

**AFFILIATED WITH MUSIC TEACHERS NATIONAL ASSOCIATION****OhioMTA Executive Committee**

Niswonger Performance Center in Van Wert  
Thursday, October 12, 2017 – 10 am-11:15 am

The meeting was called to order by Suzanne Newcomb at 10:02. Suzanne Newcomb, Brent Schloneger, Laura Melton, Karen Campo, Sonya Szabo-Reynolds, Richard Van Dyke, Joy Morin were present. Michael Benson and Andi McAlister were absent.

The Meeting Minutes from 5/22/17 were approved on 5/29/2017 by email.

**Treasurer:** Brent Schloneger

- Brent Schloneger provided a summary of the treasurer's report included in the Annual Report booklet.
- The board discussed awarding \$1100 this year instead of \$1000 for RCM.

**President:** Suzanne Newcomb

- **Foundation Fellow Nomination for 2018: Judy Bede**
  - Suzanne reported that the minimum \$1000 has already been raised. Regardless, the OhioMTA board will again contribute \$100 this year.
- **New State Board Positions**
  - Olga Rua (Foundation)
  - Cole Burger (MTNA Competition coordinator)
  - Gulimina Mahamuti (MTNA Competition Jr./Sr.)
- **e-Notes**
  - Constant Contact shows a 39-57% open rate and a 10% click-through rate.
- **News from MTNA Summit**
  - Suzanne reported a summary of information shared during the MTNA summit. MTNA received has raised \$50,000 for their benevolence fund after recently campaigning to help teachers in disaster areas. MTNA is continuing to spread the word about its new E-Festival.

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

- **Advertising**
  - Sonya reported how much easier it has been having combined advertising deadlines for the August mailing and the conference booklet. There were 4 advertisers in the August mailing this year, up from 2. The deadline to submit ads in the conference book only was extended to increase conference book ads.
  - Annual Newsletter was mailed mid-August, printed by Covap Inc (Cincinnati): Jennifer Iannitti (Jennifer@covap.com).
  - Advertising contact is Brianna Matzke (replacement needed).

**VP-Conferences:** Karen Campo

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- **2017 Conference – Middle West District**
  - October 12-14 at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center, Van Wert, Ohio.
  - Karen reported that it will be 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

**VP-Membership:** Michael Benson

- Constant Contact Email lists are to be updated monthly
- Membership renewal emails are to be sent in the Fall
- Teacher Scholarship Recipient 2017: Heidi Williams. \$500 provided by Mattlin-Hyde Piano Co.

**VP-Affiliated Districts:** Joy Morin

- Joy Morin presented documents from the newly organized Western Reserve MTA (formerly Summit County MTA): (1) Minutes from a General Meeting held May 5, 2017; (2) a list of charter members; and (3) revised Bylaws. Joy made a motion approve the documents. Richard seconded. Unanimously approved. Joy will notify MTNA national headquarters that these documents have been approved.
- A breakfast meeting of District and Local Presidents will be held tomorrow at 7:30am at 133 Bistro in Van Wert.
- A list of email addresses of current Presidents and Membership Chairs of districts and local associations within OhioMTA is being maintained in Dropbox. It can be viewed under OhioMTA Meeting Minutes > Important Docs. Each districts' bylaws are also located in Dropbox, under OhioMTA Affiliated Associations.
- The following change was made after the May board meeting: "The Northwest District wishes that the state would make a change to the Buckeye Rules & Regulations to indicate that checks for district auditions should be made out to the appropriate district, instead of stating only: "Make checks out to OhioMTA."

**VP-Student Activities:** Laura Melton

- **MTNA Competitions**
  - 2017 Ohio Location: Capital University, Columbus, OH, October 20-22
  - 2018 ECD Competitions, 1/6-7/18 Univ. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
  - Cole Burger is now the state MTNA competition chair
  - Gulimina Mahamuti is now the Jr/Sr Chair
  - 2018 Ohio Location TBD
  - Competition Winners recital at 2017 State Conference Thursday evening

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- Much preparation was necessary for this event (accompanists, communication with participants and parents, etc.)
- **Buckeye Competitions**
  - Malone University; June 15-16, 2018
  - Chair, Michael Benson
  - Online registration needs to be created. Brent will work on this.
  - Rules & Regulations sent in August mailing and on website.
- **Royal Conservatory of Music Certificate Program**
  - Name change (see above)
  - Amount of \$1360 will be given to OhioMTA at Saturday's General Membership Meeting. Presented by Elaine Rusk
  - Gold medals will be mailed to teachers in bulk

**Immediate Past President – Andi McAlister**

- Nominating Committee is Sonya Szabo-Reynolds, Rachel Mills, Joy Morin, Sheila Vail, and Andi McAlister.
- Those on the board were asked to review and edit the job descriptions before exiting your position. There was discussion wondering whether the job description changes need to be discussed by the executive board.
- There are no annual reports currently from Advertising Chair.

**Future Agenda Items**

- Joy Morin suggested the board consider ways to alleviate the time intensive role of VP for Membership. She suggested, for example, shifting the responsibility of facilitating the Teacher Scholarship from the VP for Membership to the VP for Affiliated Associations.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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