



Board Meeting
Saturday, January 19, 2013
UNC-Greensboro
Music Building, Room 224
12:30 PM

Call to Order and Introductions

The January 19, 2013 meeting of NCMTA was called to order by President Diane Blanchard at 12:35 PM. President Blanchard announced that Secretary, Karoline Strickland, has had a new baby girl, and that Diane Higgins would take the minutes on her behalf. Both the President and Acting Secretary were present. The following members were in attendance: Diane Blanchard, Thomas Swenson, Carolyn Bryan, Mary Lou Peeples, Diane Higgins, Theresa Sumpter, Barbara Furr, Dottie Buster, Karen Allred, Eden Esters, Paul Stewart, Anita Trumpler-Rich, Donald Oehler, Margaret Fontiveros, and Yong Im Lee Federle. The board members were invited to make individual introductions.

Minutes

The minutes from November 1, 2012 were approved with the following correction: Paul Stewart should be listed as Southern Division Site Coordinator. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Important Dates

- March 9-13, 2013 MTNA National Conference, Anaheim, CA
- June 1, 2013 NCMTA BOD Meeting at UNCG (12:30 PM)
- October 24-27, 2013 NCMTA Annual Conference, Mars Hill, NC
- March 22-26, 2014 MTNA National Conference, Chicago, IL
- March 21-25, 2015 MTNA National Conference, Las Vegas, NV

Items from the President

- NCMTA Commissioned Composer, Alejandro Ruty, was selected to receive an Honorable Mention with the 2013 MTNA Distinguished Composer of the Year Award for his composition, *Cantabile Hop*.
- MTNA SD Elementary Composition Winner: Stephanie Wang, student of Julie Harris
- MTNA National Conference is scheduled for March 9-13, 2013
- Hurricane Sandy Donation: President Blanchard stated that it would be best to donate to the Recovery Fund. Treasurer, Denise Clauhs recommended that \$500 would be a comfortable amount to send. Barbara Furr moved that we go with the Treasurer's recommendation of donating \$500 to the Recovery Fund. Thomas Swenson seconded the motion. The motion was approved.
- MTNA sends congratulations to NCMTA, announcing that North Carolina has had the best membership retention record in MTNA Southern Division: 550 members
- President Blanchard plans to distribute 2012 NCMTA Conference Bulletins to other state presidents at the MTNA Southern Division banquet.

Report on 2013 Southern Division Competitions

MTNA Southern Division Competitions Site Chair, Paul Stewart, welcomed everyone to UNCG. He announced that over 100 students had entered the competitions. Two banquets, featuring UNCG musical entertainment, were scheduled for Saturday and Sunday evening.

Conference Reports

2012 Conference Report:

- Conference Chair, Thomas Swenson, extended appreciation to Local Conference Site Chair, Don Oehler, for hosting a spectacular conference at UNC-CH. The conference profit was \$2,915.00.
- Don Oehler presented recordings of the 2012 NCMTA Conference Sessions to the Historian.

2013 Conference Report:

- Conference Chair, Thomas Swenson, and Local Conference Site Chair, Theresa Sumpter, reported that the conference hotels are being secured. Thomas also made a request for additional funds. Diane Higgins made a motion to be reimbursed \$150 to make a site visit to Mars Hill College later this month in preparation for the 2013 conference. Eden Esters seconded the motion. The motion was approved.
- Thomas also presented a book on *Intelligent Music Teaching (Essays on the Core Principles of Effective Instruction)* by Robert A Duke. Thomas Swenson made a motion that NCMTA budget \$1,000 for a one-day workshop with Robert Duke. Anita Trumpler-Rich seconded the motion. The motion was approved.
- Thomas stated that he has emailed the Presenter Proposal Form to Webmaster, Carolyn Bryan.
- Thomas announced that he has had discussions with several NCMTA members and also MTNA members (who are in other states) on the topic of holding the NCMTA Conference during the beginning of the summer. Thomas is looking for pros and cons with regards to having an open session of discussion. This would be followed with a membership survey. Carolyn stated that a survey form could be publicized on the website. .

Board of Directors Reports

Piano Teachers Section

- Piano Teachers Chair, Paul Stewart, reported on the incredible 2012 conference artist performances of Joshua Bell and Sam Haywood.
- Paul proposed David Northington, Piano Professor at UT, in Knoxville as the 2013 NCMTA Conference Artist. Paul stated that there are considerations for 2-3 conference sessions. Paul made a motion to approve David Northington as the 2013 NCMTA Conference Artist. Diane Higgins seconded the motion. The motion was approved.
- The Music Selection Committee will meet in Raleigh on February 2, 2013. Allen Herther will be available for assistance. Paul stated that musical incipits were included in the 2012 Contest-Festival Music List, and that this practice will be continued in 2013, with additional plans to include the contest music on a screen during the fall workshops.
- The fall Workshops will be held on September 7 (Raleigh), and September 14 (Charlotte). Workshop Clinicians are Kent Lyman of Meredith College, and Brad Hunnicutt of Shaw University.
- Paul said that he will form a Piano Section Nominating Committee.
- The 2013 Piano Section Banquet Speaker will be Dr. George Kiorpes, UNCG Professor Emeritus.

Treasurer, Denise Clauhs, (absent), sent a report to the board.

Webmaster, Carolyn Bryan, had no report. President Blanchard commented on the website's positive appearance, showing more photos and detailed information.

Editor, Annette Shaw (absent) had no report.

Membership Chair, Margaret McDonald (absent) submitted a membership report.

Certification Chair, Vicky Fischer Faw (absent), had no report.

Composition/Theory Teachers Chair, Karen Allred, proposed J. Mark Searce from Raleigh to be the NCMTA Commissioned Composer. His strengths lie in piano and vocal areas. Karen made a motion to approve J. Mark Searce as the 2013 NCMTA Commissioned Composer. Barbara Furr seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

MTNA Foundation Chair, Dottie Buster, reported that she received donations from 25 individuals, totaling \$305.00. Dottie asked if there was interest in having a NCMTA State Table at the 2013 MTNA Conference. Diane Higgins made a motion that NCMTA sponsor a State Table for \$185.00 at the 2013 MTNA Conference. Thomas Swenson seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

NCMTA Scholarship Chair, Diane Higgins, reported conference donation receipts at \$525.00, and the total disbursements at \$1,575.00.

Voice Teachers Chair, Margaret Fontiveros, reported on a survey for performance and enrichment opportunities.

WW/Perc/Brass Chair, Don Oehler, presented a detailed chamber music program proposal plan. Discussion followed. Don made a motion that the board accept this proposal for establishing a Chamber Music Program. Theresa Sumpter seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Organ Chair, Mary Lou Peeples, stated that she is interested in receiving recommendations for a conference clinician for a session next year.

Piano Contest Director, Amy Gardner (absent) stated that the Contest-Festival deadline is January 19.

IMTF Chair, Anne Scoggins (absent), announced that a lunch-time session was a more popular time, instead of the early breakfast time. Anne asked for a regular conference session spot at the 2013 conference.

Arts Awareness and Advocacy Chair, Dana Mallory (absent), is asking for guidance as to her job description.

Student Activities Chair, Yong Im Federle, reported that the 2012 conference had 7 attendees for the Friday luncheon. The UNCG Collegiate Chapter has been re-activated and is currently very active. UNCW has recently established a Collegiate Chapter (Dr. Andy Whittington, advisor).

Constitution Handbook Chair, Barbara Furr, stated that she is hoping to have all job descriptions posted on the website very soon.

Technology Chair, Eden Esters, is interested in adding Facebook and Twitter to encourage more upcoming college students and new, young teachers. Diane Blanchard welcomed her as a new member to the board.

Raleigh Piano Teachers President, Marie Willet (absent), reported that discussion was made to change their name to RMTA. No action was taken. Marie surveyed the nation, finding that only 11 MTA's use PTA in their title.

Charlotte Music Teachers Association President, ML Norwood (absent) reported on the recent Beethoven Composition Recital, with judge, Mark Engebretson from UNCG. She also stated that CMTA offers a Certification Program where students can earn annual points to receive a plaque.

Greensboro Music Teachers Association President, Anita Trumpler-Rich, stated that GSO had discussions for membership voting rights. President Blanchard stated that MTNA looks for organizations to be more open with voting rights.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Announcement

President Blanchard stated that the NCMTA Nominating Committee is looking for names of strong candidates.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 PM

Submitted by Diane Higgins, Acting Secretary for NCMTA Secretary, Karoline Strickland