

**AFFILIATED WITH MUSIC TEACHERS NATIONAL ASSOCIATION**

**General Membership Business Meeting Luncheon  
Wilmington University  
October 18, 2014**

**Call to Order by Richard Van Dyke, President.**

Motion was made to suspend the reading of Minutes from September 28, 2013 General Membership Meeting. Minutes were approved.

**2015 MTNA National Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada March 21-25****MTNA FTC Report**

- A. Richard summarized the FTC Settlement Statement, which can be found in detail below.

**FTC Settlement Statement**

Dear Member:

As you may know, the Federal Trade Commission conducted an investigation concerning the provision in MTNA's Code of Ethics that stated: The teacher shall respect the integrity of other teachers' studios and shall not actively recruit students from another studio. The Federal Trade Commission alleges that this provision violates the Federal Trade Commission Act because it unnecessarily restricts members of MTNA from competing for students, thereby depriving students from the benefits of competition among music teachers.

To end the investigation expeditiously and to avoid disruption to its core functions, MTNA voluntarily agreed, without admitting any violation of the law, to the entry of a Consent Agreement and a Decision and Order by the Federal Trade Commission. As a result, MTNA has removed, and will not enforce, the above provision from its Code of Ethics. In general, the Federal Trade Commission has prohibited MTNA from engaging in certain activities that restrict members from soliciting students or other teaching work, including activities that restrict members from offering services directly to students who may be receiving similar services from other music teachers.

Some state and local music teacher associations that are affiliated with MTNA have codes of ethics or similar documents that contain provisions that restrict its members from: (a) advertising prices or other terms of teaching services, (b) competing on price-related terms, or (c) soliciting students or other teaching work. The Federal Trade Commission has prohibited MTNA from accepting or maintaining as an affiliate any association that has such a code of ethics or similar document that contains these prohibited restrictions.

In order to maintain their affiliation with MTNA, each state and local music teacher association must review its constitution and bylaws, code of ethics, operational policies, and membership requirements to determine if they contain any of these prohibited restrictions on members.

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Examples of these prohibited restrictions would include the following:

- An association restricting a member from offering opportunities for study to gifted students in the form of free lessons or scholarships as inducements to study with a particular member.
- An association restricting a member from engaging in advertising free scholarships or tuition.
- An association restricting a member from soliciting the pupil of another music teacher by inducements or other acts.
- An association restricting a member from enrolling a pupil of another teacher unless the pupil's financial obligations to the former teacher have been satisfied and relations with that teacher have been severed.
- An association restricting a member from charging fees that are lower than the average in the community.
- An association restricting how members accept tuition payments from pupils.
- An association imposing restrictions or requirements on members regarding make-up lessons or missed lessons.
- An association restricting a member from writing or publishing for public media or from reviewing or criticizing colleagues or colleagues' students for any purpose whatsoever.
- An association restricting a member from seeking a job opportunity unless notice has been given of an impending vacancy.

State and local music teacher associations that are affiliated with MTNA and which have any of these prohibited restrictions in their constitution and bylaws, codes of ethics, operational policies, membership requirements, or elsewhere will have the opportunity to remove them. If they do not certify to MTNA, that they do not have any such restrictions prior to the deadline set forth in the Decision and Order, MTNA will have to disaffiliate from them until such time as they comply with the Decision and Order.

The Decision and Order does not prohibit MTNA or its affiliates from adopting and enforcing codes of ethics or similar documents that govern the conduct of its members with respect to representations that MTNA or its affiliates reasonably believe would be false or deceptive within the meaning of the Federal Trade Commission Act, or the conduct of judges during music competitions sponsored or held by MTNA or any affiliate.

The Decision and Order also requires that MTNA implement an antitrust compliance program. A copy of the Decision and Order is available on the Federal Trade Commission website at [www.FTC.gov](http://www.FTC.gov), and through the MTNA web site at [http://www.mtna.org/media/74728/Decision\\_Order.pdf](http://www.mtna.org/media/74728/Decision_Order.pdf).

All questions should be directed to the Office of the Executive Director & CEO at 1-888-512- 5278 x 229 or [dviltrakis@mtna.org](mailto:dviltrakis@mtna.org).

**AFFILIATED WITH MUSIC TEACHERS NATIONAL ASSOCIATION****General OhioMTA Business**

- 2015 Fellows are Kate Young and Janice Cook. When making a contribution to the Foundation, designate to Kate and Janice.
- OhioMTA Financial Report –Treasurer, Brent Schloneger reported a checking account balance of \$93,292.70; Scholarship Fund \$39,692.00.
- 2014-2016 Governance Structure is available on website.
- Website Updates/E-notes—newsletter has been suspended and now using monthly e-notes for communication. Meeting minutes, competition winners, and past news are available on website.
- Like *Ohio Music Teachers Association* on FaceBook. We have 266 “Likes”, and encourage more.
- Nominating Committee for 2016-2018 Executive Committee meets at 2015 Conference in Columbus. Richard, chair of committee, needs more people to serve on committee. Email him if you are willing to serve.
- Open Board Positions: Collegiate Faculty Forum, Voice and Publicity
- Buckeye Auditions to be held at Malone University, with Michael Benson as Chair.
- MTNA Competitions to be held next weekend at Capital University, with Cicilia Yudha as chair. Contact her if you are available to volunteer to help.
- Minutes from the Executive Committee, Board and General Business Meetings are now on-line.

**Acknowledgements/Awards**

- Chris fisher, VP for Membership, awarded plaques to the following 25 and 50 Year Members:

2014 OhioMTA Fifty Year Member Honorees				
Honoree	District		Honoree	District
Janice Kay Kelly	Northeast		Marlene Rayl, NCTM	Northwest
2014 OhioMTA Twenty-Five Year Member Honorees				
Samuel H. Adler	Northwest		Anita S. Auzenbergs	Northeast
Angela Cheng	Northeast		Alvin Chow	Northeast
Marian L. Cobb	Southwest		J. Michelle Conda	Southwest
Paula M. Deardurff, NCTM	Middle West		Norma Z. Dennis	Southeast
Pauline M. Fritz	Central East		Susan J. Frost, NCTM	Central East
Karen A. Furr	Central East		Ann Elisa Haertling-Lint	Central East
Timothy A. Huffman, NCTM	Central East		Merri Kozlowski, NCTM	Western
Barbara T. Leder	Southwest		Elaine Leung-Wolf	Southwest
Judith G. Lewis, NCTM	Northwest		Wilma L. Marugg	Southwest
Shirley McPherson, NCTM	Middle West		Kathleen M. Price	Northwest
Robert Jerome Rezanka	Middle East		Phyllis M. Ronald	Middle East
Mallory Stiebel, NCTM	Central East		Anna Svirsky, NCTM	Central East
Siok Lian Tan, NCTM	Southwest		Susan M. Treer	Central East
Melanie K. Winn	Middle East			

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**Newly Certified Teachers:** presented by Siok Lian Tan

- Rachel Mauricio Mills, NCTM
- Grace I.L. Huang, NCTM
- Barbara Polomsky, NCTM
- Merewyn Brasington, NCTM
- Philip Schey, NCTM

**Nationally Certified Independent Teacher of the Year:** presented by Siok Lian Tan

- Michelle Sengstack Robol

**Collegiate Chapter Poster Session Award Winners:** announced by Richard Van Dyke

- \$250 First Place Award to University of Cincinnati
- \$150 Second Place Award to Ohio State University
- \$100 Third Place Award to Ohio University
- \$100 to Brendan Jacklin, winner of the Collegiate Poster Session Individual Submission.

**Major Contributors** for conference were recognized by Richard Van Dyke

- Willis Music, Cincinnati, OH and Seth Parshall for providing the Steinway Pianos for the 2014 Conference at no charge to OhioMTA .
- Wilmington College for hosting the 2014 Conference
- Music Development Program: Co-sponsors of the dessert reception following the Guest Artist Recital
- Western District, Co-sponsor of the dessert reception following the Guest Artist Recital
- Xavier University Piano Series sponsoring the beverage station on Thursday and Friday
- Piano Preparatory School, Beavercreek, Ohio, sponsoring the beverage station on Saturday

**2014 OhioMTA Conference Committee** was recognized:

Sonya Szabo-Reynolds (Chairman), Judy Bede, Jenny Cruz, Marsha Holcomb, Kathleen Husko, Merri Kozlowski-Klode, Deborah Van Til- Macaulay and Annette Hoverman (VP-Conferences)

**2015 OhioMTA Conference** was announced by Chair, Suzanne Newcomb. It will be hosted by Central East District November 12-14, 2015 at Sheraton Columbus at Capital Square, with Antonio Pompa-Baldi, Conference Artist. Proposal submissions are due by November 30, 2014. 2015 Composer of the Year, Austin Jaquith.

**Thank you to the outgoing Executive Committee** and their major accomplishments of updating the constitution, website, and expanding the Collegiate Chapter memberships.

- Richard Van Dyke, President
- Andrea McAlister, President – Elect
- Annette Hoverman, VP-Conferences
- Chris Fisher, VP-Membership
- Suzanne Newcomb, VP-Affiliated Associations

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- Cheryl Staats, VP-Student Activities
- Brent Schloneger, Treasurer
- Judy Bede, Immediate Past President
  - Richard thanked her for her dedication and six years of service as President-Elect, President and Immediate Past President

**Installation of the 2014-2016 Executive Committee** by Richard Van Dyke

- Andrea McAlister, President
- Suzanne Newcomb, President-Elect
- Sonya Szabo-Reynolds, VP-Conferences
- Joy Morin, VP-Membership
- Annette Hoverman, VP-Affiliated Districts
- Jerry Wong, VP-Student Activities
- Brent Schloneger, Treasurer

**Comments from Andi McAlister**, newly installed President.

Acknowledgment of the Outgoing President

Raffle Drawing results by Kate Young.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Judy Bede, NCTM  
Immediate Past President