

# *WVMTA News*

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## **From the President's Desk**

Karen Taddie, NCTM, Acting President/President-Elect

Welcome to the Fall 05 Issue of WVMTA News. Your Newsletter Editor (Beth Royall), Webmaster (Laura Hamm), and Officers have spent the last part of the summer gearing up to put this 1st news edition of the new school year in place. And your Fall State Convention Committee (Scott Beard, Mary Lynne Bennett, Yennie Myers, and Karen Taddie) have convention/competition plans well under-way.

Do please consider coming to convention in Fairmont in November, to support our awesome student competitors, and to hear nationally-renowned clinician Dr. Scott McBride Smith. In fact, Dr. Smith is not only requesting your presence but also your volunteerism to help him with his program! (See related material in this newsletter). Remember, Early-Bird Registration discount postmark deadline is October 15. All Convention/Competitions-related references, including maps & directions, can be found throughout this issue.

And if you hurry, you can still make application and take the National Certification Examination at this year's convention! If you are not ready to act quite that quickly, at least express your interest to any Nationally Certified Teacher Member. Any NCTM will, I'm certain, be happy to bring you along as a guest to the Convention-Saturday-Morning-Certified-Members-Breakfast. Any and all NCTM's, I'm sure, will be happy to answer questions/concerns you may have about taking the plunge to get certified. See Mary Lynne Bennett's (WV Certification Chair) related certification topics in this issue. Also check out our new WV Certification website link too, thanks to Mary Lynne.

While you're at the WVMTA website ([www.wvmta.org](http://www.wvmta.org)), you'll also want to check out the new membership Link. WVMTA's Membership Vice-President Scott Beard has put together an absolutely beautiful and informative page for potential member recruitment. Please file this reference information away to pass along to interested colleagues.

A couple of your colleagues have stepped forward to take on organizational tasks for this coming year:

1. Notice the new by-line for this edition of WVMTA News. Beth Royall has replaced Laura Hamm as Newsletter Editor. Thank you, Laura, for all you've done to keep this paper rolling along; welcome Beth!
2. Clarksburg Area members especially will have noticed a changeover within their district for this coming year. Hooi Yin Boey has replaced Bob Ellis as District Chair. Thank you, Bob, for all the many years you've put in as District 2 Chair; welcome aboard, Hooi Yin!

The next term's officer slate is also included in this newsletter. A special "thank you" to all members who are about to embark on a new term of leadership for WVMTA. Your tireless devotion and dedication to this organization help keep it healthy and strong. And finally, a "thank you" to ALL 130 members of WVMTA. Your commitment and participation in State-wide activities and in volunteer-opportunities make

me very proud to represent our beautiful State and its first-rate music teachers organization. (See related "volunteerism" opportunities in this newsletter.)



and

**West Virginia Music Teachers Association**  
Fairmont, WV

present the

## **2005 WVMTA State Convention**

**RACE\***

(Royal American Conservatory Examinations)

featuring

**Dr. Scott McBride Smith, NCTM**

Friday & Saturday, November 4-5, 2005



\*The RACE program is a thorough, combined Technic/Theory/Practical Performance program spanning Beginner through Teacher & Artist Levels of achievement. Make plans now to attend this year's convention to find out more about the program. Informed WVMTA members can then make informed decisions about ongoing changes in our current Theory & Technic-in-progress programs vs. a possible changeover to the RACE program. Please come and join Dr. Scott McBride Smith, NCTM, for an in-depth exploration into this program.

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**Featured Clinicians & Performers:**

1. Dr. Scott McBride Smith NCTM (President: RACE/President & CEO: ILYM)
  2. Dr. Mary Lynne Bennett NCTM (Assistant Professor of Piano & Music Ed, FSU)
  3. Assorted Colleagues of WVMTA
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### **Schedule:**

**Friday, Nov. 4, 2005**

10:30-11:30 a.m. District Chairs Meeting  
The Backwoods Grill, Fairmont

11:30-12:30 a.m. District Chairs/Administrative Board Lunch  
The Backwoods Grill, Fairmont

ALL WVMTA members are welcomed to purchase a lunch & join (& meet) officer colleagues

- 12:30-2:00 p.m.      Administrative Meeting  
The Backwoods Grill, Fairmont
- 1:30-                      On-site Registration for Convention & Student Competitions
- 2:30-3:45 p.m.      Workshop: Dr. Scott McBride Smith NCTM  
*Royal American Conservatory Examinations--The National Standard for Developing Musicians*
- 4:00-5:15 p.m.      Workshop: Dr. Scott McBride Smith NCTM  
*The Power of Efficient Practice: Cures for the Bored-Practice Blues*
- 5:15-5:45 p.m.      SHORT Annual General Membership Meeting  
(ATTENTION: New 05-07 Slate of WV Officers introduced)
- 6:15-7:45 p.m.      Banquet  
Muriale's Italian Cuisine, Fairmont  
Enjoy a beautiful banquet buffet with your WVMTA Colleagues and Dr. Smith  
(New NCTM's, newly-renewed NCTM's, & 05 Teacher of the Year Award, will be announced & awarded)
- 8:00-9:30 p.m.      Masterclass/Program: *Preparing Your Students for RACE Exams*  
Dr. Smith and assorted WVMTA members will take us through an in-depth look into the RACE process
- Saturday, Nov. 5, 2005***
- 8:00- a.m.              On-site Registration for Convention begins
- 8:00 a.m.              Nationally Certified Teachers Breakfast
- 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.   Student Competitions
- 9:00 a.m.-12:00      Certification Exam
- 12:00-1:00 p.m.      Lunch & Certification Meeting/Independent Music Teachers  
Forum/College Faculty Forum: Panel Discussion - *Continuing the Search for Authentic Assessment in the Private Studio*  
Introduction: Gary Mullenax , Chair, IMTF  
Clinician: Dr. Mary Lynne Bennett, NCTM, Assistant Professor of Piano & Music Ed, FSU
- 1:15 p.m.-2:30 p.m.   Workshop: Dr. Scott McBride Smith, NCTM  
*Gems from the Piano Teacher's Vault: Forgotten Pieces Overdue for Rediscovery*
- 2:45 p.m.-3:00 p.m.   Photo Op (ALL Student Competition Winners)

3:00 p.m.

Concert: Student Winners Recital

~schedule subject to change~

TO DOWNLOAD/PRINT A REGISTRATION FORM FOR THE 2005 WVMTA  
STATE CONVENTION GO ON-LINE TO:  
[http://www.wvmta.org/Convention\\_Registration\\_2005.htm](http://www.wvmta.org/Convention_Registration_2005.htm)

TO PRINT A MAP OF FAIRMONT CLICK HERE:  
[http://www.mapquest.com/maps/map.adp?address=1201%20Locust%20Ave&city=Fairmont&state=WV  
&zipcode=26554%2d2451&country=US&title=1201%20Locust%20Ave%20Fairmont%2c%20WV%20](http://www.mapquest.com/maps/map.adp?address=1201%20Locust%20Ave&city=Fairmont&state=WV&zipcode=26554%2d2451&country=US&title=1201%20Locust%20Ave%20Fairmont%2c%20WV%20)

## **Directions to Fairmont State University**

### FROM THE NORTH ON I-79

- \* I-79 South to Exit 132 (South Fairmont Exit). At light, turn right onto Route 250 North.
- \* Follow 250 North and at 2nd light turn left onto Country Club Road.
- \* At 1st light, turn right onto Locust Avenue.
- \* At 3rd light, turn left at the main entrance to campus and proceed up hill to parking.

### FROM THE SOUTH ON I-79

- \* I-79 North to Exit 132 (South Fairmont Exit). At light, turn left onto Route 250 North.
- \* Follow 250 North and at 4th light turn left onto Country Club Road.
- \* At 1st light, turn right onto Locust Avenue.
- \* At 3rd light turn left at the main entrance to campus and proceed up hill to parking.

### TO THE CONFERENCE SITE

- \* Go into the main entrance of campus and go halfway around the rotary to go up the hill.
- \* Turn right at the top of the hill, go around the curb and turn right into the top level of the parking garage.
- \* Park on the top level of the garage and walk out towards Hardway Hall.
- \* Pass Hardway Hall and Turley Center. Wallman Hall will be the next building on the left.
- \* Go into the main doors of Wallman Hall and the registration tables will be in the Brooks Gallery through the sets of double doors. Convention events will take place on the second, fourth, and penthouse floors of Wallman Hall and in the Ballroom in the Turley Center.

Fairmont State University Maps • Directions • Parking • Lodging  
[http://www.fairmontstate.edu/about/maps\\_directions.asp](http://www.fairmontstate.edu/about/maps_directions.asp)

## Support WVMTA Through the Convention Program Book

Regardless of whether you will or will not be able to attend this year's WVMTA State Convention in Fairmont WV on November 4-5, we the Board, would like to invite you to consider a donation to the 2005 WVMTA State Convention Program Book. Your donation will provide for you an opportunity to visually display your conviction to the importance of music education in all our lives.

Below are prices and instructions for purchase of a range of ad sizes - from full-pagers all the way on down to "I'm a music education supporter" one-liners - to be included in our latest convention book. And for individual WVMTA members, collegiate student chapters, and district associations there will be a special 15% discounted rate on all below prices. And businesses/institutions that donate services, facilities, student awards, etc, valued at \$100 or more, to this year's convention/competitions will receive a full-page ad FREE, AND additional FREE exhibit/display space at the convention registration area! (The actual charge for exhibit/display space is \$50 per exhibitor for the entire 2-day convention). WVMTA is a 501c3 non-profit educational corporation. All donations are tax deductible.

Your donation helps keep WVMTA strong and thriving. Your donation helps to provide for continuing music education opportunities - both for students and music teachers alike - at the local, state, and even national levels.

And your interest in passing this message along to friends, relatives, students, parents, business contacts, institution/association contacts, further helps to enrich lives through music education.

Thank you for supporting MUSIC EDUCATION and thank you for supporting WVMTA.

On behalf of WVMTA and its Board:  
Karen Taddie, NCTM  
Acting President / President-Elect

- Full page 4.5 x 8
- Half page 4.5 x 4
- Quarter page 4.5 x 2 (business card)
- Eighth page 2.25 x 2

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WVMTA  
State Convention  
November 4-5, 2005

**Program book ads** (please check):

\_\_\_\_\_ Full page \$100    \_\_\_\_\_ Quarter page/business card \$30

\_\_\_\_\_ Half page \$55    \_\_\_\_\_ Eighth page \$20

\_\_\_\_\_ “Music Education” Supporter \$10 (one-line name listing)

\*Special 15% discounted rate on all above prices for individual WVMTA members, collegiate student chapters, and district associations.

Please provide camera-ready artwork (b/w) or business card. Email attachments will also be accepted.

**Mail this signed contract, ad copy, and check (made out to WVMTA) to:**  
**Karen Taddie, NCTM**  
**1122 Queens Ct**  
**Morgantown, WV 26508**

Amount of check:    \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (USD)

Name of Advertiser: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## State Competition Deadline

Tuesday, **September 13, 2005**, is the deadline for the Mountain State competitions. The application form is available online at [http://www.wvmta.org/Mountain\\_State\\_2005.htm](http://www.wvmta.org/Mountain_State_2005.htm) For more information, contact **Dr. Scott Beard** at P.O. Box 3210, Shepherdstown, WV 25443.



## Notes From Your Certification Chair

The WVMTA webpage now has a page dedicated to certification! You can view it from the homepage or by going directly to:

[http://www.wvmta.org/WVMTA\\_Certification.htm](http://www.wvmta.org/WVMTA_Certification.htm). I will be keeping this page updated with announcements as well as continue with newsletter articles.

If you are an NCTM who is approaching renewal, please check out the webpage for crucial information on the renewal process. There are now more ways to renew than there were when you were first certified, which makes the process easier for all.

There will be a **complimentary breakfast** at the WVMTA state convention this fall for all NCTM's! You are invited to bring a prospective NCTM to the breakfast so they can find out more about becoming certified. I hope to see all of you and your colleagues at Fairmont State on November 4 and 5!

## National Certification News

### *Application Time Limit Policy*

At its July meeting, the MTNA Board of Directors approved the following policy regarding the two year time limit for completing the certification process:

“The MTNA Professional Certification process must be completed within a two-year time limit from the date the application is received at MTNA Headquarters. If the process is not completed within two years, the applicant may request, in writing, a single one-year time extension, after which, an application extension fee of \$100.00 will be assessed.”

The above policy replaces the former one found in the Application Packet's **FAQ** that read:

***“Is there a time limit for becoming certified once I have sent my initial application and fee? Yes: you have two years from the date of application. Candidates exceeding this time limit will be assessed a new application fee.”***

The new policy allows candidates who encounter extenuating circumstances during the two-year certification process to request, in writing, a single one-year extension before being assessed an application extension fee.

## ***New Certification Examinations***

Three new Certification Examinations have been completed that meet the requirements for fulfilling Standards II, III and IV, bringing all documents pertaining to the Certification Program in line with the MTNA Professional Certification Standards. These exams will test candidates in all of the twenty-one performance areas in which MTNA Professional Certification is offered, and will be used on a predetermined rotation plan. A different exam will be provided for those who do not pass the first time. The Examination will be evaluated on the basis of PASS/FAIL for each of the three Standards (II, III & IV). Only the Standard(s) that results in FAIL will require retesting. Supporting materials and documents pertaining to the Certification Examination have been revised. In particular, the STUDY GUIDE reflects the new evaluation guidelines. The new examinations are formatted in the following manner:

Standard II: Sections A, B and C

Standard III: Sections A and B

Standard IV: Sections A and B

Answering one question from each of the seven sections will be required. The STUDY GUIDE contains a sample question from each section that reflects the subject matter of its contents.

Target date for the inauguration of the new Certification Examination is October 1, 2005.

## ***Application Made Easier***

Applying for MTNA Professional Certification has just been made easier with the availability of fillable forms on the MTNA Certification website. Applicants may now go to the website, bring up the appropriate forms, type in the information requested and print them out for submitting to MTNA. The forms are available for applicants seeking initial certification as well as for those seeking renewal of certification. This is much easier for applicants than completing the forms by hand and forces the "old typewriter" into even deeper obsolescence. Evaluators will find fillable forms much easier to read. To take advantage of this new service, visit the MTNA Certification website at [www.mtnacertification.org](http://www.mtnacertification.org).

## **WVMTA website update**

Find the answers to your questions about becoming a Nationally Certified Teacher of Music (NCTM) by clicking on "Certification" at [www.wvmta.org](http://www.wvmta.org). Mary Lynne Bennett, NCTM, Certification chair, has provided a clear explanation of certification complete with links to MTNA.

Laura Hamm, Website manager

## **Membership Reminder**

If you haven't already done so, remember to renew your vows by going to the membership page at [www.wvmta.org](http://www.wvmta.org), or by going directly to the membership page for MTNA. <http://www.mtna.org/membership.htm>

Dues for the 2005-2006 year are \$20.00 for the State and \$57.00 for National. Members joining after January 1st, 1006 will have their dues pro-rated.

Members are encouraged to contact our web manager, Laura Hamm or Dr. Scott Beard with membership updates.

## **From the Top**

Public school music education programs have a national standard for music education. These standards spell out the importance of arts for the educational well-being of our young people and country. Did you know that MTNA has established a counterpart to these standards for independent and collegiate music teachers? The Essential Skills for Promoting a Lifelong Love of Music and Music Making are an attempt to articulate the most basic skills that, when integrated into lessons, will provide students the tools to enjoy music for the rest of their lives.

These skills include:

- ◆ Ability to internalize basic rhythms and pulse
- ◆ Ability to read, musical literacy
- ◆ Ability to perform with physical ease and technical efficiency
- ◆ Ability to hear the notes on the page
- ◆ Ability to work creatively, improvise, compose, harmonize and play by ear
- ◆ Ability to understand basic elements of theory, form harmony, etc.
- ◆ Ability to respond to the interpretive elements of the composition to express the emotional character of the music
- ◆ Ability to conceptualize and transfer musical ideas
- ◆ Ability to work independently and to problem-solve
- ◆ Ability to perform comfortably individually and with others in a variety of settings

These skills, as many of you know, have been explored through a series of four articles beginning with the February/March 2005 issue of *American Music Teacher* and ending with the August/September 2005 issue. They also are available on the MTNA web site at <http://www.mtna.org/essentialskills.htm>.

Encouraging your students to achieve a working knowledge with each skill area will empower them to learn independently and develop a lifelong appreciation of music

whether or not they become a concert performer. This academic year MTNA challenges each of you to incorporate activities that develop the Essential Skills into your teaching.

## **2005-2007 SLATE OF OFFICERS**

The nominating committee presents the following slate of officer candidates for the 2005-2007 term:

President: Karen Taddie, NCTM  
President-elect: Yennie Myers  
1st Vice President: Dr. Scott Beard, NCTM  
2nd Vice President: Dr. Gerald Lee  
Secretary: Janna Kisner, NCTM  
Treasurer: Dr. Ray Martin, NCTM

Nominating committee: Mary Wilson, Mila Markun, NCTM and Carol Beall, NCTM, chair.

## **WVMTA BY-LAWS GOVERNING ELECTIONS & DUTIES**

### **ARTICLE V -ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**Section 1.** A nominating committee consisting of the immediate Past President and two other members shall be selected by the Administrative Board in its final session of the state convention prior to the one at which new officers are to be elected.

**Section 2.** The nominating committee shall submit to the President at least thirty days prior to the election the names of one candidate for each office. The proposed slate of officers shall be announced in the final newsletter prior to election. At least twenty-four (24) hours prior to election, any WVMTA member may submit in writing the President, with the approval of the candidate, an additional nominee for any office.

**Section 3.** If no additional nominees are received by the President, the nominees presented by the nominating committee shall be considered elected by acclamation. In the event additional nominations are made, the President shall appoint tellers, who will be responsible for distributing, collecting, and counting the ballots and reporting the results to the secretary. Those candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected for a term of two years.

**Section 4.** The regular term of office for all elected officers (except the Treasurer shall begin with the adjournment of the meeting at which they are elected. The term of office for the Treasurer shall begin on January 1 following election. No person shall hold the same office for more than four consecutive years.

**Section 5.** No officer may hold a national, division, or state office concurrently except the Immediate Past-President.

**Section 6.** A vacancy in any office, except that of president, shall be filled by the President in consultation with the Administrative Board. A President Elect selected in this manner cannot assume the office of President without being elected to that office.

## **ARTICLE VI -DUTIES OF WVMTA OFFICERS**

**Section 1.** The President presides at meetings of the Association, ; calls and presides at meetings of the Administrative Board, appoints all standing and special committees as needed, and performs all other duties implied by this title.

**Section 2.** The President Elect shall assume all duties of the President in the absence of that officer and shall be responsible for planning the annual convention.

**Section 3.** The First Vice President shall serve as the Chairman of the District Chairs/Local Associations Chairs, administrate all competitions at the state level, and compile and send out start-up materials (Constitution, Performance Plan, complete Theory Set, complete Technic Set, Reimbursement-Adjudicator Payment Forms, misc. forms) to new Chairs of new Districts/Local Associations.

**Section 4.** The Second Vice President shall serve as the State Membership Chairman, shall coordinate publication of the membership directory, shall send out welcoming materials (Letter of welcome, Constitution, Auditions Plan, Directory, District-choice inquiry) to all new members, shall keep District Chairs/Local Associations Chairs and Newsletter Editor apprised of member statistics (renewals, non-renewals, new members), shall make the effort to contact non-renewals to reenroll, and shall perform such other duties as may be designated by the President and Administrative Board.

**Section 5.** The Secretary keeps the minutes of all meetings of the Association and Administrative Board, maintains files of reports from various offices, sees that the minutes are in legal form and properly preserved, distributes copies of minutes to all members of the Administrative Board and Committee chairmen, and performs other duties as may be designated by the President and the Administrative Board.

**Section 6.** The Treasurer is responsible for the payment of all bills authorized by the Administrative Board, keeps an itemized account of all receipts and disbursements, presents a financial report to the President and Administrative Board upon request, prepares a written annual report to the entire membership, files an annual tax exemption statement with the Internal Revenue Service, and submits all records to an auditing committee of two, selected from the J membership by the Finance Committee.

**Section 7.** The Immediate Past-President shall attend all regular and called meetings and shall serve as Chairman of the Nominating Committee.

## **District News**

### ***WV-District 2 Changeover in Leadership of Clarksburg Area MTA***

The Administrative Board of WVMTA announces the resignation of Clarksburg-Area District Chair, Robert Ellis: "Please accept my resignation as chairperson for District 2 WVMTA. During the 30 years I have been a member of WVMTA, I have served as chair or co-chair for more than half of those 30 years. During the past few months my duties have been increased, both at St. Peter's parish and at Fairmont Catholic School. In addition, I now have responsibilities with my new house. I therefore do not have the time to serve as district chairperson. Sincerely, Robert Ellis, 30 May, 2005."

The WVMTA Board extends heartfelt thanks to Bob for all the past years of leadership that he has given to the organization. According to our by-laws (p. 3): A duty of the President is to "appoint...chairs as may be required...subject to the approval of the Administrative Board..."

At our 06/03/05 Administrative Board meeting – after the reading of the Ellis resignation - we (your Board) discussed the future of District 2. Several member names were suggested as likely candidates to succeed Bob Ellis as District 2 Chair. One member-name in particular, "Dr. Hooi Yin Boey", came up very well-regarded. I am pleased to announce that Hooi Yin HAS accepted the position of "Clarksburg-Area District Chair". She will sit on the Board as the District 2 representative and, with the help of District 2 members, she is looking forward to planning some successful district-wide activities for the students.

Dr. Boey has recently graduated with her DMA in Piano Performance from WVU. She lives in Morgantown but has accepted a full-time position at Alderson-Broaddus College in Philippi for this upcoming academic year. She was also a recipient of the Student Achievement Recognition (StAR) program's Student Teacher of the Year Award in 2004.

Thank you, Hooi Yin, and a warm welcome as you assume your new role within the organization.

*WV-District 6  
Eastern Panhandle Music Teachers' Association*



*2005-2006 Calendar of Events*

\*Please go to [www.wvmfa.org](http://www.wvmfa.org) for forms, calendars, member directory, student performance plan, certification news and other updates.

\*\*All events take place the Creative Arts Center (CAC), on the campus of Shepherd University, unless noted otherwise.

\*\*\*Points are for trophies in the student performance plan.

September 17, 2005: Meeting at 10:30 AM—Room M16 CAC

Officers Reports, Planning for Fall Festival, Followed by a workshop (TBA)

October 22, 2005: Fall Festival: Dance Theme (1 point) DEADLINE: 10/08/05

Students will perform two contrasting pieces in their original form, of which one should be a dance. Teachers will have students sign up for one of three available times:

9:30, 11:00, 1:00 (piano and instruments)

Chairpersons: Gary Mullenax, Suzanne Tabb (PIANO), Mary Carrigan (VOICE)

November 12, 2005: EPMTA Student Recital Room M08 CAC

(1/2 trophy point; 1 point if students write about the composer/piece)

Students are encouraged to prepare an ensemble (duet or duo) or other combination for this recital. Teachers will have students sign up for three timeslots: 2:30, 3:30 or 4:30.

In general, students should play one piece.

Chairperson: Ken Stoops

\*We will have a short meeting after the student recital to discuss the fundraiser.

December 2004: Holiday Fundraiser (under development)

January 21, 2006: Meeting at 10:30 AM—Room M16 CAC

Officer Reports, Planning for technique adjudication and Spring Festival.

Workshop (TBA)

February 11, 2006: Theory & Technique adjudication (see state syllabus)

DEADLINE: 1/31/06

Chairperson: Gary Mullenax

April 1, 2006: Spring Festival Adjudication (1 trophy point) DEADLINE: 3/17/06  
Teachers will have students sign up for one of three available times:  
10:00, 11:00, 1:00 (piano and instruments); if there are enough entrants, voice will run  
10:30-Noon.

Chairpersons: Gary Mullenax, Suzanne Tabb (PIANO), Mary Carrigan (VOICE)

April 22, 2006: EPMTA Spring Recital Room M08 CAC DEADLINE: 4/13/06  
(1/2 trophy point; 1 point if students write about the composer/piece)

Teachers will have students sign up for one of three available times:  
2:30, 3:30 or 4:30.

In general, students should play one piece in its original form, from memory, duets and  
duos may be performed with the music.

Chairperson: Ken Stoops

May 19, 2006: Annual Luncheon and Planning meeting at the Bavarian Inn

President:	Gary Mullenax	Recitals:	Ken Stoops & Scott Beard
Vice-President:	Mary Carrigan		
Secretary:	Ruth Carson		
Treasurer:	Suzanne Tabb	Festival Chairs:	Gary Mullenax, Suzanne Tabb (piano) Mary Carrigan (Voice)
Refreshments:	Ruth Carson & Mary Carrigan	Theory:	Sandy Paine
		Technique:	Gary Mullenax

## Newsletter Newsflash

No doubt you've noticed a new by-line with this newsletter. Laura Hamm has resigned as Newsletter Editor.  
4 May 2005

(Excerpt)

I must resign from the position of editor of WVMTA News after the June issue. I will continue to maintain the website... Maintaining the website and keeping the membership list updated online will be enough for me. I know I volunteered for both jobs, but now I've had my fun and I want to cut back to one position for WVMTA. I have accepted an increased workload at Ohio Valley College, and therefore I must reduce a few activities....  
Laura Hamm

WVMTA thanks Laura profusely for all that she has done to bring our WV News into the 21st century!

According to Bylaws Article V Section 6: "A vacancy in any office...shall be filled by the President in consultation with the Administrative Board." At the June 3, 2005 Board Meeting, after the reading of the Hamm resignation, discussion ensued among Administrative members.

The Board is now pleased to announce that Beth Royall, of Morgantown Area MTA, will be taking over the duties of putting together your member newsletter. Beth Royall has been the Creative Arts Librarian at West

Virginia University since August 2001. Prior to her appointment at WVU she enjoyed three years at the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana in the Art, Music and Audiovisual Department. Before throwing caution to the wind and attending library school at the University of Texas, Austin, she ran an independent piano studio in Topeka, Kansas. Beth holds a B.Mus. from the University of Colorado, Boulder, an M.Mus. from Kansas State University, and an M.L.I.S. from UT Austin. Please welcome her, and keep her busy with your announcements and activities.

♥Thank you to Parkersburg-Area MTA member Laura Hamm NCTM for all her past excellent work as *WVMTA News* Newsletter Editor.

♥'Welcome Aboard' to Morgantown-Area member Beth Royall for taking on the duties of *WVMTA News* Newsletter Editor.

♥Thank you to Clarksburg-Area MTA member Bob Ellis for all his years and years as Chair of District 2.

♥Welcome to Dr. Hooi Yin Boey as she assumes her new role as Chair of Clarksburg-Area District 2.

♥Condolences to Morgantown-Area member Lya Cartwright on the passing of her father.

♥Congratulations to Morgantown-Area members John & Carol Beall as they welcome their first grandchild into the world. Samuel James Simpson was born in Annapolis, MD at 1:48 a.m. on August 4. He weighed in at 7 lb 6 oz.

## **Invitation to WVMTA Members**

Members, your advice/expertise is needed. Please consider volunteering some of your time/attention to any or all of the below tasks. WVMTA wants YOU to help shape the future of some programs. For more information on all activities listed, please contact Karen Taddie at 304-292-7730.

1 Dr. Scott McBride Smith is looking for piano teacher volunteers to participate in his Friday evening (November 4) Convention program. Teacher volunteers will perform some of the officially-sanctioned RACE materials while Dr. Smith takes us all through the evaluation process. Contact: Karen Taddie by September 30, 2005.

2 "Teacher/Member Of The Year Awards" Committee members Mary Wilson, Carol Beall, and Karen Taddie are looking for help in revamping the criteria for these valuable member-acknowledgement awards. Contact: Karen Taddie by September 30, 2005.

3 "Commissioned WV Composer-Of-The-Year" Committee members John Beall and Karen Taddie are looking for help in setting up a NEW program designed to single out WV composers and bring them (and our State Organization) some NATIONAL recognition! Contact: Karen Taddie by September 30, 2005.

## 2005-2006 WVMTA BOARD-APPROVED (06/03/05) BUDGET

Submitted by Ray Martin, Chair: Finance Committee (Ray Martin, Carol Beall, Karen Taddie)

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Registrations 1,600.00 Advertising <u>200.00</u>  <b>TOTAL:</b> <b>1,800.00</b>	Clinician(s) 3,000.00 Board lunch 150.00 Banquet 750.00 Boxed Lunches 140.00 Programs 150.00 Misc <u>100.00</u> <b>TOTAL:</b> <b>4,290.00</b>
<b>Dues</b> <b>TOTAL:</b> <b>1,300.00</b>	<i><b>Board Expenses (lunches, __OY awards, Natnl gifts, Cert gifts, "State Corp Licence Fee")</b></i> <b>TOTAL:</b> <b>250.00</b>
<b>Fall Festival:</b> District 1 1,100.00 District 2 150.00 District 3 400.00 District 4 400.00 District 5 850.00 District 6 <u>300.00</u> <b>TOTAL:</b> <b>3,200.00</b>	<b>Fall Festival:</b> District 1 700.00 District 2 50.00 District 3 100.00 District 4 100.00 District 5 700.00 District 6 <u>50.00</u>  <b>TOTAL:</b> <b>1,700.00</b>
<b>Interest (checking):</b> <b>0.00</b>	<b>Bank Charge:</b> <b>0.00</b>
<b>Miscellaneous:</b> <b>50.00</b>	<b>Other</b> <b>0.00</b>
	<b>Trophies:</b> <b>900.00</b>

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	<b>Newsletter:</b> Postage                                 25.00 Printing                                 70.00 Website 120.00 Misc <u>30.00</u> <b>TOTAL:</b> <b>245.00</b>
	<b>Officers:</b> President                                 800.00 President-Elect 50.00 1 <sup>st</sup> VP                                 50.00 2 <sup>nd</sup> VP                                 50.00 Secretary 20.00 Treasurer 45.00 AA&A <u>25.00</u> <b>TOTAL:</b> <b>1,040.00</b>
	<b>Audit:</b> <b>250.00</b>
	<b>Commissioned Composer</b> (\$250 approved biennially, even-numbered years)  <b>000.00</b>
<b>TOTAL PROJECTED INCOME:       12,800.00</b>	<b>TOTAL PROJECTED EXPENSES:       12,800.00</b>

## **Awards**

### ***WVMTA Awards History***

As a reminder, below are the parameters for Teacher and Member of the Year awards as created and revised by past Administrative Boards. These rules were issued in print when the public call for nominations was made in the March 2005 issue of WVMTA News. Nominations are limited to three in each category. There were NO qualified nominees for Member of the Year. That award will NOT be issued this fall.

#### ***WVMTA Teacher of the Year: Qualifications***

- \* demonstrated innovative teaching and creative musicianship
- \* membership in WVMTA for at least five years

#### ***WVMTA Teacher of the Year: Past Honorees***

- \* 1991 Peggy Johnston, NCTM
- \* 1992 Christine Kefferstan, NCTM
- \* 1993 Carol Beall, NCTM
- \* 1994 Linda Seime, NCTM
- \* 1995 Lena Lim, NCTM
- \* 1996 Mary Wilson
- \* 1997 Ray Martin, NCTM
- \* 1998 Leslie Petteys, NCTM
- \* 1999 Ruth Carder, NCTM
- \* 2000 Catherine Crotty, NCTM
- \* 2001 Bonnie Miltenberger
- \* 2002 no award given
- \* 2003 Lya Cartwright
- \* 2004 Olive Meyer, NCTM

#### ***WVMTA Member of the Year: Qualifications***

- \* demonstrated active leadership in WVMTA
- \* held membership in WVMTA for at least ten years\*
- \* \*changed from 15 years at the Administrative Board meeting on 10/25/96

#### ***WVMTA Member of the Year: Past Honorees***

- \* 1991 Mary Shep Mann, NCTM
- \* 1992 Bobby Loftis, NCTM
- \* 1993 Judy Lambert, NCTM
- \* 1994 Jane Mangus, NCTM and Sandra Hastings, NCTM
- \* 1995 Mila Markun, NCTM
- \* 1996 Marija Sommer, NCTM
- \* 1997 Marguerite Bostonia, NCTM
- \* 1998 Jean Douglass, NCTM
- \* 1999 Connie Arrau Sturm, NCTM
- \* 2000 Olive Meyer, NCTM
- \* 2001 no award given
- \* 2002 no award given
- \* 2003 James Miltenberger
- \* 2004 no award given

## NOMINEES FOR TEACHER OF THE YEAR 2005

The following three members have been nominated, and have accepted nomination for the 2005 WVMTA Teacher of the Year Award. Please submit your vote for one of the three by sending a postcard or email to Karen Taddie (1122 Queens Ct, Morgantown WV 26508 or kitaddie@yahoo.com) by October 1.

Dr. Scott Beard is Associate Professor of Music and Coordinator of Keyboard Studies at Shepherd University in Shepherdstown, West Virginia. He holds degrees in piano performance from the Peabody Conservatory and the University of Maryland. Dr. Beard has performed to critical acclaim as a recital and orchestral soloist throughout the United States, as well as in Canada and France. He specializes in the piano music of famed nineteenth-century pedagogue Theodor Leschetizky (on whom he wrote his dissertation) and has released three CD recordings on the ConGib Label.

A recipient of numerous grants and post-doctoral awards, he is also the author of several articles and has been published in American Music Teacher, The Leschetizky Bulletin, PianoLane.com and Piano Rendezvous. His most recent publication is an anthology of two-piano music for the Essential Ensemble Series published by Alfred. He will be creating a textbook on keyboard ensemble history and performance for Alfred with his writing and collaborative piano partner, Dr. Lucy Mauro.

Dr. Beard is Second Vice-President of WVMTA, Secretary of the Eastern Panhandle District Six chapter and College Competitions Chair for the Eastern Division of MTNA. His students have competed and won prizes at the local, state, and national level. His students have also been accepted to prestigious summer programs such as the Interlochen Arts Academy, IYIM Keyboard Institute and the Gina Bachauer competition.

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Mila Markun is Adjunct Piano Faculty at Marshall University. She teaches fourth semester piano classes and the graduate piano classes, and an Advanced Piano Class in the Spring Semester. She also assists the graduate assistants who teach the beginning piano classes. Mila teaches in the Music Preparatory Program at Marshall University, and also maintains her own private studio. In addition, she does a lot of accompanying for senior recitals and competitions.

Every year Mila has at least one high school senior who decides to major in piano, and all of those students have received tuition scholarships to various universities. Many of her students score a Superior Rating at Spring Auditions every year. This year, one of her high school seniors won first place in Marshall University's SCORES Competitions in Piano Performance.

Mila received a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Music from St. Scholastica's College in Manila, Philippines, and a Masters of Music from The University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Michigan. She is Past-President of WVMTA, and a former recipient of WVMTA's Member of the Year.

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Janna Kisner NCTM received her degree in music from Central College in Pella, Iowa. In addition to operating her piano studio, she is the Director of Music at Suncrest United Methodist Church in Morgantown and teaches early childhood classes for the WVU Community Music Program. She is a Nationally Certified Teacher of Music and has received the Service Playing certification from the American Guild of Organists. She is near completion of a certification in Music Ministries from the United Methodist Church. She has served as the Co-Chair of WVMTA District 1 and as the Treasurer of the Mon Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Janna and her husband, Jeff, have two daughters and live in Waynesburg, PA.

## MTNA Foundation

Dear Colleagues,

Just to recap, why is it important to contribute to the WVMTA / MTNA Foundation Fund? As cited by the Music Teachers' National Association, when you make a contribution to the MTNA Foundation Fund, you are helping WVMTA / MTNA work for a more musical tomorrow through programs that nurture the creation, performance, study and teaching of music. Young students are recognized for their pursuit of excellence in performance and composition through the MTNA Student Competitions. MTNA supports the creation of new

music through its Composer Commissioning program. MTNA state-affiliated associations commission a work that is entered into the Distinguished Composer of the Year competition. The winning composition is premiered at the MTNA National Conference. It is hoped that every single member of MTNA will continue or begin to support the Foundation Fund with an annual contribution of any amount. For maximum convenience, it is possible to make an online donation to the MTNA Foundation Fund (<http://www.mtnafoundation.org/home.htm>).

Additionally, the MTNA Foundation Fund affords the opportunity for grants and awards. For example, the Teacher Enrichment Grant program enables teachers to apply for grants to fund further musical study and educational or research projects. Teachers entering the profession are encouraged through programs such as the Studio Teacher Fellowship Award and the Collegiate Chapter of the Year Award. Young students are recognized for their dedication to music study through the MTNA Music Achievement Award Program. MTNA local-affiliated associations may apply for grants for projects that benefit teachers, their students and their communities. Since the establishment of the MTNA Foundation in 1989, many thousands of dollars have been provided in grants and awards to students, gifted composers, outstanding teachers and performers, and to local associations. By investing in MTNA through your contribution to the MTNA Foundation Fund, you can support MTNA's mission to advance the value of music study and music making and to support the professionalism of music teachers, thus helping us work for a more musical tomorrow. Please contact me should you have any further questions regarding the MTNA Foundation Fund.

Sincerely yours,  
Gerald Lee, WVMTA Foundation Fund Chairman

## **Message from National**

It's back to school time and many music teachers are searching for the best deal on office supplies and materials to assist them with their teaching. Did you know that many stores will offer an educational discount? All you have to do is ask. The following are a few examples of establishments that may or may not offer discounts:

- \* Arts & Crafts
- \* Bookstores
- \* Catalog Suppliers of all sorts of things
- \* Computer Stores (computer hardware and software for teacher & students)
- \* Copy Centers (Kinko's, Staples, etc.)
- \* Furniture Stores (student desks & chairs)
- \* General Merchandise
- \* Hardware Stores (For all those bookshelves and projects)
- \* Museums
- \* Music Stores
- \* Office Supply
- \* Performing Arts (symphony, choral society, plays, etc.)
- \* Science Stores
- \* Sewing Stores
- \* Shipping Centers (UPS, FedEx, etc.)
- \* Sporting goods
- \* Video Stores

Here's how you should approach the store personnel to inquire about discounts. First, ask for the general manager, at many businesses, or for the sales person in charge of corporate accounts at larger businesses. Ask him or her if they offer an "educators' discount" You will want to ask this before you tell them you are an independent music teacher. If they answer "yes" that will give them less room to debate once you do tell them that you teach independently. If they say "yes," tell them you are a independent music teacher (No need to go into great detail.) and you'd like to apply to get an educators' discount as you plan to be purchasing merchandise from them for your studio within the next year. The business may want any combination of the following, therefore you will want to be prepared.

\* Have an ID card that "proves" you are a teacher. This is where keeping your MTNA membership card handy is important.

\* Have a written statement on letterhead from your studio saying you are authorized by that studio to make purchases.

Now, the store manager knows you are an independent music teacher. They just need to make a copy of these documents to give to their accountant. In turn, they may issue you a special card to use when making purchases, or ask that you follow a certain procedure to make your purchases. It's important to note that not all businesses will offer these discounts, but also keep in mind that there's no harm in asking.

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