

**AFFILIATED WITH MUSIC TEACHERS NATIONAL ASSOCIATION****OhioMTA Executive Committee**  
In-Person and Google Hangout  
Monday, May 22, 2017 – 10:00 am

The meeting was called to order by Suzanne Newcomb at 10:06. Suzanne Newcomb, Karen Campo, Sonya Szabo-Reynolds, Brent Schloneger, and Andrea McAlister were present while Joy Morin and Laura Melton participated via Google Hangouts. Michael Benson was absent

The Meeting Minutes from the January 2017 meeting were approved on January 29, 2017 via E-mail.

**Treasurer:** Brent Schloneger

- Our checking account balance is currently at \$65,260.15. (See Balance Sheet)
- Suzanne Newcomb asked if the balance sheets were ever put on the website. Brent answered that it had not been done.
- Finance Committee meetings were discussed and it was agreed that they would discuss issues via email when necessary.

**President:** Suzanne Newcomb

- **National Conference**
  - 30 members came to the state dinner. Pictures were gathered and placed on the Facebook page.
  - Suzanne attended the SPAC, Eastern Central Division Meeting, Gala, and Business meeting.
  - Richard van Dyke accepted the Foundation Fellow Award
  - Suzanne accepted the award for the Endowment Fund donation
- **New and Open Board Positions**
  - MTNA Foundation (previously Kathleen Riley)
  - MTNA Competitions Chair (previously Jennifer Howell)
- **e-Notes**
  - Michael Benson working on updating the email list
  - Last month's e-notes sent to all current and past members since not all renewals have been processed
  - Brent linked the e-notes to Facebook. Suzanne urged everyone to "like" the post.
- **Foundation Fellow Nominee 2018: Judy Bede**
  - Suzanne will send in the information via the MTNA portal as well as inform Judy of the honor

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

- **Advertising**
  - Annual newsletter will be mailed August 15.
  - Submission deadline is July 15 and will include forms for upcoming events and advertising
  - Brianna Matzke continues to work on advertising for both the annual mailing and the conference program

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- Updates regarding advertisers can be viewed on Google Docs: [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1P09rUuwTwuGZBu\\_vowoG8dz4pukILSZSnVjtu4d8Nc\\_o/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1P09rUuwTwuGZBu_vowoG8dz4pukILSZSnVjtu4d8Nc_o/edit?usp=sharing)
- The goal for advertising is to pay for the mailing as well as offset conference program book expenses
- **Conference Website**
  - We do want links to conference artists' websites for advertisement
  - The 5 Browns: <http://www.the5browns.com>
  - Irina Gorin: <http://www.irinagorin.com>

**VP-Conferences:** Karen Campo

- **2017 Conference – Middle West District**
  - The Conference will be held October 12-14 at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center in Van Wert, Ohio.
  - Annette Hoverman is the Conference Chair
  - Program Draft was presented and approved in its current form (see Conference 2017 Program)
    - Talk to Sheila Vail about a Royal Conservatory Speaker
    - See if the exhibits can stay open later on Thursday
  - 2017 Composer of the Year: Jennifer Merkowitz
  - The Schedule and Registration should go on the website by July 1
  - MTNA and Buckeye Competition Winners will perform on the Thursday evening recital
  - Concerns raised for more promotional materials this year
- **2018 Conference – Northeast District:**
  - Julia Russ, Conference Chair
  - Logan Skelton will perform a recital and give 2 master classes
  - Hosted by Cleveland State University
  - Dates TBD
- **2020 Conference - Southeast District**
  - Chris Fisher asked if it would be possible to combine the OhioMTA State Conference with the Ohio University Pedagogy Conference
  - This issue was discussed and tabled.

**VP-Membership:** Michael Benson

- **Membership**
  - Currently working on updating email membership list

**VP-Affiliated Districts:** Joy Morin

- There is a new document in Dropbox: list of current Presidents and Membership Chairs of districts and local associations within OhioMTA and their email addresses. OhioMTA Meeting Minutes > Important Docs.
- All district Bylaws are now located in Dropbox under OhioMTA Affiliated Associations. Joy will work on sharing this.

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- Middle East District is undergoing a transition in leadership. Joe Licitri is stepping down after 32 years as president. They are looking to combine board positions and change bylaws in the future.
- Northwest District had questions about the Buckeye Auditions:
  - They are currently covering the fee for any district winners who go on to state but are looking to change this due to budget concerns.
    - There are no rules that districts must pay this fee.
    - Western District just eliminated paying this fee.
    - Concerns were raised about violating the FTC policy if they only paid for students of OhioMTA members. They should check with nationals if they decide to do this.
  - Northwest District wishes that the state would make a change to the Buckeye Rules and Regulations to indicate that checks for district auditions should be made out to the appropriate districts instead of stating "Make checks out to OhioMTA."
    - Suzanne will make this change on the Buckeye form
  - Northwest District received some complaints from district audition participants about the visual appeal of the certificates.
    - All districts use their own certificates and can change these at any time.

**VP-Student Activities:** Laura Melton (see Student Activities)

- **MTNA Competitions**
  - The Site for 2017 Competitions will be Capital University, October 20-22, 2017
    - Tianshu Wang will serve as site coordinator.
    - Looking for a replacement for Jennifer Howell (chair).
  - Most recent locations include
    - 2009 (Cleveland State)
    - 2010 (UC-CCM)
    - 2011 (BGSU)
    - 2012 (Oberlin)
    - 2013 (Kent State)
    - 2014 Division Finals (Baldwin Wallace)
    - 2014 (Capital University)
    - 2015 (Bowling Green State University)
    - 2016 (Oberlin College)
  - 2018 ECD Competitions: January 6-7, 2018 at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
  - Competitions Winners will perform at the 2017 State Conference
    - 4 MTNA winners have already agreed (Senior piano, Junior and Senior Strings, Young Artist Woodwind)
    - Dinner provided to soloists. Will check with conference coordinators about dinner for families and/or accompanists.
- **Buckeye Competitions:**
  - Malone University; June 9-10, 2017.
  - Chair, Michael Benson
  - Buckeye Winners will be invited to perform at the 2017 State Conference

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- **Student Scholarship Application**
  - \$1,145 awarded in total
    - **Grace Brown**, \$200 scholarship (Encore Chamber Music Summer Program)
    - **Sarah Hu**, \$200 scholarship (MDP Level 7 Piano Exam & Level 5 Theory Exam)
    - **Miette Schloneger**, \$145 scholarship (MDP Level 8 Theory Exam)
    - **Vania Jiao**, \$200 scholarship (Cooper Festival, Oberlin)
    - **Abigail Maser**, \$200 scholarship (InterHarmony International Music Festival, Italy)
    - **Michelle Cool**, \$200 scholarship (Green Mountain Suzuki Institute)
- **Music Development Program**
  - 17 Gold Medal recipients (see MDP Winners)

**Immediate Past President:** Andrea McAlister

- Nominating Committee for Executive Committee 2018-20 will be meeting at the October 2017 Conference.
- Annual Reports will be requested in August.

Meeting adjourned at 11:38 AM

Respectfully submitted.

Andrea McAlister, Immediate Past President