

**Tahoma Chapter of NATS**  
General Membership Meeting Minutes  
January 23, 2016, 12PM  
Univ. of Puget Sound School of Music, Rm. 106  
Tacoma, WA

**ATTENDEES**

Denise Daverso (President), Dawn Padula (Sec.), Paul Brassey (Treas.), Darcie Fulkerson, Leischen Moore, Nancy Bos (Reg. Gov.), Sarah Samuelson, Troy Fisher, Kerstin O'Shields, Erin Guinup (Board), Linda Ellingson (Board), Cherry van Overstraten, Janine Dodd (Board), Holly Boaz, Briana Kramer, Ryan Bede (VP Auditions), Candice Donehoo-Pollom (guest judge).

**CALL TO ORDER/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

President Denise Daverso called the meeting to order at 12:15PM.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Dawn Padula)**

The minutes from the September 19, 2015 General Membership meeting were approved as submitted.

**APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT (Paul Brassey)**

Paul Brassey explained details pertaining to the submitted Treasurer's report. He reported that National NATS is slow in transferring dues to the chapters. The latest deposit was from November (there is no December or January, as of yet).

Nancy Bos asked if the reimbursement Kenneth Bozeman workshop came from the NATS Discretionary Fund and asked why the amount was not \$600. Daverso clarified that we received what we asked for (i.e., we did not ask for the full \$600). Brassey went on to report that the scholarship fund is robust. In closing, Daverso asked that anyone needing reimbursement funds for money spent on auditions should obtain a form from Brassey. Following this discussion, the Treasurer's Report was approved as submitted.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. Student Auditions (Ryan Bede)**

Adjudications Chair, Ryan Bede, reported that all was going well, thus far. He made a few requests to judges for clarity in procedure moving forward.

**B. Student Scholarship Auditions (Janine Dodd)**

Janine Dodd reported that they are hoping to give away all three possible awards since there are seven applicants. She reminded the membership that this is the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Scholarship Auditions, and added that we have great judges and great selections from the participants.

**C. Membership (Linda Ellingson)**

Linda Ellingson reported that we have two new members this year. She asked the membership to continue to send potential new member names to her. She reported that she has also sent reminders to those who need to pay dues by the January 31 deadline (this is the final day to pay without added penalty fees). Daverso added that the Executive Board will be discussing the status of Emeritus Members and their participation in the chapter, and asked for any names of teachers who would qualify to be sent to Ellingson. The qualifications are that the member be 67 years of age with 20 years of continuous membership in NATS. Bos added that this status is not automatic and requires that the member apply for it.

#### **D. Changes to Bylaws**

Daverso tabled this discussion to a future meeting for the sake of time.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

##### **A. Spring Fling Recital (Briana Kramer/Linda Ellingson)**

Briana Kramer reported that the Spring Fling Recital will take place Saturday, May 7 at 2:00 PM at Highline College. Registration is required for the event, so please have those who would like to perform contact Kramer or Ellingson. The recital will feature scholarship winners, as well. There will be ten-minute slots per teacher. The time can be divided into duets, trios, solos, etc. Dodd added that the Spring Fling will be a celebration of the 10<sup>th</sup> year of the Scholarship Auditions, so the committee suggests inviting past winners and past judges. Other ideas include having everyone sing together. All members are encouraged to attend and participate in the celebration.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **A. Appoint Nominating Committee for 2016 Board (Board Members at Large) Elections (Denise Daverso)**

Daverso reminded the membership that these are one-year positions. All three current Executive Board Members at Large (Erin Guinup, Janine Dodd and Linda Ellingson) agreed to be nominated to the at-large board positions for an additional year. Because of this, Daverso noted that there is no longer a need to appoint a nominating committee for this purpose. Dodd, Ellingson & Guinup will be on the slate for vote at the May 7 meeting.

##### **B. General Meeting and Elections**

The next meeting of the General Membership (including elections) will precede the Spring Fling recital on May 7, 1:00 PM, Highline College.

She added that looking ahead to future elections, she remains hopeful that members who have not been involved as of yet, or members who have not been involved in a while step forward to serve.

##### **C. NATSAA (Nancy Bos)**

Nancy Bos reported that often, chapters donate money to the NW regional winner of NATSAA for their travel to nationals (this year, nationals will take place in Chicago). Denise asked the membership for their generosity in this noting that this year, we have a surplus of funds in our account. Erin Guinup moved that we donate \$400 since we have it to give. This motion was seconded and the majority of the membership voted to approve.

##### **D. National NATS Video Submissions:**

Bos informed the membership that the deadline for the National Auditions video submissions is March 10. She also encouraged that the quality of the videos be high, and pointed members to examples of winning videos on the NWNATS page. Though there is no prize for winning, there is no entry fee.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

12:43PM by Denise Daverso.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Padula, DMA  
NATS Executive Board Secretary  
January 23, 2016