable with the Ovation system as it is.

VIII. New Business

- a. **Bylaws, Rachel Fritz** – This year we ran into the difficulty that the bylaws didn't match the flexibility we needed to meet the needs of the organization during the pandemic. The board discussed the wording of current changes. These changes will be provided to the membership so they can be reviewed and voted on during the Annual Business Meeting in October. Catherine Walby moved to accept the current proposed changes. Jess Johnson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. **2022 Foundation Fellow, Rachel Fritz** – Potential names were discussed for WMTA to sponsor as a Foundation Fellow. Jess Johnson moved to nominate Catherine Walby. Justin Krueger seconded. Catherine Walby abstained. The motion passed.

IX. Announcements

- a. The next meeting will be held prior to the State Conference in October.

X. Adjournment 11:22pm. By Consensus.