

WMTA ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Zoom Meeting

June 4, 2021 1:30pm – 3:00pm

- I. **Call to Order/Welcome:** 1:35pm
- 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. North east 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** – 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. The executive board discussed having 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. 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. The executive board members agreed to continue with the policy to provide information and trust the teachers instead of micromanaging everything. We now have some information for Badger Keyboard 2022. North east will be at UW-Stevens Point on Saturday, May 21. North west will be at UW-River Falls on Saturday, May 21. South is still to be determined.
 - 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-Stevens Point.
 - d. **Collaborative Performance Forum Chair** – Vacant
 - e. **College Faculty Representative, Jessica Johnson, NCTM** – Not present. See attached 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. We have awesome district chairs and other who jumped in to make District Audition happen this year.

- g. **Independent Music Teachers Forum, Mickey Lytle, NCTM** – See attached report. We are always looking for individuals to submit articles for the newsletter. Tricia Marton will be taking over as Independent Music Teachers Forum.
- h. **Local Associations, 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.
- i. **Media Chair – Kathryn Nelson** – Not present. No report
- j. **MTNA Certification Chair – Alana Laufman** – No report.
- k. **MTNA Composer Commissioning Chair – Michael Mizrahi** – Not present. No report.
- l. **MTNA Composition Competition Chair – Kaju Lee, NCTM** – Lee will get the word out about this event once she has the information.
- m. **Teacher Award of Excellence Chair – Drew Donica** – See attached report. Donica will be working this summer to make sure everybody has a chance to get their points added before Conference this year.
- n. **Wellness Forum Chair – Jessica Johnson, NCTM** – Not present. No report.
- o. **WMTA Composition Competition – Sam Ecoff** – The forms and website have been updated with the information discussed in the previous meeting. He will also be reaching out to parents to see if information can be posted on the website. The deadline will be June 23rd.

VI. Standing/Special Committees

- a. **Finance Committee, Sydney Alexander** – Report of Executive Board actions in summary of actions under new business.
- b. **Nominating Committee, Nicholas Phillips, NCTM** – No report.

VII. Old Business

- a. None

VIII. New Business

- a. **Summary of Actions by Executive Committee**
 - i. Proposed collegiate study grant applications from the finance committee were reviewed and accepted.
 - ii. The board voted to move the current CD funds that came due into the money market account.
 - iii. The board voted to award a \$1.00 per hour raise to our Administrative Assistant, Katie Butler.
 - iv. Catherine Walby was chosen to be this year's Foundation Fellow.
 - v. The bylaws were updated to reflect that the meetings can take place virtually and updates were made to positions that have been eliminated.
 - vi. The Ovation system hasn't been working correctly and a committee has been assembled to facilitate any actions the Executive Board makes towards updating our system.

IX. Announcements

- a. The Madison Area Music Educators will be hosting Melody Bober for a composition workshop this fall. Compositions will be due by October 1, 2021. Further details can be found at <https://madisonmusiceducators.org/music-composition-festival/>

X. Adjournment 1:00pm. Adjourned by consensus.