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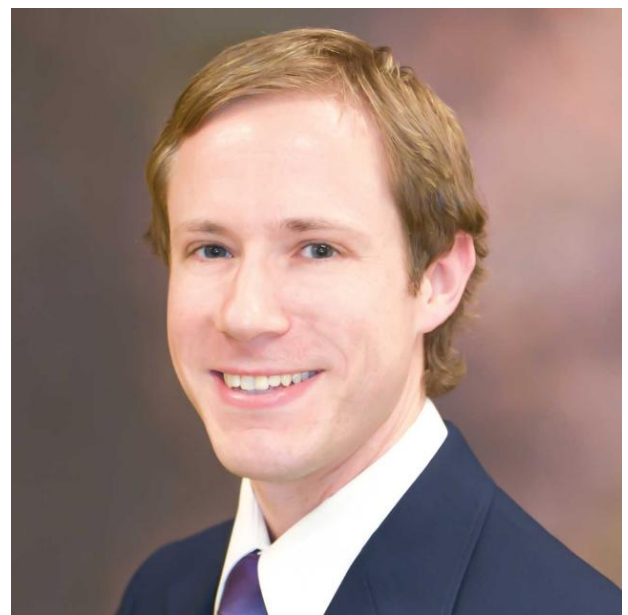
Notes from the President, John Morrison

Happy New Year! I hope that you have had a chance to relax and recharge over the holidays and are back to teaching with renewed enthusiasm. Music teachers are so very important in making a positive impact on the lives of the children, teens, and adults that we work with. Every student is different and brings his or her own challenges to the lesson. It is then our job to figure out how to reach that student and help them do their best, while developing a lifelong love of music making. And what an honor it is to have that responsibility!

As I step into the role of President, I want to thank Dr. Jacob Womack for his leadership and service for the past two years. WVMTA has had a busy last couple of months. Both the state conference and competitions, as well as the Eastern Division competitions were held at West Virginia University in Morgantown. We recognized our Teacher of the Year, Dr. Henning Vauth and Distinguished Leader of the Year, Dr. Gerald Lee. The clinicians, guest artists, and student competitors for these events were outstanding.

The National Conference is coming up soon! I would like to invite all WVMTA members to attend the 2018 MTNA National Conference which will be held at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort in Lake Buena Vista, Florida, March 17–21, 2018. The internationally renowned pianist, Jeremy Denk, and the groundbreaking trio, Time for Three, will highlight the evening recitals. The conference keynote address will be given by noted neurologist and flutist, Dr. Eckart Altenmüller, chair and director of the Institute of Music Physiology and Musicians' Medicine in Hannover, Germany. Master classes will be led by well known pedagogues Pavlina Dokovska of the Mannes School and Fei Xu, an independent teacher who specializes in teaching intermediate level students.

May you have a wonderful and inspiring 2018. Hope to see you in Lake Buena Vista, Florida!



Notes from President--Elect, Dr. Henning Vauth

As incoming president-elect, I want to say “thank you” to everybody who made the 2017 WVMTA Conference a success, especially John Morrison as outgoing president-elect, Karen Taddie as site-coordinator, and Ian Jessee as competitions chair for all their hard work. Also, thanks to all the District I teachers and WVU Collegiate chapter students who helped out. The next WVMTA State Conference will be held at Fairmont State University October 25-27, 2018, with John Morrison serving as site coordinator. The featured guest artist is Dr. Yin Zheng, Director of Keyboard Studies at Virginia Commonwealth University. She will be performing an evening recital and giving a piano masterclass. Furthermore, Dr. Susan Tusing, pianist and Director of the School of Music at Marshall University has agreed to present a session on entrepreneurship and career perspectives in music. I look forward to bringing you more information about our guest artists and presenters, further sessions, 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 vauth@marshall.edu.

Please take a look at this extract from the featured guest artist Dr. Yin Zheng’s biography. Her recital surely will be something to look forward to: Currently Associate Professor of Piano and Director of Keyboard Studies at VCU, Pianist Yin Zheng enjoys a vibrant career of performing and teaching across Europe, US, and Asia. A Ukrainian Newspaper has described her playing as “an astonishing torrent of images, passages, and themes, amazing the audience with an unbelievable technical precision that was balanced by delicate melodic and dynamic nuances.” She has been featured on leading music stages such as Carnegie Hall and Steinway Hall in New York City and, in worldwide reputable music festivals in France, Belgium, Switzerland, Austria, Germany, Spain, Portugal, China and Canada. She has worked with eminent pianists such as Paul-Badura Skoda, Alicia de Larrocha, Aldo Ciccolini, Russell Sherman, and John Perry, and is highly appraised by the legendary pianist Fou Tsong as a unique interpreter of the music of Mozart.

MTNA and WVMTA Competitions Results

Saturday, October 28, 2017

West Virginia University, Morgantown

Ian Jessee, 2018 WV Competitions Chair

Place	Name	Instrument	Teacher(s)
WVMTA Mountain State Junior Piano			
1st Place	Yiting Sun	Piano	Dr. Scott Beard
2nd Place	Kevin Li	Piano	Dr. Scott Beard
Honorable mention	Dylan Morgan	Piano	Dr. Jacob Womack

WVMTA Mountain State Senior Piano

1st Place	Jessica Wu	Piano	Dr. Scott Beard
2nd Place	Ryan Walker	Piano	Dr. Scott Beard

WVMTA Mountain State Collegiate Piano

1st Place	Matthew Monning	Piano	Dr. Henning Vauth
2nd Place	Megan Bailey	Piano	Dr. Henning Vauth
Honorable mention	Jessica Gulisek	Piano	Dr. Gerald Lee

WVMTA Mountain State Junior String

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

MTNA West Virginia Chamber Music String

Representative	Prometheus String Quartet	Dr. Erin Ellis
Elijah Bui	Violin	
Robert Leong	Violin	
Olivia Boughton	Viola	
Yusef Ibrahim	Cello	

MTNA West Virginia Chamber Music Wind

Representative	Helios Flute Quartet	Nina Assimakopoulos
Ariana Bendit	Flute	
Jacob LaBarge	Flute	
Lydia Moenssen	Flute	
Tyler Schmidt	Flute	

MTNA West Virginia Junior Performance Piano

Winner	Leon Jia	Piano	Dr. Scott Beard
Alternate	Anna Brusoe	Piano	Miles Helmick

MTNA West Virginia Junior Performance Woodwind

Representative	Amanda Wang	Flute	Nina Assimakopoulos
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MTNA West Virginia Senior Performance Piano

Winner	Jackie Liu	Piano	Dr. Scott Beard
Alternate Competing	Quan Shi	Piano	Natalia Liston

MTNA West Virginia Senior Performance String

Winner	Devin Lai	Violin	Hong-Guang Jia
Alternate	Emily Braham	Violin	Mary Wilson

MTNA West Virginia Senior Performance Voice

Representative	Shelby Kuhn	Soprano	Andrea Diggs
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MTNA West Virginia Senior Performance Woodwind

Representative	Allyson Kreider	Flute	Nina Assimakopoulos
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MTNA West Virginia Young Artist Performance Brass

Winner	Larry Dine	Tuba	Dr. Carson McTeer
Alternate	Kyle Steindler	Euphonium	Dr. Carson McTeer

MTNA West Virginia Young Artist Piano

Winner	Hsing-Yi Tsai	Piano	Dr. Peter Amstutz
Alternate	Hsien Kuo	Piano	Dr. Ching-Wen Hsiao

MTNA West Virginia Young Artist Performance String

Winner	Cody Pasden	Violin	Dr. Mikylah McTeer
Alternate	Sean Elliott	Violin	Dr. Mikylah McTeer
Honorable mention	Yusef Ibrahim	Cello	Dr. Erin Ellis

MTNA West Virginia Young Artist Performance Woodwind

Winner	Brittany Trotter	Flute	Nina Assimakopoulos
Alternate	David Stedge	Flute	Nina Assimakopoulos
Honorable mention	Benjamin Busch	Saxophone	Nina Assimakopoulos

Notes from Immediate Past President, Dr. Jacob Womack, NCTM

Notes from 2018 MTNA Eastern Division Competitions

West Virginia University hosted the MTNA Eastern Division Competitions on January 6th and 7th. Over 90 students and ensembles from 13 states across the northeast were present for the event. Special thanks to Karen Taddie for serving as site coordinator for the event. WVMTA was well represented at the event. John Morrison and Scott Beard served as official competition accompanist. Jacob Womack helped organize competition monitors for the event. Henning Vauth, Jerry Lee, Mary Morrison and Yu-Hsuan Liao

contributed as competition judges, as well as other faculty from Marshall, Shepherd, and West Virginia University. Marie Borillo, Carol Beall, Miles Helmick, Jake Sandridge, Mary Wilson, CB Wilson, student members of the WVU MTNA Collegiate Chapter, WVU Flute Studio Students, and WVU ASTA Members volunteered for the weekend to help things run smoothly. I am very proud of our state! This was the last year that a university will host the division competitions, next year the division competitions will be held on-line.

Bravo, WV!!!

WVMTA Treasurer's Report, Dr. Henning Vauth

On January 28, 2018, our bank account balance was \$27,744.26 and on December 31, 2017, our Credit Union certificates were worth \$10,485.43 (1-year certificate) and \$10,937.38 (5-year certificate).

Respectfully submitted,
Henning Vauth, outgoing Treasurer

WVMTA Teacher of the Year Award

May 1st is the deadline to submit nominations for the 2018 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: John Morrison at morrisonpiano@hotmail.com

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	

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 John Morrison at morrisonpiano@hotmail.com). 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



WVMTA Teacher of the Year, Dr. Henning Vauth (right) and WVMTA Distinguished Leader of the Year, Dr. Jerry Lee (left) receives their plaques from Immediate Past President, Dr. Jacob Womack, NCTM (center)

Notes from the Certification Chair, John Morrison

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, 2018. 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 morrisonpiano@hotmail.com, 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 morrisonpiano@hotmail.com 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 John Morrison, certification chair, to enter the drawing (morrisonpiano@hotmail.com). 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

- To date, WVMTA has 95 members, 15 of whom are collegiate members.
- Since the last Administrative Board Meeting (October 2017), one new collegiate member has joined WVMTA – we welcome Peerawat Promptum, from Morgantown.
- Below is a copy and paste directly from MTNA, encouraging new membership:

Do you have a friend or colleague who should be a member of MTNA?

Now is the time to introduce prospective members to MTNA with a trial membership! Between now and June 30, 2018, anyone joining for the first time as an active member can receive half off national dues. Many states and local affiliates offer this discount too! Spring activities, especially student performances, as well as MTNA's Office Depot discount program are sure to be of interest.

The discounted membership runs through June 30, 2018, so be sure to have your friends join soon to take full advantage of the trial membership period.

We've made it simple for you to pass along information to your colleagues by creating a sample letter and flyer for you to distribute. Click the following link to access it: <https://members.mtna.org/Trial.pdf>

Your colleagues can join online at www.mtna.org.

Thank you in advance for your support in growing and strengthening MTNA!

West Virginia Music Teachers' Association Administrative Board Meeting

**Thursday, October 26, 2017
Puglioni's Pasta & Pizza, Morgantown, WV**

MINUTES

Members Present (in no particular order):

Vicki Cavendish, Barbara Heckert, Marie Borillo, Henning Vauth, Mary Morrison, Mary Wilson, C. B. Wilson, Jacob Womack, Johan Botes, John Morrison, Ian Jessee, and Jerry Lee

❖ **Call to Order**

Jacob Womack officially calls the meeting to order at 5:42 p.m.

❖ **Approval of Administrative Board Meeting Minutes from May 21, 2017**

- Mary Morrison moves to approve the aforementioned minutes as submitted, and the motion passes.

❖ **President's Report (Jacob Womack)**
2017-2019 Administrative Officers

- Nominating Committee: Gary Mullenax, Karen Taddie, and Hooi Yin Boey
- President: John Morrison
- President-Elect: Henning Vauth
- 1st Vice President: Ian Jessee
- 2nd Vice President: Jerry Lee
- Secretary: Sheila Barnhart
- Treasurer: Marie Borillo
- Immediate Past President: Jacob Womack
- District 2 Chair: Bob Ellis
- District 3 Chair: Vicki Cavendish

Eastern Division Competitions

- These will take place at West Virginia University on Sunday, January 7, 2018.

❖ **President-Elect's Report (John Morrison)**
WVMTA 2017 Fall Conference

- There will be a collegiate Honor Recital at 8 p.m. on Thursday evening, October 26, 2017 at WVU. This recital is an initiative to actively involve collegiate members.
- 14 members registered for the Fall Conference (lower number when compared to previous years).
- Two married couples will serve as the conference clinicians: Matthew Gianforte & Meeyoun Park, and Christopher and Katherine Fisher.

❖ **1st Vice President's Report (Ian Jessee)**
West Virginia 2017 Competitions

- 26 students are competing in the MTNA competitions (piano, strings, brass, woodwinds, voice, strings chamber music, and woodwinds chamber music). Last year, there were 23 MTNA entries.
- 10 students are competing in the Mountain State competitions (piano, strings). Last year, there were 14 Mountain State entries.
- There are no students competing in the Adagio Strings competitions. Last year, there were 3 Adagio Strings entries.
- Factoring all of the above, the total number of students competing this year is 36. Last year, the total number of entries was 40.

❖ **2nd Vice President's Report (Yu-Hsuan Liao, *in absentia*)**

- This report was given by Jacob Womack.
- As of October 26, 2017, the membership total for WVMTA is 90.

❖ **Treasurer's Report (Henning Vauth)**

- WVMTA broke even for this year's Fall Conference (e.g., expenses = revenue).

❖ **District 1 Report (Mary Morrison and Mary Wilson)**

- Fall Technique Festival will take place on November 3, 2017. Fall Festival will take place on November 11, 2017.

❖ **District 3 Report (Vicki Cavendish)**

- Fall Festival will take place on December 2, 2017 at the University of Charleston. The theme is *Music Around the World*. Johan Botes will be the featured presenter.

❖ **District 4 Report (Barbara Heckert)**

- Many of Jan Smith's former students now study with Christopher Fisher, but in Ohio and not in West Virginia, resulting in reduced student participation in our state.

❖ **Other Business**

- Mary Wilson suggests that the overall audition length of Mountain State Competitions should be increased.
- That said, Johan Botes suggests that the length of the Mountain State auditions be in sync with the audition lengths implemented by MTNA (e.g., 20 minutes for Junior High, 25 minutes for Senior High, and 30 minutes for Collegiate).
- Ian Jessee moves to apply Johan Botes' suggestion above to the Mountain State Competitions, and the motion passes.

❖ **Adjournment**

- Jacob Womack officially adjourns the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Dr. Jerry Lee, Acting WVMTA Secretary

Districts Reports

Charleston MTA/District III Report:

District 3 held their Fall Festival at the University of Charleston on Saturday, December 2, 2017. Ninety-eight students performed, many on more than one instrument. There were seven teachers represented, including piano, strings and voice studios. Dr. Johan Botes presented a lecture entitled "Music Around the World".

District 3 plans to hold their Theory Test in March, and the Spring Adjudications in April.

Vicki Cavendish, Chair

Eastern Panhandle MTA/District VI Report:

Upcoming Spring Events in 2018 include Siegel-Hoffman Concerto Competition on February 10th, Theory and Technique Testing on March 17th, Spring Recital on April 7th and, Spring Adjudications on May 12th.

Dr. Yu-Hsuan Liao, chair (NCTM)



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