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OhioMTA Executive Committee

Google Hangout

Friday January 29, 2016 – 9:30 am

The Meeting was called to order at 9:47 by Andrea McAlister via Google Hangout with Suzanne, Sonya, Richard, Joy and Annette participating.

The Meeting Minutes from November 12, 2015 were approved on December 2, 2015 via E-mail

Treasurer: Brent Schloneger

- The summary as of January 23, 2016 was discussed. See Addendum 1
- Conference Expense/Revenue issues were discussed. Though our revenues were higher than normal the expenses exceeded expectations and there was a substantial deficit. Revenues: \$12,509.34, Expenses: \$17,067.57, Loss: (\$4558.53). See Addendum 2
- The OhioMTA General Scholarship Fund has \$1963.00 available.
- The OhioMTA Travel Grant Scholarship Fund has \$39,692.00 in a CD. The interest is used to support travel grants to the National Competition Finals for those advancing beyond the ECD Semifinals.

President: Andrea McAlister

- **National Conference**
 - Ohio will sponsor a table at the Gala. Andi and Suzanne will host the Ohio dignitaries to include the State Fellow and her guest. Andi, Suzanne, Sonya and Richard will be attending the Gala
 - Fellow from Ohio for 2016 is Lynn Singleton
 - The Annual State Dinner at the National Conference will be held on Sunday evening, April 3, at Maria Mia, 849 E. Commerce St. 7:00 PM and will be hosted by Andi McAlister
 - Forums and Meetings at the National Conference will include a report from the designated board member as listed below.
 - Local, Sunday April 3, 11:00-12:00, Joy
 - Arts, Awareness and Advocacy, Sunday April 3, 2:15 – 3:15, Andi
 - Collegiate Chapters, Sunday April 3, 2:15 – 3:15, Joy
 - East Central Division Meeting, Sunday April 3, 5:00 – 6:00, All
 - Ohio State Dinner, Sunday April 3, 7:00, All
 - Certification Open Meeting, Monday, April 4, 10:30-11:30, Joy
 - One for All Open Meeting Monday, April 4, 11:30-12:30, Richard
 - State Presidents Advisory Council, Monday, April 4, 1:00 – 2:00,
 - Independent Music Teachers, Monday, April 4, 2:15 – 3:15, Joy
 - Wellness, Monday, April 4, 2:15 – 3:15, Brent and Sonya
 - Gala, Monday, April 4, 6:00 PM, Richard, Andi, Sonya and Suzanne, Lynn + Guest
 - Competitions Open Meeting, Tuesday, April 5, 9:15-10:15, Jerry, Richard
 - Composer Commissioning Open Meeting, Tuesday, April 5, 9:15-10:15, Sonya
 - Annual Business Meeting, Tuesday, April 5, 1:00 – 2:00, Andi
 - Collaborative Performance, Tuesday, April 5, 2:15-3:15, Richard
 - College Faculty, Tuesday, April 5, 2:15-3:15, Andi

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- Awards Brunch, Wednesday, April 6, 10:30-12:00, Richard
- **New and Open Board Members**
 - Richard will submit a Job Description for the Collaborative Music Chair and committee at the May Meeting.
- **Website Updates** – Richard Van Dyke
 - A request for information regarding summer festivals, camps and workshops in the January Newsletter provided only one inquiry. Nothing was submitted to post on the website.
 - Soliciting colleges and other institutions to promote events and link their websites, should be assigned to Publicity Chair and the President-Elect. Appropriate submissions and information will then be sent to the webmaster to be posted
 - Addition of non-OhioMTA State Events to site wasn't resolved
- **Foundation Fund**
 - With 91,000 in checking account and 39,000 in a CD that will be maturing in June, Andi suggested that we explore the possibility of setting up a State Foundation Fund. We will need \$100,000 to create the foundation and will have to appoint a board of trustees. It would be low risk brokerage fund with investments in the name of the Foundation. Only the interest gained would be used to fund scholarships, grants and other items approved by the board of trustees. We will revisit in May. Andi will meet with Brent and Suzanne to review options and risks involved.

President-Elect: Suzanne Newcomb

- **Annual Newsletter**
 - The collected advertising revenues for the August Newsletter were \$900 which exceeded the cost of the printing and mailing.
 - Suzanne suggested that the Conference Publicity needs more than one E-mail and separate from the Newsletter and Website.

VP-Conferences: Sonya Szabo-Reynolds

- **2015 Conference Wrap-Up**
 - Final Budget analysis see Addendum 2
 - There were 113 attendees at the conference. For more conference details see Addendum 3 for the VP-Conferences report.
 - We received \$600 in exhibitor space revenues and collected \$300 for the MTNA Foundation Fellow.
- **2016 Conference – Middle East District**
 - The Conference will be held November 3-5 at the Kent State Hotel and Conference Center
 - Karen Campo is the Conference Chair
 - Program Draft was presented
 - One concern mentioned was that we should promote greater diversity among the presenters
 - The recommendation was to refer conference organizers to the previous programs so they may avoid duplication from previous conferences. All Conferences programs are available on the website beginning with 2011
 - Featured Artists for the 2016 Conference include Peter Mack and Alan Fraser

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- The Composer of the Year is Harrison Daniel
- The 2016 Conference page has been constructed. There is a printable .pdf file available on the website
- **2017 Conference – Middle West District:**
 - One site will likely be the Neiswonger Center in Van Wert, OH. Travel time from the hotel is a negative but catering more reasonable. Great facility.
 - Other site is the Lima Conference Center connected to the Wingate, pianos need to be delivered.
 - Nearby colleges that may be available include Bluffton and Ohio Northern,

VP-Membership: Joy Morin

- Membership/Certification Report was discussed by Joy. Please see addendum 4 for details. Included is the report from our Wellness Chair Gail Berenson.

VP-Affiliated Districts: Annette Hoverman

- There were no District updates
- Foundation Fellow nominations will be considered at the Spring Meeting

VP-Student Activities: Jerry Wong

- **MTNA Competitions**
 - The Site for 2016 Competitions will be Oberlin College on October 14-16
 - 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
 - Division Competition – January 15-16 in Goshen, IN
- **Buckeye Competitions:**
 - Malone University; June 10-11, 2016
 - Chair, Michael Benson
- **Music Development Program**
 - Sheila Vail, Chair
- **Student Scholarship Application** Deadline Approaching – February 1, 2016.
- See addendum 5 for detailed report.

Immediate Past President: Richard Van Dyke

- Nominating Committee for Executive Committee 2016-2018 met on Friday November 13, 2015. The slate will be prepared and ready for approval at the May Meeting.
- Job Descriptions have been updated for the 2016-2018. Each committee member should review their respective position and provide updates that support the current Governance Structure

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- All Board Positions need to have Job Descriptions updated or created by the end of our term. Each VP should contact the respective board members they represent to update their job descriptions.
- Richard moved to create a new board position of Webmaster made by Richard. Brent seconded the motion. The motion was approved. The webmaster will report to the President.
- See Addendum for detailed report.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM

Respectfully submitted.

Richard Van Dyke, Immediate Past President

Addendum 1: Treasurer's Report

**Ohio Music Teachers Association
Balance Sheet
As of January 23, 2016**

	Jan 23, 16
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Checking Account	
TGSF Hidg Acct (Princ)	1,039.72
Travel Grant Schl. Fund - Int.	936.05
General Scholarship Fund (MDP)	1,963.00
Checking Account - Other	91,097.95
Total Checking Account	95,036.72
Scholarship Funds	
OhioMTA Travel Grant Schol Fund	39,692.00
Total Scholarship Funds	39,692.00
Total Checking/Savings	134,730.72
Total Current Assets	134,730.72
TOTAL ASSETS	134,730.72
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	16,516.26
Retained Earnings	116,266.01
Net Income	-2,373.57
Total Equity	134,730.72
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	134,730.72

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Addendum 2: Conference Receipts and Expenses

4:01 PM		Ohio Music Teachers Association						
01/18/16		Profit & Loss Detail						
Accrual Basis		July 1, 2015 through January 18, 2016						
Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Split	Amount		
Ordinary Income/Expense								
Income								
Conference Income								
Donations								
Deposit	11/24/2015	2893	Central East	for concert reception	Checking Account	404.04		
Total Donations						<u>404.04</u>		
Registration								
Deposit	10/3/2015	13283		Deposit	Checking Account	183.00		
Deposit	10/3/2015	2216		Deposit	Checking Account	105.00		
Deposit	11/9/2015	4619		Nahhas	Checking Account	75.00		
Deposit	11/9/2015	3631		Weber	Checking Account	105.00		
Deposit	11/9/2015	3626		Steiner	Checking Account	150.00		
Deposit	11/9/2015	215		Blazer	Checking Account	137.00		
Deposit	11/9/2015	766		Wallon	Checking Account	150.00		
Deposit	11/9/2015	1430		Polonsky	Checking Account	95.00		
Deposit	11/9/2015	9215		syracuse	Checking Account	150.00		
Deposit	11/9/2015	3519		williams	Checking Account	95.00		
Deposit	11/9/2015	1116		Burns	Checking Account	95.00		
Deposit	11/15/2015	5785		wyma	Checking Account	35.00		
Deposit	11/15/2015	2406		Kim	Checking Account	75.00		
Deposit	11/15/2015	1653		Graning	Checking Account	110.00		
Deposit	11/15/2015	2760		Wyatt	Checking Account	150.00		
Deposit	11/15/2015	1036		Robol	Checking Account	118.00		
Deposit	11/15/2015	1169		Husko	Checking Account	98.00		
Deposit	11/15/2015	1154		Weygant	Checking Account	75.00		
Deposit	11/15/2015			Cho	Checking Account	25.00		
Deposit	11/15/2015			on-site ticket sales	Checking Account	120.00		
Deposit	11/15/2015			from PayPal	Checking Account	7,538.70		
Check	11/18/2015			returned check	Checking Account	-118.00		
Deposit	11/23/2015	3291		Klode	Checking Account	75.00		
Deposit	12/1/2015	1503		Melissa Robol replacement ch...	Checking Account	118.00		
Total Registration						<u>9,819.70</u>		
Exhibit Space								
Deposit	11/15/2015	637	Acceptd	Deposit	Checking Account	75.00		
Deposit	11/15/2015	2600	Joytunes	Deposit	Checking Account	75.00		
Deposit	11/15/2015	13364	Classic Pianos LLC	Deposit	Checking Account	150.00		
Deposit	11/15/2015	7314	Columbus Piano Leasing	Deposit	Checking Account	75.00		
Deposit	11/15/2015	3795	Solch Piano and Music Company	Deposit	Checking Account	150.00		
Deposit	11/16/2015		Stanton's Sheet Music, Inc.	Deposit	Checking Account	75.00		
Total Exhibit Space						<u>600.00</u>		
Ads								
Deposit	8/17/2015	1632...	Marietta College	Deposit	Checking Account	150.00		
Invoice	9/9/2015	42	Otterbein University	Full page ad - 2015 Conferenc...	Accounts Receiv...	150.00		
Invoice	11/4/2015	43	Wright State University (c)	Full-page ad, Conference Pro...	Accounts Receiv...	150.00		
Deposit	11/15/2015	000167	Frederick Harris	Deposit	Checking Account	150.00		
Deposit	11/15/2015	2406...	Ohio State University	Deposit	Checking Account	150.00		
Deposit	11/15/2015	1701	Middle West	Deposit	Checking Account	55.00		
Deposit	11/15/2015	61026	FJH Music Company, Inc.	Deposit	Checking Account	150.00		
Deposit	11/15/2015	2014...	University of Dayton	Deposit	Checking Account	150.00		
Deposit	11/15/2015	9149	Piano Pronto	Deposit	Checking Account	150.00		
Deposit	11/15/2015	1057	Western	Deposit	Checking Account	70.00		
Deposit	11/15/2015	13364	Classic Pianos LLC	Deposit	Checking Account	150.00		
Deposit	11/16/2015		Stanton's Sheet Music, Inc.	Deposit	Checking Account	150.00		
Total Ads						<u>1,625.00</u>		
Total Conference Income						<u>12,509.34</u>		
Total Income						<u>12,509.34</u>		
Expense								
Conferences								
Concerts								
Check	11/9/2015	3896	Antonio Pompa-Baldi	Conference Artist	Checking Account	5,000.00		
Total Concerts						<u>5,000.00</u>		
Refunds								
Check	11/14/2015	3909	Eileen Weber		Checking Account	15.00		
Check	11/17/2015	3904	Allan Roth		Checking Account	150.00		
Total Refunds						<u>165.00</u>		
Seminars								
Check	11/13/2015	3911	Jeff Russel	Presenter	Checking Account	200.00		
Check	11/23/2015	3907	ARLEV, Inc.	fee	Checking Account	400.00		

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Accrual Basis

Ohio Music Teachers Association

Profit & Loss Detail

July 1, 2015 through January 18, 2016

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Split	Amount
Check	11/23/2015	3907	ARLEV, Inc.	travel	Checking Account	309.00
Check	11/23/2015	3907	ARLEV, Inc.	Misc.	Checking Account	64.75
Total Seminars						1,053.75
Office/Misc.						
Check	11/9/2015	3895	Minuteman Press	Conference Program	Checking Account	510.71
Check	11/15/2015	3897	Sally Sansbury	tickets	Checking Account	40.56
Check	11/15/2015	3897	Sally Sansbury	Staples	Checking Account	76.98
Check	11/15/2015	3897	Sally Sansbury	Staples	Checking Account	40.99
Check	11/15/2015	3897	Sally Sansbury	Envelopes	Checking Account	5.35
Check	11/17/2015	3904	Allan Roth		Checking Account	24.96
Check	11/17/2015	3904	Allan Roth	Parking	Checking Account	3.00
Total Office/Misc.						706.55
Facilities/Equipment						
Check	11/15/2015	3912	Above Sound	#1270	Checking Account	665.00
Check	11/17/2015	3904	Allan Roth	Batteries	Checking Account	6.42
Check	11/17/2015	3904	Allan Roth	Cables	Checking Account	64.45
Check	11/17/2015	3904	Allan Roth	Cables	Checking Account	26.87
Total Facilities/Equipment						762.77
Conferences - Other						
Check	10/7/2015	3874	Sheraton Columbus Hotel at Capitol...	Deposit for 2015 conference	Checking Account	600.00
Check	11/23/2015	3905	Sheraton Columbus Hotel at Capitol...	Final bill from hotel	Checking Account	5,777.80
Total Conferences - Other						9,377.80
Total Conferences						17,067.87
Total Expense						17,067.87
Net Ordinary Income						-4,556.53
Net Income						-4,556.53

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OhioMTA
VP-State Conferences Report
January 29, 2016
submitted by Sonya Szabo-Reynolds

2015 Conference

November 12-14, 2015

Coordinated by Central East District

Site: Sheraton Columbus at Capitol Square, Columbus, Ohio

Planning Committee: Suzanne Newcomb (chair), Sally Sansbury, Bradley Sowash, Allan Roth, Lynn Singleton

Conference Artist: Antonio Pompa-Baldi

Keynote Presenter: Dr. Rozalie Levant

Composer of the Year: Austin Jaquith

Conference Presenters: Ewelina Boczkowska, Ya-Liang Chang, Christopher Durrenberger, Andrew Hisey, Jeffrey Russell, Lynn Singleton, Bradley Sowash, Leila Viss, Cicilia Yudha

Total income for the conference including donations, registration, exhibitor space and ads was \$ 12,509.34.

Total expense, including money paid for travel, concerts, meals, refunds, seminars, office/misc., facilities/equipment and other equaled \$ 17,067.87.
(Of total expense \$9,377.80 went to Sheraton Columbus.)

The 2015 conference shows a monetary loss of \$4,558. 53. Deficit largely due to final hotel bill reflecting number of contracted reserved rooms that remained unsold.

Attendance: 113 registrants.

2016 Conference

November 3-5, 2016

Host: Middle East District

Site: Kent State University & KSU Conference-Hotel Center

Planning Committee: Karen Campo (chair), Nancy Bachus (programming), Lori Carlson (budget), Amy Sauriol & Maira Liliestedt (advertisers & exhibitors)
Kathy Merwin (program book)

Conference theme: Creative teaching and healthy technique. Three presentations focus on wellness: Jeffrey Russell returns to expand on his presentation at the 2015 conference (this time including a focus on the hand); Heather Malyuk presents a

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session on "Hearing Wellness" and Maira Liliestedt presents "From Injury to Piano Marathon in Months, Practical Tips and Physician Advice for Healing and Maintaining Healthy Pianist Bodies." Guest Artist Alan Fraser also focuses on healthy technique.

Conference Artist: Peter Mack

Featured Presenter: Alan Fraser

Composer of the Year: Harrison Daniel

(nine total applications were received for 2016 Composer of the Year)

Presenters and Preliminary Schedule: see attachment

Classic Pianos of Cleveland has offered to supply pianos at conference site free of charge.

Committee is deciding on whether or not to use KSU/KSU-Conference Hotel Center caterer or an outside caterer. College caterer advised because of inside knowledge and easy access to all facilities, tables, chairs, etc.

Committee is asking Steinway Gallery about sponsoring the post-recital receptions.

Earlier this month Karen Campo sent out the proposal acceptance e-mails to chosen presenters, and sent "alternate" letters to other applicants.

Conference hotel has been contracted for 40 rooms Thursday & Friday nights.

2017 Conference

Host district: Middle West

Contact person: Annette Hoverman

Site: Lima or Van Wert

Date: TBD

Conference Artist: TBD

Because MW district is so small, Annette Hoverman says their active members typically work together as a team to plan the conference. MW district will meet next on March 1; Annette plans to present options to members at that meeting.

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Addendum 4: VP-Membership Report**VP for Membership Report**

Friday, 29 January 2016

Membership as of December 31, 2016 totals 602 members. At this time last year, membership was 617. The reminder emails sent to non-renewals in September, though appreciated by the recipients, does not seem to have significantly impacted our membership numbers.

OhioMTA MEMBERSHIP REPORT BY MONTH

	Jul 31	Aug 31	Sep 30	Oct 31	Nov 30	Dec 31	Jan 31	Feb 28	Mar 31	Apr 30	May 30	Jun 30	Year End	%
2005-06												776		
2006-07												764		
2007-08												771		
2008-09												740		
2009-10												745		
2010-11												708		
2011-12												645		
2012-13												658		
2013-14												620		
2014-15	476	520	593	609	615	617	630	636	640	640	640	640	3.23%	
2015-16	454	513	563	589	597	602								

Ongoing efforts have been made to create a folder of reference documents for future persons serving in this position; including: sample email correspondence, documents for tracking membership numbers, and documents for tracking 25- and 50-year member award recipients.

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Gail Berenson, Wellness Chair, submitted a report describing wellness sessions to occur at the upcoming MTNA National Conference in San Antonio, a College Music Society Webinar by Lois Svard, the PAMA Symposium in July 2016, and the International Society for Music Education World Conference July 24-29, 2016. Her complete report is attached.

No reports were offered by Siok Lian Tan, Certification Chair; Christopher Fisher, Collegiate Chapter Chair; Krysti Schey, IMTF Chair, or Frank Huang, CFF Chair.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Morin

VP for Membership

**Wellness Report
Gail Berenson, Chair**

Here's the latest wellness information from OhioMTA's Wellness Chair, Gail Berenson.

1. There will once again be a "wellness track" on April 2, during Pedagogy Saturday at the 2016 MTNA National Conference in San Antonio, TX. I invite you (and please share this info with all your friends and colleagues) to attend this year's special track that partners with the American Psychoanalytic Association (ApsaA). Co-chaired by Gail Berenson and Julie Nagel, we have put together a very special day of sessions that focuses on "Developing Self-Confident and Resilient Musicians: Teaching the Whole Person". Psychoanalysts will partner with our MTNA musicians in fascinating discussions on relevant topics that affect each of us in our daily professional lives.

Students, regardless of age, come to music lessons bringing life experiences with them. These experiences can positively or negatively impact potential. Today's sessions will explore the psychological issues music teachers handle every day. Members of the American Psychoanalytic Association will partner with MTNA members to discuss ways to nurture emotionally healthy and resilient musicians.

8:00-8:15 AM Welcome

Welcome and introductory remarks – Gail Berenson and Julie Jaffee Nagel, co-chairs

Welcome from representative of American Psychoanalytic Association

8:15-9:00 AM

"Developing Musical and Personal Resilience: What Does Mental Health Have to Do With It?"

Julie Jaffee Nagel and Curtis Bristol

Music teachers play a significant role in helping students develop both musically and psychologically. This session will offer ideas that promote the understanding that students are greater than the sum of their musical parts.

9:15-10:15 AM

"Getting Started on the Right Foot: Establishing a Strong Foundation"

Fay Adams, Curtis Bristol, Michelle Conda

Approaches used with beginning students set the tone for lifelong involvement in music making. This session will offer strategies for dealing with students of all ages – preschoolers, traditional beginners and adult students.

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10:30-11:30 AM

“Master Class - Teaching the Whole Person”

Marvin Blickenstaff, Julie Jaffee Nagel, Alina Rubinstein and our two master class performers

Music teachers, in addition to parents, are typically a student's first audience. This session will showcase a highly skilled and effective teacher at work. Following the master class, students will discuss their experiences with the teacher and two analysts.

11:30-1:00 PM Lunch

1:00-2:00 PM

“At the Movies: A Glimpse Into Student/Teacher Relationships On the Big Screen”

Vanessa Cornett and Steven Levy

A nurturing relationship between teacher and student can increase a student’s self-esteem. Although not specifically about music teaching, brief clips from the film, "The Visitor" will be used to prompt a discussion about how music lessons transformed the life of the main character.

2:15-3:15 PM

“Agony and Ecstasy of Competitions: Winning and Losing - and Doing Your Best!”

Douglas Humphries, Janet Lopinski, Alina Rubinstein

Competition can be an integral part of music study. Winning can be wonderful, losing can be devastating. This session will explore psychological strategies to facilitate healthy attitudes toward competing and enable students to put their best foot (or hand) forward.

3:30-4:30 PM

"Music Teaching in the 21st Century – Changes and Challenges"

Pete Jutras and Steven Levy

Today's music students face a changing world. Social media, increased activities and a culture of instant gratification create demands on students' musical and mental lives. How can we keep students motivated? How can music lessons help instill life lessons?

4:30-5:00 PM Concluding remarks

Gail Berenson and Julie Jaffee Nagel

Final opportunity for our audience to have their voices heard. Bring your thoughts and questions.

Other upcoming wellness March 11, 2016 College Music Society Webinar – Lois Svard, presenter

1:00-1:30 PM

“*A Musician’s Guide to the Brain: what we need to know and why*” Neuroscientists have been studying musicians and the process of making music for the past 20 - 30 years. Since we musicians have been the subjects of so many studies, why don’t we know more about the results of some of this fascinating research? For example, are we hardwired for music? How do we learn music, and what is this process called “plasticity” that changes our brains as we learn? Are there ways to practice that produce more effective learning, helping to alleviate stress whether in

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performance or in test-taking? This session will introduce a few basics about the brain and music that will help us in the teaching studio, the classroom, the rehearsal room, and on stage.

This will be archived and available to the general public FREE of charge shortly after this date.

July 7-10, 2016 PAMA Symposium: New York-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center
July 5-6, 2016 PAMA Pre-Conference Course

Check out PAMA website for listing of conference information www.artsmed.org

July 24-29, 2016 International Society for Music Education World Conference
Glasgow, Scotland

More information about the conference and the submission process will appear at this ISME website:

Webpage for the Glasgow conference: <http://www.isme2016glasgow.org/>

Webpage for Musicians' Health and Wellness special interest group: <http://www.isme.org/health>

Webpage for Forum on Instrumental and Vocal Teaching: <http://www.isme.org/forum>

I am hoping that Jeff Russell, athletic trainer at Ohio University and Director of OU's SHAPe (Science and Health in Artistic Performance) Clinic, will be once again invited to our OhioMTA State Conference to serve as a guest presenter for 2016 since he was so well received at our 2015 State Conference.

Addendum 5: VP-Student Activities Report

Jessica Madsen (chair of MTNA Competitions Composition):

Enrollment is down in composition, and has been for the past two years. In Ohio it is mainly due to certain teachers no longer sending students. I have asked about this, and their focus has simply changed away from composition to piano. I don't think Chairs have enough time to fully promote this event, (I certainly don't), so my recommendation would be for people at the National or State level who are in paid positions to come up with an effective way to advertise and promote the event if we want to increase participation.

Sheila Vail (Music Development Program):

- There is a new 2015 MDP Syllabus for Piano. It can be freely downloaded at <http://www.musicdevelopmentprogram.org/sites/default/files/files/RCM-Piano-Syllabus-2015.pdf>
- The Celebration Series Repertoire Anthology has been updated and expanded, along with the Studies, Four Star Sight Reading Series and Technical Requirements.
- The assessment process has also been slightly modified - to everyone's benefit!
- The MDP Theory Program is under revision creating 12 levels and integrating Theory Rudiments, Harmony and History. It will launch either later this year or early next year. On line courses are being added and an ear training portal has been created for students to practice.
- A new Teacher Certification Program is now available to assist teachers in participating in the program.

Details available at www.MusicDevelopmentProgram.org

MTNA Division Final Results are posted on www.ohiomta.org.

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Addendum 6: Immediate Past President Report

Nominating Committee

- Initial Meeting was called to order at the State Conference on Friday November 13, 2015 at 8:00 AM by Immediate Past President, Richard Van Dyke. Those present included Suzanne Newcomb, President Elect, Gail Berensen, Ana Yoder Coulter and Merewyn Brasington.
- A list of 12 potential members for the new Executive Committee were discussed. The goal is to choose the President-Elect position first and then proceed from there.
- Current board members that expressed continuing on the Executive Committee included Joy Morin, Jerry Wong, Sonya Szabo Reynolds. Brent Schloneger has agreed to continue as Treasurer.
- In the OhioMTA Bylaws we are required to submit the slate of candidates to the Executive Committee by May 1, 2016. We are on schedule to complete that task prior to the May 1 deadline. The slate of candidates will be posted in the June E-notes.

Website Updates:

- A new “Governance” page has been added. Please review for typographical errors. Job Descriptions will be added as they are completed.
- No-one has expressed interest in posting summer camps/festivals on the OhioMTA website. Andi sent out a request in the January Newsletter for information. Shall we continue to pursue? Who will solicit information from those institutions/members?
- Please send all documents in a docx or doc compatible format. All pictures should be sent in JPEG format.

Job Descriptions:

- New Job Descriptions will need to be created for all Board Members. Please review the Governance Structure for those who report to you and solicit input from the person currently in that position. These need to be completed by November 2016 at the State Conference.
- The position of Webmaster and Collaborative Music Chair will be submitted in separate documents prior to the January 2016 Meeting.
- Please review your current job description for any edits. Include in your edits any of the Board positions that report directly to you and important dates/deadlines that need to be considered.