

**WMTA ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES**  
WSMA Building, Waunakee WI Friday, June 10, 2022

Present: Sydney Alexander, Opala Bilhorn, Annemarie Birschbach, Chrissy Deal, Julie Hildebrandt, Stacey Kraus, Hector Landa, Alana Laufman, Katie Livingston, Mickey Lytle, Beverly Mark, Tricia Marton, Mary Anne Olvera, Reene Sampson, John Scoville, Sandra Statz, Catherine Walby, Shad Wenzlaff, Shannon Whaples.

Meeting called to order at 1:35pm. Agenda adopted. June 2021 minutes approved, motion Sandra Statz, second Annemarie Birschbach.

**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. Louise Mann will create a training manual for the new database.

**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. Discussion occurred about how to communicate with members who don't have email.

**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. Renewal of CD 2597 will occur at October meetings.

**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.

**Collaborative Performance Forum, Stacey Kraus, NCTM.** A session, “Why Chamber Music?”, will take place at the state conference.

**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 called “Ask the Teacher.” 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.

**Media Chair, Juanita Becker.** Not able to be present, no report. Much thanks was shared for posting Badger results online.

**MTNA Certification, Gail Heywood, NCTM.** Not able to be present. Wisconsin has 67 certified members, 2 new as of July 2021. Newsletter articles have been written. Gail writes that the MTNA certification website is an excellent source of information. Gail will be stepping down, effective August 1, 2022.

**MTNA Competitions Coordinator, Alana Laufman.** On behalf of Bethany Hartlaub Junior/Senior and Kaju Lee Chamber Music/Young Artist. Auditions will take place Sat, Oct 8 in Rice Lake. Results for 2021 were also shared.

**MTNA Composer Commissioning, Michael Mizrahi.** Not able to be present, no report.

**MTNA/WMTA Composition Competition, Kaju Lee, NCTM.** Not able to be present, no report.

**MTNA Foundation, Shannon Whaples.** Catherine Walby was the 2021 Foundation Fellow for WI. Total amount raised was \$1950. This year’s Foundation Fellow will be announced at the state conference. Local associations are encouraged to bring a basket for the silent auction. All individuals can donate in honor of the Fellow.

**Teacher Award of Excellence, Drew Donica.** Not able to be present. A reminder to submit points to Drew.

**Wellness Forum Chair, Jess Johnson, NCTM.** Not able to be present, no report.

**WMTA Student Compositions, Sam Ecoff.** Not able to be present. No report as submissions are just now coming in.

### **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**

None

### **New Business**

#### **Summary of actions by Executive Board, Mickey Lytle, NCTM.**

- 1) The Foundation Fellow will be announced at the state conference.
- 2) Three recommendations from the membership survey: 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.
- 3) A true state has been added to auditions. We now have district, regionals and state. See further detail in newsletters.
- 4) June 16, 2023 board meetings (exec and admin) will take place in person at a central location. Make every effort to be there if you are an officer, chairperson, local association president or district chair.
- 5) An ensemble track has been added to auditions. See further detail in newsletters.
- 6) A discussion on rates for all things related to auditions has been tabled until this summer.

### **Announcements:**

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

We went around the room and introduced ourselves due to the early hour.

Motion to adjourn Sandra Statz, second Tricia Marton. Adjourned 2:21pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Catherine Walby, NCTM

