

## NCMTA Executive Board Meeting

January 25, 2014

NCMTA called to order at 10:13 by Dr. Thomas Swenson. A student of the Music Academy of North Carolina Sharea Pravakard, played "Für Elise" for the board.

Approval of the minutes from October 24, 2013: stand as written. Diane Higgins states that minutes put online or published without approval cannot be changed according to patent law. They should be approved prior to being published.

III. a. Thomas Swenson thanked us for attending and expressed his appreciation for the opportunity. He introduced himself and gave a brief bio about himself. NCMTA profited about \$868 from the 2013 NCMTA state conference, not including the cost for the conference bulletin. We have a woodwind/percussion/brass chair vacancy. Send Dr. Swenson any nominations. He announced the winners from our state for the Southern Division and gave a report of some things from other states that impressed him. Southern Division winners are listed on the MTNA website. Other points: keep track of your reports to be passed on to the next member, refer to your job descriptions on the website, and give suggestions for improvement to Thomas Swenson or Barbara Furr (Constitution Handbook Chair), the financial policy is in the process of being revised, take a look at the skills set inventory online, and share it with other members of NCMTA. An ad hoc committee is needed to revise the travel mileage reimbursement and provide recommendations for the financial committee. Sue Aceves, Omri Shimron, and Brad Honeycutt volunteered to be on this committee. We have a Facebook Group page with Eden Esters as administrator.

b. Kerry Carlin (President-Elect) and Scott Marosek (Local Conference Chair) not present. The NCMTA conference will be October 16-19 at Methodist University in Fayetteville, NC.

c. Tonya Kirk sent her report, but isn't present at the meeting. The report detailed the data from the MTNA membership file. The date on the report, Jan. 19, 2013, was questioned. Tonya will be contacted for accuracy. Perhaps the date should be Jan. 2014?

d. VP/MTNA Foundation Report by Dottie Buster. Dottie made a motion to sponsor a table at the MTNA Conference in Chicago. It was seconded by Eden Esters. Cost isn't known. Vote was unanimous in favor.

e. Treasurer Report by Sue Aceves: Checking account balance was \$22,948.99 on 1/23, 2014. The balance on the Morgan Stanley account was \$7,602.11 on 11/30/13. She has a couple of things to mention: a. passed around a mileage sheet for attendees to report mileage if greater than 60 miles, b. she has to send out 1099 forms to anyone that was paid more than \$600 as she needs to know who they are and their SS# so she can complete the 1099 forms. c. Sue would like some help at the registration desk at the conference.

f. Secretary: Debra Heath, no report. Emailed reports really help me put together the minutes and prepare the minutes.

g. Past President, Diane Blanchard, no report. Present via Skype.

#### IV. Board of Director Reports:

- Webmaster (Carolyn Bryan), not present and no report.
- MTNA Certification: Victoria Fischer Faw, not present, sent a report.
- Planning Senate Report: Paul Stewart, not present, sent a report. Thomas asked us to look it over carefully.
- Editor: Annette Shaw sent a report. The deadline for journal submissions is April 1<sup>st</sup>. Margaret Fontiveros wants to have a voice section added to the journal.
- Piano Teachers Chair: Karen Beres sent a report. Canadian pianists Anne Louise-Turgeon and Edward Turgeon will be our conference artists in October.
- Voice Teachers Chair: Margaret Fontiveros had a meeting with other voice teachers and will meet again. She is working to define her role as Voice Teachers Chair and is creating a mission statement for this division. She is considering a secretary and a vice chair. She would like to expand the participation in the voice section of NCMTA. Margaret F. would like to plan a Spring master class and made a motion requesting \$300 to help with the event. Pat King and Kerry Henry seconded the motion. Discussion of how the event would be conducted followed. It is hoped that the entrance fees will cover all associated costs. Sue stated that the finance committee would need to be consulted. Diane Blanchard made useful comments about how NCMTA has supported the Piano Section when there was an overage for a NCMTA sponsored events. A call for the question was made and it was approved unanimously. Margaret F. also asked about a \$30 discount for voice teachers to attend their first NCMTA conference. Discussion of this matter followed. Margaret F. made a motion to offer \$30 discount to 1<sup>st</sup> time voice teachers attending the NCMTA conference. Eden Esters 2<sup>nd</sup> it. After discussion, the motion was amended by Karen Allred to offer a \$30 discount to any new member of NCMTA attending the conference for 2014. Thomas Swenson offered a clarification of the motion: New active members will be provided a \$30 discount to the 2014 NCMTA registration fee for 2014. The vote was unanimous in favor. The original motion was withdrawn. Last year, NATS members received the NCMTA member rate for the conference. Margaret F. moved that we offer current NATS members the NCMTA member rate for the conference. Thomas Swenson 2<sup>nd</sup> it. The vote was unanimous in favor.
- String Teachers Chair: Grace Anderson had no report, but she had a couple questions. First, how much money can we allocate to grow the strings section? Thomas invited her to speak to him about those details. Jeanine asked if she was interested in doing something similar to the voice section? Grace is very interested in chamber music and runs a chamber music workshop in Winston-Salem. Discussion about chamber music classes at the conference proceeded.
- Composition/Theory Chair: Karen Allred made a motion to have Dr. Keith Dippre as the 2014 NCMTA conference commissioned composer. Debra Heath 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor. She discussed the problem of the composition winners not being able to attend and perform their piece, because of how late the winners are chosen. What can be done about this? The other issue is how to give winners of the composition more feedback

from the judges. Karen presented several solutions and ideas and will present more solutions later. Discussion followed.

- Organist/ Organist: Mary Peoples invited us to submit ideas.
- Piano Contest Director: Patricia King passed her report out to the members, and discussed how many students are registered in the various districts. She asked questions that have been posed to her. Discussion followed.
- NC Scholarship Fund Chair: Diane Higgins has written checks to winners of the state that went to Division level, \$750.
- Rules suspended for Independent Teacher Forum: Kerry Henry would like to make it more universal or well known that any NCMTA teacher can apply for the \$500 scholarship for advanced study.
- College Faculty Chair: Omri Shimron discussed the report that he sent to the board about compiling a list of faculty recitals, setting up a database of topics, and offer a “Best Practices in Higher Ed” conference session. Thomas stated that any division can apply for a time slot at the conference by contacting the conference chair, Kerry Carlin.
- MTNA Competition Chair: Teresa Sumpter not present, no report.
- Non-Piano Sections Coordinator: Frank Pittman not present. Diane Blanchard gave a description of what he can do for chairs of different non-piano sections.
- Technology Chair: Eden Esters discussed NCMTA’s Facebook page. She is looking for suggestions for what can be done. She is interested on doing a session at the conference to help get teachers up to speed technology wise. Discussed making online registration for the NCMTA conference.
- Arts Awareness & Advocacy Chair: Dana Mallory not present, no report.
- Historian: Jeanine Skinner has no report and is welcoming pictures from the local events. She would like to know what she can do for us all. There was a discussion of putting pictures on the NCMTA website and whether it is legal or not. Diane Blanchard stated that it is legal to post pictures taken at a public event per MTNA.
- Student Activities Chair: Yong Im Lee gave her report. She has some ideas. She reported on student chapters of NCMTA.
- Constitution/Handbook Chair: Barbara Furr, not present, no report.

V. Old Business: None.

VI. New Business: Motion made by Thomas Swenson: Provide a \$10 discount to those that do not want a hard copy of the bulletin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Debra Heath. Discussion followed. They cost \$12.48. After discussion, the motion was withdrawn. A new motion by Thomas Swenson was made to give conference registrants an \$8 discount if they don’t want a print copy of the bulletin. Motion seconded by Diane Higgins. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion. Motion made in behalf of Tonya Kirk to have a “Find a teacher” section on the NCMTA website. Motion seconded by \_\_\_\_? Diane Blanchard states that there is one on the website where inquirers fill out a form, but inquiries go to her. Discussion of making that process automated followed. Motion clarified by Thomas Swenson: NCMTA to include a “Find a teacher” portion on the website to include: name, city, zip code, all primary

teaching instruments, email address, phone number, and certification status. Street addresses would not be listed. The vote was unanimous in favor of motion. Motion made by Thomas to provide the President-Elect an honorarium of \$400 to cover expenses of preparing the conference, including on-site visits. Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_. Honorarium amounts of various members of the board discussed. Diane Higgins asked if there was enough money. Sue Aceves stated that increases should be addressed by the finance committee. The webmaster honorarium may need to be increased. A vote for including the honorarium for the President-Elect was unanimous in favor.

VII. Announcement made by Diane Higgins about our state piano duet winners (who also won national) made a tape with "From the Top". It was broadcast in January.

VIII. Adjourned at 12:44.

Minutes respectfully by Debra Heath, NCMTA Secretary.