

**AFFILIATED WITH MUSIC TEACHERS NATIONAL ASSOCIATION****OhioMTA State Board**

Niswonger Performance Center in Van Wert

Thursday, October 12, 2017 – 11:30-12:45

The Meeting was called to order by Suzanne Newcomb at 11:37.

Attendance: Suzanne Newcomb, Brent Schloneger, Laura Melton, Karen Campo, Sonya Szabo-Reynolds, Richard Van Dyke, Joy Morin, Sheila Vail, Margarite Deneburg, Krysti Schey, Lynn Singleton, Rachel Mills, Rebecca Slater, Twinkle Ratnasamy, Laura Benson, and Wendy Blackwood were present.

Motion to suspend the reading and approve the minutes from the OhioMTA Board meeting from November 3, 2016 was brought forth by Suzanne Newcomb. The Motion was seconded and approved.

OhioMTA Board Members identified themselves and the positions they held at the request of President, Suzanne Newcomb.

**Treasurer:** Brent Schloneger

- Brent Schloneger offered a summary of the treasurer's report included in the Annual Report booklet. Twinkle Ratnasamy raised a clarifying question regarding the \$20,000 OhioMTA contribution to MTNA Endowment Fund.

**President:** Suzanne Newcomb

- Reported that we are in compliance with the MTNA FTC Consent Degree.
- **National Conference**
  - To occur March 17-21, 2018 in Orlando (Lake Buena Vista, FL).
  - Our Foundation Fellow Nomination for 2018: Judy Bede. Suzanne reported that the minimum \$1000 has already been raised.
- **New Board Members**
  - MTNA Competitions – Cole Burger
  - MTNA Young Artist/Chamber Music Competition Chair – Fan Zhang
  - MTNA Jr/Sr Competition Chair – Gulimina Mahamuti
  - MTNA Foundation – Olga Rua
- **Newsletter/Advertising Options**
  - Continued use of e-notes and Facebook page.
  - Annual Mailing in August
- **Website/Technology** — Richard requested that to be notified if links or information need to be updated on the website.

**President-Elect:** Sonya Szabo-Reynolds

- **Advertising** – We are in need of a new chairperson to replace Brianna Matzke.
- The annual mailing was sent in August. Combining the advertisement opportunities for this and the conference booklet has been a success.

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**VP-Conferences:** Karen Campo

- **2017 Conference – Middle West District**
  - October 12-14 at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center, Van Wert, Ohio.
  - Karen reported that we are in for a great conference planned by Annette Hoverman, Conference Chair, and members of the Middle West District.
  - Irina Gorin, presenter
  - The Five Browns, featured performers
  - 2017 Composer of the Year – Jennifer Merkowitz
  - The Competition Winners' Concert was organized by Laura Melton.
- **2018 Conference - Northeast District** (Julia Russ, president)
  - Karen reported that Cleveland State was just finalized as the conference venue for next year's conference to occur October 18-20, 2018.
  - Logan Skelton, presenter
  - Proposal Submission information is available on the website. Deadline is December 10.
  - Dropbox has been set up for all future conference coordinators

**VP-Membership:** Michael Benson – not present

- Certification Chair, Cicilia Yudha
  - 5 newly certified:
    - Lindsey Lee
    - Kathleen Merwin
    - Anna Raquet
    - Susan Treer
    - Laura Wynia
  - Susan Treer: 2017 Certified Teacher of the Year
- Membership Numbers (see Annual Report)
- 25-Year Member Awards (10):
  - A. Joan Benedict
  - Richard A. Chizmadia
  - Seymour M. Fink
  - Joan Goth
  - Mary L. Hewitt
  - Amy Rebecca Laurence
  - Laurie G. Loper
  - Tami L. Morris
  - Patsy Rabinowitz
  - Annette Suhovecky
- Collegiate Chapter – Chris Fisher
  - Collegiate Poster Sessions (judged by TBA). Only one submission this year.
  - Mattlin-Hyde Piano Co. Teacher Scholarship Winner – Heidi Williams
  - IMTF – Laura Benson announced that there will be 3 lightning talk presentations during conference.
  - Collegiate Faculty - Frank Huang
  - Wellness - Lynn Singleton referenced her report on p. 24 of the Annual Report.

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- Joy Morin announced that at the Executive Committee meeting, documents from the newly organized Western Reserve MTA (formerly Summit County MTA) were approved.
- A breakfast meeting of District and Local Presidents will be held tomorrow at 7:30am at 133 Bistro in Van Wert.
- District updates — Each president summarized the events and happenings occurring within their district.
  - Central East: Rachel Mills, President
  - Middle East: Karen Campo and Maira Lieliestedt, Co-Presidents
  - Middle West: Kristi Schey, President
  - Northeast: Julia Russ, President — not present
  - Northwest: Twinkle Ratnasamy, President
  - Southeast: Wendy Blackwood, President
  - Southwest: Brianna Matzke, President — Rebecca Slater, president-elect, in her stead.
  - Western: Andrea Arese-Elias, President — Sonya Szabo-Reynolds reported in her stead.

**VP-Student Activities:** Laura Melton

- **MTNA Competitions**
  - Competitions Coordinator: Cole Burger
  - Young Artist/Chamber Music: Fan Zhang
  - Junior/Senior: Gulimina Mahamuti
  - Site Coordinator for 2017: Tianshu Wang
  - This year's competition
    - October 21-22, 2017
    - Capital University
  - Site for 2018 Competitions - TBA
- **Buckeye Competitions**
  - June 16 + 17, 2018
  - Site for 2018 Buckeye Competition: Malone University
  - Chair for 2018: Michael Benson
- **Royal Conservatory of Music Certificate Program** (previously MDP), Sheila Vail
  - Sheila Vail reported that the name change reflects the unification of the program across North America. The program offers a new Theory adjudication. They are investing heavily in digital resources, including the website and the new apps.
  - Medals awarded for Practical Scores 90+. Sent directly to teachers. There were 9 medals last year, and 36 this year. Teachers will request by sending the Performance Assessment Mark Sheet to the Certificate Chair, Sheila Vail, by designated dates.
  - OhioMTA will receive \$1360 from RCM for student scholarship, presented by Elaine Rusk. Elaine will also be the presenter for the RCM session on Saturday of the conference.
- **Collaborative Music** - Richard van Dyke — Richard is looking for voice and string chairpersons.

**Immediate Past President** – Andi McAlister

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- Nominating Committee – looking for 2018-20 board positions. Contact Andi with names or interest.
- Job Descriptions — we will be in touch about possibly revising or creating job descriptions.

There were no continuing or future agenda items.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Morin, VP for Affiliated Associations  
in place of Andrea McAlister, Immediate Past President