

Dear Chapter Members,

I hope you are all enjoying your summer, and look forward to hearing about your adventures when we see each other again. Hopefully, that will be at our fall workshop & chapter meeting on October 1st at Pacific Lutheran University. I'm sending a separate email with that information.

Your hard-working executive board met in June for what I hope will be an annual "Board Retreat." During the day-long event we had a great time getting to know each other better, brainstormed about future event topics, learned about non-profit finances, and discussed ways to expand giving beyond our current scholarship program. We also set dates for our chapter calendar:

Aug. 22 (Mon.) 2:00 p.m. Board Meeting @ Erin Guinup's home in Tacoma
Sept. 1 (Thurs.) Deadline for singers to submit YouTube video audition for Fall Workshop master class
Oct. 1 (Sat.) 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Coaching French Lyric Diction workshop @ PLU (General Meeting @ lunch)
Nov. 4 (Fri.) 11:30 a.m. – Board Meeting via GoToMeeting
Dec. 15 (Thurs.) – Deadline for Student Auditions Registrations
Jan. 3 (Tues.) – 7:30 p.m. Board Meeting via GoToMeeting
Jan. 17 (Tues.) Deadline for Scholarship Award applications
Jan. 28 (Sat.) – Chapter Student Auditions @ UPS
Feb. 26 or 27 (Sun/Mon) – Scholarship Auditions @ Highline College (To Be Confirmed)
Mar. 13 (Mon.) – 7:00 p.m. Board Meeting @ TBA (remote or in person)
Apr. 23 (Sun.) – 3:00 p.m. Spring Fling Recital & General Meeting (elections)

I've included our board meeting dates in case you would like to bring a topic relevant to our chapter for discussion. Feel free to contact me and we'll add it to the agenda. Confirm the meeting dates on our web-site, as board meetings may be rescheduled or canceled.

OTHER NEWS: I attended the NATS National Conference in Chicago in July – I had a wonderful time visiting my home-town, loved being with many friends from the northwest, including several of our chapter members. I finally got to see Erin Guinup's wonderful presentation, "Ladies of Lyric and Song" – way to go Erin! Many excellent seminars, highlighted by masterclass and "armchair" talk with Renee Fleming. Over 1,000 voice teachers and singers walking down Michigan Ave. to the Renee Fleming Recital was pretty special! The NSA finals took place during the week, and there was just a ton of singing everywhere. Put attending a national NATS conference on your bucket list – you won't regret it.

JOB: Our NATS friend, Ken Bozeman (from last year's "Practical Vocal Acoustics" workshop), who I saw at the conference, asked me to share job postings for a baritone or soprano and pedagogy at his school, Lawrence University in Appleton, WI. Job Posting Link:

<https://lawrence-openhire.silkroad.com/epostings/index.cfm?fuseaction=app.jobInfo&version=1&jobid=337>

And in case you didn't know, the NATS website posts jobs at: <http://www.nats.org/cgi/page.cgi/job-center.html>

If you have news you'd like to share with our members, send it to me and I will share it with our membership. Another way to do this is on the NATS Northwest Region Facebook page.

And lastly, I'm attaching our current membership directory – please check to make sure your contact information is up-to-date, and notify me of any corrections. Mailing address can be found at www.nats.org

Sincerely yours,

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President, NATS Tahoma Chapter