



## WMTA Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Friday, June 10, 2022

WSMA Building, Waunakee WI

Present: Sydney Alexander, Opala Bilhorn, Rachel Fritz, Hector Landa, Mickey Lytle, Tricia Marton, Mary Anne Olvera, Sandra Statz, Catherine Walby. Guest: Shad Wenzlaff

Meeting called to order at 10:03am. The agenda adopted. February minutes approved, motion Sandra Statz, second Hector Landa.

### Reports of Officers

**President, Mickey Lytle, NCTM.** Resignations/appointments: College Faculty Rep-Jess Johnson resigned, Nick Phillips appointed; MTNA Young Artist/Chamber Music Coordinator-Ashley Jehn resigned, Kaju Lee appointed; Certification Chair-Gail Heywood resigned, appoint TBD. Heather Reeder, our Administrative Asst, continues to do well with website updates, streamlining processes, assisting conference planning and getting to know her position. Mickey continues to work on: conference planning, the membership survey project and Slingshot. She will attend the MTNA leadership summit in September.

**Immediate Past President, Rachel Fritz.** Rachel is working on the new database system, meeting regularly with Slingshot Datalabs along with Mickey. The timeline is to be determined but work is progressing and should be ready for 2023 auditions.

**1<sup>st</sup> VP-Conference, Hector Landa.** No written report. Hector is enjoying the learning process in his first year of coordinating the conference. Several details were announced that are available in the newsletter.

**2<sup>nd</sup> VP-Membership, Justin Krueger, NCTM.** Unable to be present. Renewals continue to come in. Try to renew by July 1<sup>st</sup> as it helps the membership database be more accurate, thus getting information to members in a timely manner. Heather Reeder has worked with Justin to streamline the WMTA New Member Packet.

**Treasurer, Sydney Alexander.** Current balance as of May 31, 2022 is \$168,541. (Checking \$14,617; Money Market \$19,646; CD 2597 \$134,278, maturation 11/28/22.) Income from July 1, 2021 through May 31, 2022 is \$55,052. Expense in same time \$63,222 for a net loss of \$8,170.

### Reports of Program Chairs

**Arts Awareness and Advocacy, Teresa Drews.** Unable to be present. Nothing to report.

**Badger Keyboard Competition, Mary Anne Olvera, NCTM.** Three Badger sites ran successfully in May 2022 with 328 students participating. Several challenges arose along the way and were dealt with as needed. PianoArts invited winners to attend an event in June. 25 winners attended. See newsletters for 2023 dates and updates on auditions in general.

**Badger Vocal/Instrumental, Opala Bilhorn, NCTM.** 31 students attended the auditions in May 2022. Numbers are lower than in the past couple of years, but not significantly so. An Amazon gift card of \$50 for a member who recruits more teachers to the V/I track went unawarded so will be offered again for 2023.

**College Faculty Rep, Jess Johnson, NCTM.** And Nick Phillips, NCTM as of this meeting. Nick will be in contact with Jess to pass along information for the collegiate posters and involvement for the state conference.

**District Auditions, Sandra Statz, NCTM.** 2022 in person auditions went well. The hybrid option for theory was successful. 2023 will be all in person for all aspects of auditions. Thank you to everyone who made auditions successful. MTNA/WMTA membership needs to be paid by October 15 to avoid a non-member fee of \$100. This is for returning teachers only. New members need to join by the audition submission deadline. Emily Schultz is stepping down from overseeing the composition database. Regular Zoom meetings for district chairs continue to be successful.

**Independent Music Teachers Forum, Tricia Marton.** No written report. Tricia will coordinate an IMTF session for the 2022 state conference. The Gathering (a group of teachers in NE Wisconsin) will be hosting an event at the Weidner Center in Green Bay on November 5.

**Local Associations, Catherine Walby, NCTM.** Reports for 2021-22 will be coming in fairly soon. Online meetings will be coordinated as needed for LA presidents. Contents of the MAME membership survey will be shared with LA presidents.

### **Standing/Special Committees**

**Finance, Sydney Alexander.** There weren't any applicants for the Collegiate Study Grant or Local Association Special Project Grant. With upcoming expenses for the Competitions Database, background checks and administrative costs, this savings is helpful.

**Nominating.** Nothing to report.

### **Old Business**

**Slingshot, Rachel Fritz and Mickey Lytle.** Discussion took place earlier.

### **New Business**

**Foundation Fellow nominations, Mickey Lytle, NCTM.** Candidates were discussed and nominated. Information to follow at the state conference. Local associations will be encouraged to bring baskets for a silent auction. Any member can donate in honor of our Foundation Fellow each year.

**June 2023 meeting, Mickey Lytle, NCTM.** We discussed the pros and cons of in-person versus virtual. All present agreed that in-person meetings hold a great deal of value. We need to

underscore specific benefits to attending in person and communicate more clearly with those who should be in attendance. Possibility of team-building exercises or other leadership-building opportunities.

**Report of membership survey, Mickey Lytle, NCTM.** Mickey shared results of the survey. A committee reviewed the results and will recap them in the September newsletter. Three recommendations emerged: having the opportunity to take district auditions theory tests either in advance or onsite the day of auditions (needs to be site dependent); WMTA may wish to expand non-memorized options for auditions; the need for virtual auditions is satisfied by the MTNA e-festival at this time.

**2023 District Auditions, Mickey Lytle, Rachel Fritz and Mary Anne Olvera.**

**Budget Information, Sydney Alexander and Rachel Fritz.** Extensive information was provided on costs of auditions and how income and expense interact as a basis for upcoming discussions.

**Criminal Background Checks.** It is expected that all UW system schools will require background checks for 2023 auditions. Rachel Fritz shared various information and further information is coming. WMTA needs to communicate the need for CBC clearly to members and volunteers.

**Judges' Compensation Rates.** Discussion arose around payment for judges and other costs. Discussion was tabled, pending more work by the committee. {Note that these rates were discussed and voted on in July.} Further discussion of the possibility of raising state WMTA membership fees will take place in October.

**Badger Ensemble, Opala Bilhorn, NCTM.** Opala shared information regarding creating a new ensemble track for auditions, followed by discussion. Rachel Fritz motioned, Sandra Statz seconded that piano duets/ensembles fall under this category. Motion passed. Rachel Fritz motioned, Opala Bilhorn seconded that WMTA adopt the new ensemble track. Motion passed. Opala will provide some examples for WMTA membership of what an ensemble could consist of. All music needs to be published.

**True State Competition, Mary Anne Olvera, NCTM.** Mary Anne shared the idea of creating a true state, something that has long been under discussion. She provided a mock-up of what the audition day would look like, as well as the logistics on costs, etc. Rachel Fritz motioned, Sandra Statz seconded to approve a true state audition. Motion passed. Rachel Fritz motioned, Sandra Statz seconded to change the label of our current Badger auditions to Regional auditions. Motion passed. Rachel Fritz motioned, Sandra Statz seconded that WMTA charge audience admission to attend. Motion passed. Further information will be shared in the newsletter and by district chairs with their districts. Some details: \$10 admission for adults, \$5 for students; \$30 registration fee for competitors; 3 judges will hear all the students in a row; results will be announced at the end of the day; held in a central location; either winner or runner-up will be eligible to compete; for grades 7 and up only, thus a maximum of 18 competitors.

**Announcements:**

Executive Board will meet Thursday, October 13 from 8-9:30pm as part of the state conference in Superior.

Next Executive Board and Administrative Council Meetings are tentatively set for Friday, June 16, 2023.

Motion to adjourn Rachel Fritz, second Sandra Statz. Adjourned 12:15pm.  
Respectfully Submitted, Catherine Walby