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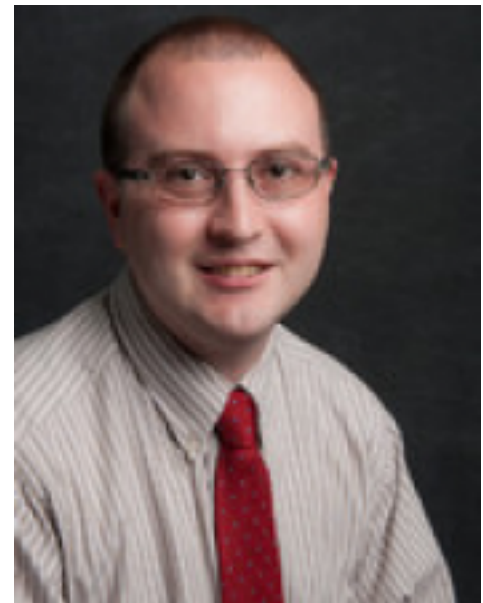
Notes from the President, Dr. Jacob Womack, NCTM

Happy New Year! I wish you and your students all the best this upcoming year. Our organization celebrated its 50th anniversary at the 2016 WVMTA State Convention at Shepherd University. MTNA Immediate Past President, Kenneth Christensen, presented a plaque to WVMTA to commemorate this milestone.

I want to invite all WVMTA members to make plans to attend the MTNA National Conference in Baltimore, March 18-22. Guest artists and clinicians will include Leon Fleisher, Katherine Jacobson, the Igudesman and Joo Duo, Diane Hidy, and Elissa Milne. PLUS, several WVMTA members will be presenting at the National Conference including a clinic on the music of Kapustin by Dr. James Miltenberger, Dr. Lillian Green, Dr. Yana Tyulkova and members of the WVU-MTNA student chapter and piano music for six hands by Dr. Scott Beard, Dr. Yu-Hsuan Liao, and Laura Renniger.

Finally, at the 2016 WVMTA State Conference General Membership Meeting, we decided to create MTNA Foundation Fellow Awards to honor the hard work and leadership of Dr. James Miltenberger and Dr. Christine Kefferstan. These two special individuals will be honored at the MTNA Gala at the National Conference.

I hope to see you in Baltimore!



Notes from President--Elect, John Morrison

I want to extend a big thank you to Dr. Yu-Hsuan Liao and Ian Jessee for all their hard work which made the 2016 State Conference run smoothly. Also, thanks to all the District VI teachers who helped out. The hospitality room was wonderful!

The next WVMTA State Conference will be held at WVU October 26-28, 2017 with Karen Taddie serving as the site coordinator. The guest artists are the husband-wife piano duo, Dr. Matthew Gianforte and Dr. Meeyoun Park who will be performing a concert and giving a masterclass. I look forward to bringing you more information about our guest artists and the rest of the conference in future newsletters.

Any WVMTA members with suggestions for session topics that you would like to see at the conference, please contact me at morrisonpiano@hotmail.com

MTNA and WVMTA Competitions Results ***Saturday, October 29, 2016*** ***Shepherd University, Shepherdstown***

Ian Jessee, 2016 WV Competitions Chair

West Virginia Adagio Junior Violin

1 st Place	Hannah Tackett	Teacher: Ian Jessee
2 nd Place	Emma Maconaughey	Teacher: Ian Jessee

West Virginia Mountain State Junior Piano

1 st Place	Anna Brusoe	Teacher: Miles Helmick
2 nd Place	Jessica Wu	Teacher: Dr. Scott Beard
Honorable Mention	Christina Sivaprakasam	Teacher: Vicki Cavendish
Honorable Mention	Helen Chen	Teacher: Dr. Scott Beard

West Virginia Mountain State Junior Violin

1 st Place	Celina Liang	Teacher: Mary Wilson
2 nd Place	Isabella Yee	Teacher: Ian Jessee

West Virginia Mountain State Senior Piano

1 st Place	Matthew Sivaprakasam	Teacher: Vicki Cavendish
2 nd Place	Ryan Walker	Teacher: Dr. Scott Beard
Honorable Mention	Megan Nellis	Teacher: Ruth Carson
Honorable Mention	Kevin Lige	Teacher: Dr. Scott Beard

West Virginia Mountain State Senior Violin

1 st Place	Emily Braham	Teacher: Mary Wilson
2 nd Place	Christopher Sutton	Teacher: Mary Wilson

West Virginia Mountain State Collegiate Piano

1 st Place	Matthew Jefferson	Teacher: Dr. Yu-Hsuan Liao
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West Virginia Chamber Music String

Representative	The Midas Quartet Phillip Ducreay, violin Lauretta Werner, violin Ignacio Cuello, Viola Alec Duggan, Cello	Teacher: Erin Ellis
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West Virginia Chamber Music Wind

Winner Beta Flute Quartet Teacher: Nina Assimakopoulos
 Tatiana Cassetta, flute
 Brittany Trotter, flute
 Eftihia Arkoudis, flute
 Alyssa Schwartz, flute

Alternate Jolokia Quartet Teacher: Dr. Michael Ibrahim
 Benjamin Busch, baritone saxophone
 Jacob Kopcienski, soprano saxophone
 Ian Lickey, alto saxophone
 Shane Mercy, tenor saxophone

West Virginia Junior Performance Piano

Winner Trung Nguyen Teacher: Dr. Scott Beard
Alternate Quan Shi Teacher: Natalia Liston
Honorable Mention Leon Jia Teacher: Dr. Scott Beard
Honorable Mention Joannie Shia Teacher: Dr. Scott Beard

West Virginia Senior Performance Piano

Winner Jackie Liu Teacher: Dr. Scott Beard
Alternate Kalyeria Orlova Teacher: Dr. Scott Beard
Honorable Mention Ashley Zeng Teacher: Achareeya Fukiat

West Virginia Junior Performance Woodwind

Representative Amanda Wang, flute Teacher: Nina Assimakopoulos

West Virginia Senior Performance Woodwind

Winner Arianna Bendit, flute Teacher: Nina Assimakopoulos
Alternate Tyler Schmidt, flute Teacher: Nina Assimakopoulos
Honorable Mention Allyson Kreider, flute Teacher: Nina Assimakopoulos

West Virginia Young Artist Performance Brass

Winner Larry Dine, Tuba Teacher: Carson McTeer
Alternate Kyle Steindler, Euphonium Teacher: Carson McTeer

West Virginia Young Artist Performance Piano

Representative Jacob Bumgarner Teacher: Dr. Ching-Wen Hsiao

West Virginia Young Artist Performance String

Winner Sean Elliot, violin Teacher: Dr. Mikylah McTeer
Alternate Haleigh Frail, violin Teacher: Ian Jessee

West Virginia Young Artist Performance Woodwind

Winner Brittany Trotter Teacher: Nina Assimakopoulos
Alternate Tatiana Cassetta Teacher: Nina Assimakopoulos

WVMTA Treasurer's Report, Dr. Henning Vauth

Our BB&T Checking account balance is \$24,469.62 (as of January 22, 2017). The CD's are worth \$10,422.86 (1-Year Certificate) and \$10,753.75 (5-Year Certificate) (December 31, 2016 statement).

Respectfully submitted,
Henning Vauth

WVMTA Teacher of the Year Award

May 1st is the deadline to submit nominations for the 2017 WVMTA Teacher of the Year. According to rules as set up by the WVMTA Administrative Board on October 25, 1996: "Nominations will be limited to three." Also according to rules, the qualifications are:

- Demonstrates innovative teaching and creative musicianship and,
- Has held membership in WVMTA for at least five (5) years.

Nominees will be introduced in the June issue of WVMTA NEWS. Email nominations to: Dr. Jacob Womack at jwomack@concord.edu.

Past Teacher of the Year Awards Recipients:

1995 Lena Lim, NCTM	1996 Mary Wilson
1997 Ray Martin, NCTM	1998 Leslie Petteys, NCTM
1999 Ruth Carder, NCTM	2000 Catherine Crotty, NTCM
2001 Bonnie Miltenberger	2002 No award given
2003 Lya Cartwright	2004 Olive Meyer, NCTM
2005 Mila Markun, NCTM	2006 Scott Beard, NCTM
2007 Elaine Tutt	2008 Vicki B. Cavendish
2009 Harriet Tucker, NCTM	2010 Jan Jemison Smith, NCTM
2011 Mary Ellen Morrison, NCTM	2012 Hooi Yin Booy
2013 Christene Kefferstan, NCTM	2014 Carole Kriewaldt
2015 No award given	2016 James Miltenberger

WVMTA Distinguished Leader of the Year

- This award is based on accumulated years of leadership and service contributed to the organization, over and above 10 years.
- This award will be based on whether the award was or was not already received by a particular member previously. The award CAN be granted to the same individual more than once.
- This award will be based on the recommendation, every year, of the current committees' research and records (If you are interested in becoming a future member of the Awards Committee, please

notify Dr. Jacob Womack at jwomack@concord.edu). The Distinguished Leader of the Year Award was begun in 2006 and replaced the “Member of the year Award.”

Member of the Year Honorees

1991 Mary Shep Mann, NCTM	1992 Bobby Loftis, NCTM
1993 Judy Lambert, NCTM	1994 Jane Mangus, NCTM ; Sandra Hastings
1995 Mila Markun	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	2004-05 No Awards given

Distinguished Leader of the Year Honorees

2006 Barbara Heckert	2007 Carol Beall, NCTM
2008 Mary Wilson	2009 Karen Taddie, NCTM
2010 Gary Mullenax, NCTM	2011 Janna Kisner, NCTM
2012 Scott Beard, NCTM	2013 Mary Lynne Bennett, NCTM
2014 No award given	2015 Mary Ellen Morrison, NCTM
2016 Laura Hamm, NCTM	2017

Notes from the Certification Chair, Dr. Jacob Womack

Do you want to take your professionalism to the next level? Did you know that the MTNA Professional Certification Program exists to accomplish that goal? Certification is a process that validates an individual's qualifications for a specific field of professional practice. It demonstrates to employers, clients and peers that which the individual knows and is able to do. It signifies commitment to continued excellence in professional practice. In addition, it increases visibility, builds credibility, provides a goal for professional achievement and validates expertise for the individual and to those outside the field. The MTNA Certification program exists for teachers who teach music to students of any age level in private or group settings. The program is based upon a set of five standards defining what a competent music teacher should know and be able to do.

For more information about the Certification Program, visit www.mtnacertification.org or contact jwomack@concord.edu, the national headquarters at (888) 512-5278 or mtnacertification@mtna.org.

MTNA Certification – WVMTA Challenge and Incentive

\$100 Reimbursement Check Available for Any Newly Certified NCTM!*

Yes, for anyone who successfully becomes a NEW NCTM! No stipulations. Receive a \$100 award from the WVMTA board for completing certification, which covers half of the current \$200 fee. Find out the latest information on requirements for the National Certification Program at www.mtnacertification.org.

*This award does not apply to people who complete their renewals or their permanent professional certificates. This award is only for new certifications. Contact jwomack@concord.edu for more information.

Certification Drawing

Value: \$200

Our Certification program has a drawing at each year's state conference to allow one person to win a free \$200 application fee from the MTNA certification. This year, any member (regular or collegiate) may enter your name in the drawing prior to the state conference and the winner will be drawn at the state conference. The winner does not need to be present to win, although we encourage all members to attend state conferences. Contact Dr. Jacob Womack NCTM, certification chair, to enter the drawing (jwomack@concord.edu). Find out the latest information on requirements for the National Certification Program at www.mtnacertification.org. The winner of the drawing must submit their official certification application to MTNA within one (1) year and complete the process within two (2) years.

Collegiate Members are eligible to enter the certification drawing.

Notes from the Membership Chair, Dr. Yu-Hsuan Liao

New members who join in mid year will get a reduced membership rate for 2016-2017:

Active MTNA membership (national) \$75.00 full year; \$37.50 Jan 1-June 30

Active WVMTA membership (state) \$30.00 full year; \$15.00 Jan 1-June 30

As of January 2017, we have total of 106 WVMTA active members.

Districts Reports

Huntington MTA/District V Report:

District V will hold Theory & Technic Exams on March 18th and Spring Performances on May 20th. Both events will be held at Marshall University.

DeNeil Hartley and Kim Wiebe, Chairs

Eastern Panhandle MTA/District VI Report:

District VI held three Winter Recitals on Saturday, December 3, 2016. About seventy five students participated in the four recitals, representing the studios of Jenny Anderson, Dr. Scott Beard, Susan Carpenter, Andrea Diggs, Gary Mullenax, Melissa Rickman and Sadie Teter. Performances were a pleasing mix of seasonal favorites and classical repertoire at all levels from beginner to advanced.

Upcoming Spring Events in 2017 include Siegel-Hoffman Concerto Competition on February 11th, Theory and Technique Testing on March 18th, Spring Recital on April 8th and, Spring Adjudications on May 13th.

Dr. Yu-Hsuan Liao, chair

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Do you have colleagues and friends who are not members of MTNA but should be?

Often, individuals just need a “trial period” with a product to discover its usefulness and benefits.

MTNA's *Six-Month membership* may be the very thing your non-member colleagues need to try-out the programs and services of MTNA and to discover the indispensable benefits of MTNA membership.

Six-Month Membership began on January 1 and runs through June 30. The membership fee is half-price. It's a great way to introduce MTNA without a long-term commitment. But, as a result of this short-term introductory period, I'm confident they will renew and continue their membership for their entire career.

Over the next few days, will you encourage just one of your non-members colleagues to consider a trial membership in MTNA? A brief email or phone call is sufficient.

You don't need a long list of reasons for them to join. Just tell them what MTNA means to you, and that it can do the same for them. Then, point them to www.mtna.org. It will do the rest.

They'll be glad you did, and the music teaching profession will be stronger.

Sincerely,

Dr. Gary L. Ingle
Executive Director & CEO



The 2017 MTNA National Conference March 18–22, Baltimore, Maryland



The 2017 MTNA National Conference will take place in Baltimore, Maryland, March 18–22. Set on the city's famous Inner Harbor and within walking distance to most of downtown's wonderful attractions, the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront will play host to nearly 2,000 music teachers, students and industry experts for our annual celebration of the music teaching profession.

Conference highlights include evening concerts from:

- Husband and wife piano duo Leon Fleisher and Katherine Jacobson,
- The musical and theatrical duo Igudesman & Joo.
- David Cutler, a leading voice on careers in the arts, will give the keynote address.

Fleisher and noted pedagogues Diane Hidy and Elissa Milne will lead master classes. And, don't forget about annual favorites like Pedagogy Saturday, the Exhibit Hall and the MTNA National Student Competitions! In addition, our colleagues from Canada will join us to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the 2007 Collaborative Conference.

News is published quarterly online at www.wvmta.org and mailed to members who do not have an email address. If you have a change of street address or email address, contact MTNA at www.mtna.org or call 888-512-5278

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