

NCMTA Board of Directors Meeting
UNC-Greensboro
Music Building, Room 224
April 20, 2013

Present: Diane Blanchard, Karoline Strickland, Thomas Swenson, Karen Beres, Don Oehler, Teresa Sumpter, Barbara Furr, Amy Gardner, Mary Lou Peeples, Margaret Fontiveros, Fabian Lopez, Diane Higgins

The April 20 meeting was called to order by President Diane Blanchard at 12:33 pm. Both the President and Secretary were present. The minutes from the January 2013 were approved as corrected.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS

The President announced upcoming important dates. She also announced nominations for next year's board. Kerry Carlin has been nominated as President-Elect, Tonya Kirk as Vice President for Membership, Dottie Buster as Vice President for MTNA Foundation, Sue Aceves as Treasurer, and Debra Heath as Secretary.

The President also announced the newly installed MTNA Officers. She announced the formation of the MTNA Benevolence Fund and read aloud the information which will appear in the American Music Teacher publication.

President-Elect Thomas Swenson reported on preparations for the 2013 conference at Mars Hill College. Proposals for sessions are due May 10. Proposals from Mars Hill faculty will receive priority. He has scheduled a special session to discuss moving the conference to the summer. He asked Voice Chair Margaret Fontiveros to update the board on voice sessions. She reported that Andy Beck will be giving two presentations, that there will also be a masterclass and additional session; and also that Allen Herther will be offering vocal repertoire for sale during the conference. The President-Elect identified three projects he is working on in addition to the conference: the possibility of moving future conferences to the summer, a survey to identify skills and interests among the NCMTA membership, and preparation for the job of president.

The President included a written report in the handouts. She announced that Tonya Kirk will be taking over duties for Vice President of Membership immediately. She drew attention to newly available ways of sorting membership information, including sorting by all teaching fields, primary and secondary. She announced that NCMTA currently has the best membership statistics in the Southern Division.

The Treasurer was absent, but sent the proposed budget for 2014-2015. It was voted on and approved.

The President reminded board members present to sign the mileage sheet.

The President addressed an issue raised to the Webmaster: an old membership directory is still available on the web, unprotected. According to the company that handles NCMTA's website, the information should be taken down in early May.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORTS

Piano Teachers Chair Paul Stewart was absent but submitted a written report, announcing that Karen Beres has accepted nomination for the next Piano Section Chair. He also announced that NCMTA hopes to honor National Senior Piano Duet winners Clara Gerdes and Hannah Wang, students of Charlotte-based teacher Paul Nitsch. Barbara Furr suggested all national winners who represent NCMTA should be invited to perform during the fall conference. The President-Elect welcomed suggestions for where to incorporate this performance within the conference.

Scholarship Foundation Report Diane Higgins provided a printed report. The current checking account balance is \$13,714.07. She also passed around clippings from a Charlotte newspaper featuring National Senior Duet winners Clara Gerdes and Hannah Wang.

Voice Teachers Chair The first NCMTA voice section event will take place next week and will include seven students, four teachers, and two more teachers viewing it live over Skype. Voice Teachers Chair Margaret Fontiveros will be meeting with other teachers to discuss methods to get out the word for future events. Margaret welcomed suggestions for encouraging attendance. Discussion followed. Ideas included a drawing for early registrations, creating an email list of all teachers who have listed voice as their primary or secondary teaching field, contacting other voice teacher organizations, sending out postcards and mailers, posting on university bulletin boards, buying ad space on the NATS website, encouraging other teachers to take leadership positions in events, and inviting attendance among non-members. The President welcomed suggestions about how to highlight upcoming events on the NCMTA website. Margaret reported that in addition to the conference voice sessions by Andy Beck, Liz LaBelle will be presenting a vocal masterclass and an additional session.

Strings Teachers Chair Fabian Lopez is also looking for better ways to communicate with strings players within NCMTA. He hopes to create a strings event for students. Thomas Swenson pointed out that section chairs can create competitions for their section, following the same model as the NCMTA piano festival, and that the conference can host Honors recitals for winners.

WW/Percussion/Brass Chair Don Oehler handed out a printed report on the NCMTA Chamber Music Program Proposal. He has formed the following chamber music sub-committee: Karen Allred, Alan Black, Jacqui Carrasco, Barbara McKenzie, Frank Pittman, Thomas Swenson, and Don Oehler. This summer he will create a mission statement for the program. The President reported that members at

Southern Division and National Conference meetings were impressed by hearing about this program. Don highlighted that this program will encourage participation among many instrumentalists and independent teachers.

Organ Mary Lou Peeples hopes to plan a conference session with the on-campus organist at Mars Hill College. The President pointed out that 44 members have listed organ as secondary instrument.

Piano Contest Director Amy Gardner is expecting the final numbers from the Charlotte contest by this afternoon. Attendance increased from last year. Diane Higgins reported that Paul Stewart plans to have entire scores projected at the fall piano workshops.

College Faculty Karen Beres is considering topics for a faculty meeting during the upcoming conference. She welcomed suggestions.

MTNA Competition Chair The President announced national winners from NC.

Constitution/Handbook Chair Barbara Furr reported she now has job descriptions for almost every board position. Over the summer she plans to format the information and post it on the website.

Local Presidents' Report The President printed and distributed the RPTA report from Marie Willet.

MTNA Certification Vicky Fischer-Faw sent no report, but the President announced her proposal for a conference session, entitled "Got Certification?"

MTNA Foundation Fund Report Dottie Buster was absent, but sent a printed report. Total contributions for 2012 were \$894.50.

Student Activities Yong Im Federle was absent, but provided the text of a collegiate news update which will appear in the May edition of the NC Music Teacher. Barbara Furr announced UNCW has recently formed a collegiate chapter.

Editor Annette Shaw sent a printed report listing the costs for last year's May and September journals. Barbara Furr asked if non-members who present at the state conference should receive a free copy of the conference bulletin. Discussion followed. It was agreed that the conference chair should provide presenters with a copy of the bulletin page listing their presentation.

Arts Awareness & Advocacy Dana Mallory was absent, but she has been in communication with the President and President-Elect about ideas. The President read aloud some of the suggestions, including setting up booths at local festivals to promote music making through NCMTA, contacting PTA and homeschool groups, and creating partnerships with local symphonies. She suggested a "street team" to

put out flyers in communities. A budget will need to be created to fund these activities. Thomas Swenson has suggested creating a 5 year plan, and tackling one or two ideas at a time.

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There was no old business.

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Diane Higgins recommended researching magnetic name tags at namebadgeproductions.com, where they are listed at \$1.61 apiece for quantities of 100-450.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:14 pm by President Diane Blanchard.

Submitted by Karoline Strickland