

NCMTA Board Meeting  
November 1, 2012  
UNC-Chapel  
Hill Hall, Room 207

The November 1, 2012 meeting of the NCMTA was called to order by President Diane Blanchard at 7:10 pm. Both the President and Secretary were present. The following members were in attendance: Diane Blanchard, Liz LaBelle, Thomas Swenson, Don Oehler, Laurel Siviglia, Diane Higgins, Denise Clauhs, Karoline Strickland, Amy Gardner, Paul Stewart, Mary Lou Peeples, Barbara Furr, Margaret Louise Norwood, Tatiana Gutnik, Anne Scoggin, Yong Im Lee Federle, Dottie Buster, Karen Allred, and Margaret Fontiveros.

The minutes from May 2012 were approved as they stand. The Secretary asked for a volunteer to take the minutes at January's meeting.

The next meeting was scheduled for January 19, 2013 starting at 12:30 at UNCG. The President announced other important dates. She brought up hurricane relief contributions for NY and NJ. Liz LaBelle suggested discussing this at January's meeting, when the need is better known.

On-site conference chair Don Oehler welcomed NCMTA to UNC.

Board members introduced themselves, going around the room.

### **Items from President**

The president reported on the MTNA Leadership Summit, which took place the weekend of September 21, 2012. She provided a handout which summarized the activities and agenda of the weekend, and which included motions from the SPAC meeting and summaries of the related discussions. Further information is available on the MTNA website under "Leadership Resources."

There is no update about the complaint filed with the Ohio attorney-general against MTNA.

The President asked board members to submit their reports via email to the President and Secretary in advance of each board meeting, as digital copies of reports simplify communication.

### **Executive Board Reports**

President-Elect Thomas Swenson gave the conference report. He announced that the 2013 conference will be at Mars Hill from October 24-27. He encouraged board members to begin planning now for any special section meetings.

The President introduced Karen Allred, the new Composition Chair.

The President reviewed Andy Whittington's membership report. An exit questionnaire is under consideration for non-renewing members. She announced that NCMTA has begun recognizing 50 year memberships. She also alerted the board of directors that the online membership directory can be sorted multiple ways.

The Foundation Chair announced Saturday's raffle and encouraged donations. Sponsoring a table for next year's MTNA conference gala was discussed briefly. Further consideration was postponed until January's meeting.

The Treasurer reported \$35,411.46 in checking and \$7,066.07 in the Morgan-Stanley account. She provided a handout. The board agreed to publish NCMTA's financial policy on the website, in its members-only password protected area.

Paul Stewart, Southern Division Competition Site Coordinator, reported that the competition will take place January 18-21, 2013. All competitions will be open. There will be at least one banquet. He encouraged board members to attend.

### **Board of Directors Reports**

The President announced that a new Planning Senate Chair president will be elected on Saturday.

The Piano Contest Director provided a handout. She reported that the piano section committee is working efficiently, and has made minor updates to contest rules. The Lumberton district will not hold its own contest for the third consecutive year. New campus security fees may affect contest budgets in the future. She recommended scheduling Honors recitals on Saturday rather than on Sunday.

Piano Section Chair Paul Stewart expressed gratitude to the piano repertoire selection committee. He suggested projecting scores on a screen during the fall contest workshops.

Mary Lou Peoples gave the Organ/Harpsichord Chair report.

The Webmaster was absent but provided a printed report, which was included in the agenda. The President urged board members to keep the website calendar updated. She raised the question of how NCMTA should fairly and appropriately recognize sponsors, both online and in print. Liz LaBelle made a motion. It was seconded, and amended after discussion to the following: "I move to create a committee comprised of Thomas Swenson, Annette Shaw, Denise Clauhs, and Carolyn Bryan, who will consult together after the conference, put together hard numbers, and make a recommendation to the board on how to handle sponsor recognition in the conference bulletin and in the North Carolina Music Teacher

Journal; and also on how to handle website advertisements.” The amended motion was seconded. More discussion followed. The motion passed.

Margaret Fontiveros gave the Voice Teachers Chair report and announced a Voice Teachers’ lunch on Friday. The topic will be how to increase voice section activity. Vicky Fischer-Faw gave the Certification report and announced two newly certified members. The Scholarship Fund Chair announced that door prizes will be given out during the banquets. IMTF Chair Anne Scoggin announced that the winner of the IMTF scholarship is Margaret Louise Norwood, who was also this year’s only applicant. Yong Im Lee Federle gave the Student Activities Chair report. Barbara Furr gave the Constitution/Handbook Chair report and asked members to submit their job descriptions promptly. Once the handbook is completed it will be posted on the website. The President read aloud the RPTA President’s report. Reports were given by the CMTA, DMTA, and CHMTA Presidents.

### **Old Business**

Chair Dottie Buster reported that the Communications Committee met in January to evaluate communication patterns within NCMTA. She provided a printed report. The committee recommends resuming the practice of publishing newsletters, and continuing to publish the North Carolina Music Teacher Journal both online and in hard copy. She highlighted Matt Libera’s suggestion that somebody take leadership of social media communications. The Technology Chair is currently vacant. The President requested recommendations.

### **New Business**

Thomas Swenson made the following motion: “To include non-commercial links on the NCMTA website to educational sites that promote specific aspects related to music education that might be useful to students and teachers. Links can be submitted by any member but need to be approved by the President.”

The motion was seconded and discussion followed. The President again expressed concern about maintaining neutrality as specified by MTNA regulations. The motion was voted on and passed.

Thomas Swenson made a second motion: “To include non-commercial links on NCMTA website to sites that advocate for the value of music education. Links can be submitted by anyone but need to be approved by Arts Awareness & Advocacy Chair.” The motion was seconded and discussion followed. The motion passed.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 pm by President Diane Blanchard.

Submitted by Karoline Strickland