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Notes from the President, Dr. Henning Vauth

I am writing this note at breakfast from my kitchen counter. In just a little over an hour I will start teaching my seven-year-old private student via FaceTime. This is a new reality to which we all have to adapt in times of Covid-19. It is not the same as teaching in person—I am sure, like me, you miss seeing your students face-to-face (or F2F, as they say). However, isn't it wonderful that technology allows us us to keep doing what we love, even during a world-wide virus spread? I believe there are also chances in this: We are forced to acquaint ourselves with technology and using the various platforms (Zoom, FaceTime, Skype, Microsoft Teams, Blackboard Collaborate), and some of us have gotten quite good at it (not me!). The world has become smaller: We start reviving contacts with friends and colleagues who were separated by physical distance. This distance now has become immaterial.

My most important message for you today is to seek help when you need it. MTNA is there for you. Please consult the following link for a curated compilation "of some of the best and most helpful resources to support your teaching practice during this unprecedented time."

https://www.mtna.org/MTNA/Learn/COVID19_Resources.aspx

Moreover, please don't hesitate to contact any member of the WVMTA Board. We are also here for you.

<https://www.wvmta.org/officers-chairs>

As I have written in an email addressed to you earlier, the WVMTA Board has decided to suspend all WVMTA in-person, face-to-face events until further notice. Some districts have chosen to accept online submissions for Adjudicated Spring Performances, others have canceled. At this point, there are no updates. The Board will reevaluate the situation at its regular meeting in June 2020. After that, I will be in touch with you promptly.



In the meantime, we have a great state conference to look forward to! President-Elect Dr. Johan Botes is doing a great job putting together a program with high-profile guest artists and interesting pedagogy presentations at Shepherd University, October 23-24, 2020. As of now, we are full of hope that we will be able to get together then and enjoy each other's company.

Last, in lieu of the canceled national conference in Chicago, MTNA is hosting a virtual conference that is free and accessible for all of us! I hope you will take full advantage of this wonderful offer. The MTNA Virtual Conference will begin on April 21, and can be accessed here: <https://www.mtna.org/Virtual/>

Please stay safe. I am closing with an especially meaningful: "I look forward to seeing you soon!"

Henning Vauth

Notes from President--Elect, Dr. Johan Botes

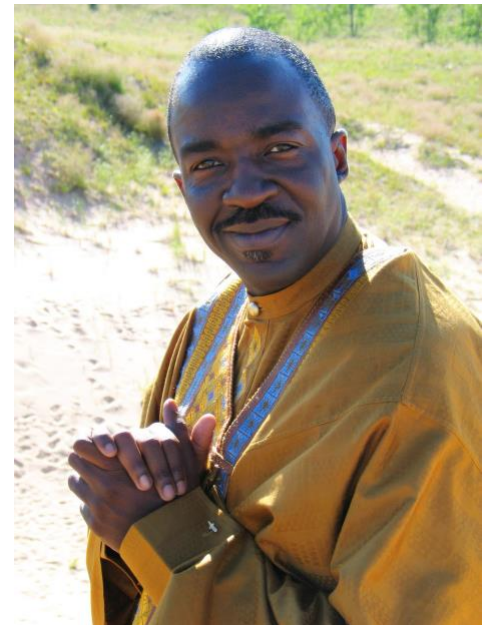
The 2020 WVMTA State Conference will be held at Shepherd University October 23 – 24 with Yuhsuan Liao as site coordinator. Thank you Yuhsuan!!

Program

I am excited to announce that we will host the Ghanaian pianist **William Chapman Nyaho** as our Featured Guest Artist. He will be performing an evening recital on Friday, October 23rd, adjudicate our MTNA competitions, and conduct a master class on Saturday, October 24. It is a very special honor for us to welcome Nyaho to West Virginia. Please check out his impressive biography on his website:

<http://www.nyaho.com>

On top of welcoming Nyaho to our conference, we are also VERY fortunate to have MTNA's president Martha Hilley as one of our guest speakers. Hilley (as we all have come to know her), will give a presentation as well as a talk about what MTNA meant for her throughout her career. I look forward to bringing you more information about our presenters, further sessions, and the rest of the conference in future newsletters.



Accommodations

Please keep your eyes open in the June Newsletter for hotel reservations. Currently, both the Clarion Inn and Quality Inn are "temporarily closed due to the current pandemic". Which means, at this point, I am unable to secure us any rooms. I will, however, keep calling, as well as checking their websites until I can get a response back.

Further hotel options will be added soon and published on our website and in the next newsletter.

Call for Presentations

Please contact me at japbotes@gmail.com with suggestions for session topics that you would like to see at the conference, or if you are interested in presenting. Proposals for presentations should be submitted via e-mail attachment in a Word document or PDF format to me via email at your earliest convenience, and should include the following information:

- 1) Name(s) of presenter(s)
- 2) Short biography for each presenter
- 3) Workshop title
- 4) 35-word workshop description (for program)
- 5) 250-word proposal
- 6) List of special equipment needs (e.g. computer/projector, piano, etc.)

Call for Master Class Participants

If you have advanced students who would like to perform for our Featured Guest Artist Nyaho Chapman in the master class, please also write to me at japbotes@gmail.com.

Have a great summer and stay safe!
Johan Botes

WVMTA Treasurer's Report, Marie Borillo

On January 24, 2020, our bank account balance was \$28,388.52. The current balance of our 5-year CD is \$11,267.91 and our 1-year CD was valued at \$10,732.64.

Respectfully submitted,
Marie Borillo

WVMTA Teacher of the Year Award

May 1st is the deadline to submit nominations for the 2020 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. Henning Vauth at vauth@marshall.edu

Past Teacher of the Year Awards Recipients:

1991 Peggy Johnston, NCTM	1992 Christine Kefferstan, NCTM
1993 Carol Beall, NTCM	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, 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 Boeoy
2013 Christene Kefferstan, NCTM	2014 Carole Kriewaldt
2015 No award given	2016 James Miltenberger
2017 Henning Vauth	2018 Mary Wilson
2019 Jacob Womack, NCTM	2020

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. Henning Vauth at vauth@marshall.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 Gerald (Jerry) Lee
2018 No award given	2019 Hooi Yin Boey

Notes from the Certification Chair, Jacob Womack NCTM

Let's spread the word about what a great organization MTNA is. Now is an ideal time to invite new members to join as anyone joining MTNA for the first time as an active member can receive half off national dues up to June 30, 2020. This allows those who are curious about membership to get their feet wet and discover the benefits that MNTA offers. Spring activities, performances, MTNA's Office Depot discount, and the *American Music Teacher* magazine are some of the great benefits of membership.

Lastly, 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 for 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 Jacob Womack, 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. Jerry Lee

- For the 2019-2020 membership year, according to dues paid during April 1, 2019 – February 29, 2020, WVMTA now has 76 members, 6 of whom are collegiate members.
- No membership activity was reported during March 2020.
- Membership updates during January 2020 – February 2020:
 - WVMTA congratulates Marisa Thompson, from Hurricane, WV, for upgrading her collegiate membership to a full, active membership. She specializes in piano.
- To join online and to learn more about specific member benefits, please visit the following website and click on the link towards the top of the page, "Join + Renew": www.mtna.org

Districts Reports

Charleston MTA/District III Report:

District III will be submitting video recordings for Spring Adjudications for piano in the month of May. Our piano judge will be Dr. Johan Botes.

Vicki Cavendish, Chair

Mid-Ohio Valley MTA/District IV Report:

All of the events in District IV have been cancelled so we have no news to report.

Barbara Heckert, Chair

Eastern Panhandle MTA/District VI Report:

District VI have decided to cancel both EPMTA Spring Recitals on April 4 and WVMTA Spring Adjudications on May 2. While all the studio teachers have been gradually adopting the online lesson instructions nicely, it'd take much longer to get students ready for the judged events. EPMTA will plan to have members' meeting in August.

Dr. Yu-Hsuan Liao, chair (NCTM)

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