

**AFFILIATED WITH MUSIC TEACHERS NATIONAL ASSOCIATION****OhioMTA State Board**Kent State Conference Center and Hotel  
Thursday November 3, 2016:11:00-12:15

The Meeting was called to order by Andi McAlister at 11:05

**Attendance:** Andrea McAlister, Suzanne Newcomb, Sonya Szabo-Reynolds, Jerry Wong, Brent Schloneger, Joy Morin, Annette Hoverman, Richard Van Dyke, Sheila Vail, Margarita Denenberg, Lynn Singleton, Michael Benson, Amy Chaplin, Joseph Licitri, Laura Melton, Christine Steiner, Twinkle Ratnasamy, Brianna Matzke, Wendy Blackwood, Andrew Focks, Rachel Mauricio Mills, Andrea Arese-Elias and Karen Campo

Motion to suspend the reading and approve the minutes from the OhioMTA Board Meeting from November 12, 2015 was brought forth by Suzanne Newcomb. The Motion was seconded and approved.

OhioMTA Board Members identified themselves and the positions they held at the request of President, Andrea McAlister

**Treasurer: Brent Schloneger**

- Brent offered a brief summary of the financial state of the organization
- Refer to the Annual Report for details regarding fiscal year 2015-16

**President: Andrea McAlister**

- Reported that we are in compliance with the MTNA FTC Consent Decree. Any constitution/bylaw changes need to be submitted to President-Elect to be presented to the Executive Committee
- National Conference
  - Announced that the OhioMTA MTNA Foundation Fellow Nominee will be Richard Van Dyke, he will be honored at the Gala in Baltimore on March 20, 2017
  - The Foundation provides funds for grants, scholarships and competitions. Please forward any donations to support the OhioMTA Fellow to <http://www.mtnafoundation.org/fellow-program/>
  - The Conference will be held in Baltimore, March 18-22, 2017
- Website Updates (Richard Van Dyke)
  - A new page was built to supply information for teacher scholarships and links to the MTNA Foundation page for grants
  - Requested that questions regarding updates and changes to the website be forwarded to Richard Van Dyke
  - When submitted information for the website, please send Word Documents for text and JPEG files for pictures. Avoid sending PDF files
- New and Open Board Members
  - MTNA Competitions - Jennifer Howell
  - MTNA Young Artist Competition Chair – open
  - Collaborative Music - Richard van Dyke
    - Richard requested help in seeking members to serve on an advisory committee that will report to the VP-Affiliated Associations regarding various Collaborative Music activities

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- We are especially looking for members who can represent the orchestral winds, percussion, strings and voice
  - Independent Music Teachers Forum (IMTF)
  - Wellness – Lynn Singleton will replace Gail Berenson
  - Certification Chair – open
- Finance Committee
  - Andrea announced that OhioMTA donated \$20,000 to the MTNA Endowment Fund, July 2016
    - The Endowment will mature in 2019-20
    - Funds will be used to support the students representing the State of Ohio at the MTNA National Competitions.
    - The monetary return from this Endowment will be greater than the funds we currently receive from the CD currently set aside for this purpose
    - OhioMTA will be honored at the 2017 Foundation Gala at the National Conference. Suzanne Newcomb will represent the State of Ohio at the Gala.
  - Teacher Scholarship Fund
    - Mattlin Hyde Scholarship
    - \$20, 000 will be moved back into the general fund upon maturation of the CD that supports student travel.
    - Remaining funds in the current CD will be used for a Teacher Scholarship Fund and will be added to the scholarship program in 2019-20
- Newsletter/Advertising Options
  - Continued use of e-notes, we currently experience about a 50% open rate

**President-Elect: Suzanne Newcomb**

- The Executive Committee approved a 10% discount when people advertise in both the Newsletter and the Conference Program
- We will try to combine the advertising solicitation for the Annual Mailing in August and Conference Program,

**VP-Conferences: Sonya Szabo-Reynolds**

- 2016 Conference – Middle East District
  - Sonya thanked Karen Campo this year's committee chair and the following committee members for their work in putting together the conference, Nancy Bachus, Lori Carlson, Maira Liliestedt, Kathy Merwin and Amy Sauriol. Also thank you to Karen's husband Mark who helped man the registration desk.
  - Composer of the Year – Daniel Harrison
  - Guest Artists - Peter Mack and Alan Fraser
- The 2017 Conference will be held in Van Wert, Ohio and hosted by the Middle West District at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center
  - It will be held October 12-14, 2017
  - Annette Hoverman will be the Conference Chair
  - Irina Gorin – presenter
  - The Five Browns - featured performers
  - Session proposals are due by November 30

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- 2017 Composer of the Year submissions will be accepted through through December 1. Margarita Denenberg is the chair of the selection committee that will include the previous winner as a member, This year we had nine applicants.
- Future Conferences
  - Dropbox has been set up for all future conference coordinators to share working documents as needed
  - The 2018 Fall Conference will be hosted by the Northeast District

**VP-Membership: Joy Morin**

- Certification - Siok Lian Tan will not serve for the 2016-18 term. We thank her for her service
  - There were seven newly Certified Teachers
  - Sonya Szabo-Reynolds was selected as the Certified Teacher of the Year.
- We currently have 589 members
- 25-Year Member Awards will be given at the Awards Brunch on Saturday
- Collegiate Chapter - Chris Fisher
  - Collegiate Poster Sessions will be judged by Nancy Bachus and Joy Morin. winners will be announced at the Awards Brunch.
  - We had two submissions this year
- Mattlin-Hyde Piano Co. Teacher Scholarship Winner for 2016 is Clinton Pratt
- IMTF – Open
- Collegiate Faculty - Frank Huang
- Lynn Singleton referenced a few items from the Annual Report

**VP-Affiliated Districts: Annette Hoverman**

- Annette introduced representatives from each district. Who then gave summaries of their annual activities. Please reference the Annual Report for details
  - Central East: Rachel Mills
  - Middle East: Joe Licitri
    - Summit County most active.
    - Stark County group.
    - Tuscarawus County
  - Middle West: Shirley McPherson, President, given by Annette Hoverman
  - Northeast: Julia Russ, President, given by Andrew Focks
  - Northwest: Twinkle Ratnasamy, President
  - Southeast: Wendy Blackwood, President
  - Southwest: Brianna Matzke, President
  - Western: Andrea Arese-Elias, President

**VP-Student Activities: Jerry Wong**

- MTNA Competitions
  - This year's competitions were held at Oberlin College on October 14-15
  - Competitions Coordinator: Jennifer Howell
  - Young Artist/Chamber Music: Tim Huffman. This position is now open. We thank Tim for his service in this capacity over the years
  - Junior/Senior: Cole Burger
  - Site Coordinator for 2016: Andrea McAlister
  - The site for 2017 Competitions is yet to be determined. Please contact Suzanne Newcomb or Laura Melton with suggestions.

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- Buckeye Competitions:
  - Site for 2017 Buckeye Competition will be at Malone University
  - Chair for 2017 will be Michael Benson.
  - Northwest district chair will be Dr. Carolyn Chin.
- Music Development Program - Sheila Vail
  - Theory Program has been recrafted into 12 different integrated levels.
  - Additional on-line education and teacher certification programs have been added
    - On-line Four Star ear training and sight reading first venue.
  - Medals awarded for Practical Scores 90+. Teachers will request by sending the Performance Assessment Mark Sheet to the Certificate Chair, Sheila Vail, by designated dates. See website for details
  - Nine students were awarded medals in 2015-16
  - OhioMTA will receive \$1,015 from RCM for student scholarship

**Immediate Past President - Richard Van Dyke**

- 2016-18 OhioMTA Officers were chosen and will be inducted at the end of the Awards Brunch on Saturday November 5. Our New Executive Committee will be
  - Suzanne Newcomb, President
  - Sonya Szabo-Reynolds, President-Elect
  - Karen Campo, VP-Conferences
  - Michael Benson, VP-Membership
  - Joy Morin, VP-Affiliated Associations
  - Laura Melton, VP-Student Activities
  - Brent Schloneger, Treasurer
  - Andrea McAlister, Immediate Past President
- Richard, Nominating Committee Chair, thanked Suzanne Newcomb, Gail Berenson, Ana Yoder Coulter and Merewyn Weinkauf for their service to the organization in selecting the new Executive Committee
- Job Descriptions for the Executive Committee are updated and available on Dropbox. Some of the Board Positions have been updated. Executive Committee Members should review those job descriptions that report to them as described in the Governance Structure.

Andrea thanked outgoing board members, for their service.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:12 by President, Andrea McAlister

Respectfully Submitted

*Richard Van Dyke*

Richard Van Dyke, Immediate Past President