

AFFILIATED WITH MUSIC TEACHERS NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

OhioMTA Executive Committee

Home of Suzanne Newcomb

Monday, January 29, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Suzanne Newcomb at 10:03. Suzanne Newcomb, Brent Schloneger, and Karen Campo were in Columbus, Ohio, and were joined by Joy Morin, Andi McAlister, and Laura Melton via Google Hangout.

Meeting Minutes from 10/12/17 were approved by email on 10/27/2017.

Treasurer: Brent Schloneger

- Checking Account is currently at \$70,654.32
- The 2017 Conference was close to breaking even.
- \$50,000 scholarship fund (our CD) will need to be discussed at a future date.

President: Suzanne Newcomb

- **Foundation Fellow Nomination for 2018: Judy Bede**
 - Suzanne reported that the minimum \$1000 has been raised. \$1825 was her total as of 12/31/17.
 - The minimum for 2019 has been set by MTNA at \$1500, an increase of \$500.
 - Joy Morin will send email to districts to ask if they have nominations for the 2019 Foundation Fellow.
 - The Executive Board will vote on the 2019 fellow at the next meeting.
- **Open State Board Positions**
 - MTNA Competitions Jr./Sr. (Gulimina Mahamuti is moving)
 - Advertising
 - Andi and Suzanne will write a job description for advertising.
 - Brent hopes that advertising can be streamlined so the money/ads go to the chair who then sends the money to Brent. All money should come to Brent from the chair.
 - There needs to be more/better communication between state and conference advertising chairs.
- **e-Notes**
 - Constant Contact shows a 50% open rate and a 3-16% click-through rate.
 - State Facebook page
 - Suzanne will post a reminder about the student scholarship deadline.
 - There are some posts that come through that ask for approval. These are usually advertisements.
 - If it is from an advertiser that is of interest to our members, it can be posted.
- **News from ECD**
 - The Division Competitions will now be held online.
- **National Conference – Lake Buena Vista, March 16-20**
 - Suzanne, Sonya, and Laura will be sitting at the gala table.

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- Meetings:
 - Wellness, Sunday, March 18, 11:00-12:00 - Karen
 - Collegiate Chapters, Sunday, March 18, 2:15 – 3:15 - Michael
 - Independent Music Teachers Sunday, March 18, 2:15 – 3:15 – Karen
 - College Faculty, Sunday, March 18, 3:30-4:30 – Andi, Sonya
 - East Central Division Meeting, Sunday, March 18, 5:00 – 6:00 – All invited
 - Ohio State Dinner, Sunday, March 18 – All invited
 - Certification Open Meeting, Monday, March 29, 9:15-10:15 – Karen, Sonya
 - Foundation Open Meeting, Monday, March 19, 10:30-11:30 - Brent
 - State Presidents Advisory Council Monday, March 19, 1:00 – 2:00 – Suzanne, Sonya
 - Arts, Awareness and Advocacy, Monday, March 19, 2:15 – 3:15 – Andi
 - Gala, Monday, March 19, 6:00 PM - Suzanne, Laura, Sonya, Judy and Guest
 - Competitions Open Meeting, Tuesday, March 20, 11:00-12:00 - Laura
 - Composer Commissioning Open Meeting Tuesday, March 21, 11:00-12:00 - Suzanne
 - Annual Business Meeting, Tuesday, March 20, 1:00 – 2:00 - Suzanne, Joy, Brent
 - Local Associations, Tuesday, March 20, 2:15-3:15 - Joy
 - Collaborative Performance, Tuesday, March 20, 2:15-3:15 - Richard, Brent
 - Awards Brunch, Wednesday, March 21, 10:30-12:00
- State Dinner will be at the Maya Grill in the resort hotel
 - A minimum number of attendees is needed, credit card required in advance.
- **Website**
 - Joy has agreed to help Richard on the website.

President-Elect: Sonya Szabo-Reynolds

- **Advertising (see open positions above)**

VP-Conferences: Karen Campo

- **2017 Conference – Middle West District**
 - October 12-14 at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center, Van Wert, Ohio.
 - 66 people registered on Constant Contact but there were many on-site registrations.
 - Final number of attendees is unknown (in the 90s?)
 - Brent asked that every attendee be registered through Constant Contact to avoid this issue in the future. On-site registration payment doesn't need to be made through the site but check-in should occur this way.
 - Karen has put together a summary to be completed by the conference chair at the conclusion of the conference.
- **2018 Conference - Northeast District (Julia Russ, president)**
 - October 18-20, 2018, Cleveland State University
 - Logan Skelton, presenter
 - He will present on the music Bartok as well as give a teacher's masterclass.
 - There will be no Winner's Recital this year.
 - Saturday – 2 sessions have been scheduled at the same time.

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- The board requested an earlier start time on both Friday and Saturday. Breaks during the day should be added for attendees to have exhibit time.
- Hotel information is to come (Comfort Inn).
- The board also emphasized that all are welcome to exhibit. The organization cannot endorse only one piano company.
- Composer of the year: Jacob Reed
- **2019 Conference: Northwest District**
 - Natalie Dehnhoff, conference coordinator

VP-Membership: Michael Benson

- Current membership is 500, down from 628 in June
- The half-year membership discount is now in effect for new members.

VP-Affiliated Districts: Joy Morin

- Adoption of the new Western Reserve MTA By Laws (formerly Summit County)
- Breakfast meeting of Ohio district Presidents at the state conference was successful. There were many great ideas shared.
- Joy would like to feature a district in the e-notes each year, possibly the district hosting the conference. She feels it would give more support to the districts and help them feel more included. Joy and Suzanne will discuss this for upcoming e-notes.
 - The May or June e-notes would be the best timing for this.

VP-Student Activities: Laura Melton

- **MTNA Competitions**
 - Cole Burger is now the state MTNA competition chair.
 - Brent has contacted 5 ECD winners for national competition financial assistance.
 - 2018 Ohio Location TBA
- **Buckeye Competitions**
 - Malone University; June 15-16, 2018
 - Chair, Michael Benson
 - Online registration has been created.
 - The website has been updated with Rules & Regulations.
 - A potential rate increase was discussed. Brent will look at financial history to see if it is necessary.
- **Royal Conservatory of Music Certificate Program**
 - Student Scholarship Applications are due February 1st. 3 applications have been received so far.
 - It was agreed that up to \$1,300 can be awarded to students this year.

Immediate Past President – Andi McAlister

- Special thanks to the nominating committee: Sonya Szabo-Reynolds, Rachel Mills, Joy Morin, Sheila Vail, and Andi McAlister.

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- 2018-2020 Slate of Officers:
 - President: Sonya Szabo-Reynolds
 - President-Elect: Laura Benson
 - VP of Affiliated Associations: Karen Campo
 - VP of Conferences: Susan Treer
 - VP of Membership: Peter Oehrtman
 - VP of Student Activities: Margarita Denenberg
 - Treasurer: Brent Schloneger
 - Immediate Past President: Suzanne Newcomb
- The slate of officers should be posted in the e-notes this spring.
- Job Descriptions will be updated as well as creating job descriptions for chairs.

Continuing Agenda Items

- Shifting the responsibility of facilitating the Teacher Scholarship from the VP for Membership to the VP for Affiliated Associations.

Future Agenda Items

- Discuss Buckeye Rates and prize winner money.

Meeting adjourned at 11:44 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea McAlister, Immediate Past President