

# **West Virginia Music Teachers Association Administrative Board Meeting**

*Sunday, January 31, 2016*

*8:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.*

*Teleconference*

**In Attendance:** Jacob Womack, Sheila Womack, Henning Vauth, Barbara Heckert, Ian Jesse, John Morrison, Mary Wilson, Mary Beth Kirkpatrick, DeNeil Hartley

## **I. Call to Order**

The meeting is called to order at 8:31 PM.

## **II. Approval of October 22, 2015 Board Minutes**

Barbara Heckert moves to approve the minutes. Mary Wilson seconds the motion. Motion passes.

## **III. Reports of Officers**

### **A. President (Jacob Womack)**

#### **i. National Conference**

San Antonio first week of April. Request for each state to participate in raffle.

##### **1. State Pride Raffle**

Each state brings a gift no more than \$50. Small and easily taken on an airplane. Last year took a finger-piano from the Tamarack. Jacob says he can pick something up again. Mary Wilson agrees that this would be a good idea and makes a motion to participate. Sheila Womack seconds the motion. Motion passes.

#### **ii. Recommendations from General Membership Meeting**

Suggestions from the general membership meeting at last conference:  
Suggestion of state-wide event every year in addition to state conference (online competition, teacher retreat, statewide performance). Recommendation to update website. Board member training. Reinstate winners' recital. Conference session on teaching skype lessons. Financial incentive for increasing membership. Financial reimbursement for board members required to attend state conference.

A lengthy discussion about the last Winner's Recital and reasons for its discontinuation followed. Mary Wilson suggests that we send out an e-mail to all members for suggestions about the winners' recital and to get them all to agree that if they play they stay.

John asks if there were any other conference session topic suggestions than Skype lessons, Jacob says that was the one that came up the most.

**iii. Confirmation of State Officials**

Jacob had a problem with our MTNA portal with verifying who held what position within the state – was it updated recently? We have information going all the way back to 2009 in the portal. Wants to verify district chair information to give to national headquarters.

District I – Mary Wilson and Mary Morrison

District II – Dr. Hooi Yin Boey

District III – Mary Beth Kirkpatrick (only one with national headquarters) & Karen Morris

District IV – Barbara Heckert

District V – DeNeil Hartley & Kim Weibe

District VI – Dr. Yu-Hsuan Liao

**iv. WVMTA Website Update Proposal**

Our current website is out of date, and our current host is very limited in design options. Some of the ideas we can explore is creating: online registration for state competitions and conference registration, online payments, and if the state registration goes well we can easily implement it for the local districts as well. To migrate to a Wix platform will cost about \$200-\$250 the first year. Laura says that the process to get the webpage going would be easy to re-direct from GoDaddy to Wix. Jacob Womack, Sheila Womack, and Laura would team up to get the website updated and running.

Henning thinks that the screenshots of the potential new website look great and that the price seems very fair. John agrees that the screenshots were much more visually appealing. He also suggests that getting updated photos to the website would be great. Having the website look nicer and be more up to date would help with marketing of the conference and organization.

Ian Jesse motions that we start work on a new website. John Morrison seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

**B. President-elect (John Morrison)**

**i. 2016 State Convention**

**1. Location and Date**

Shepherd University will be hosting this year's conference. October 27 to October 29, a little later than it has been in response to general membership preference. Dr. Liao will be the site coordinator.

## **2. Budget**

Jacob proposes that we give John a higher budget to splurge for this special conference. The past few years we have averaged \$3,000.

Henning says that we have a very healthy bank account, totaling around \$46,000 all told. Jacob suggests upping the budget to \$5,000. Sheila suggests \$6,000. Sheila Womack motions that we have a budget of \$6000. Mary Wilson seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

### **ii. 50 Year Anniversary Celebration**

Jacob suggests that Gary Engle is a fantastic speaker, and as it is our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary that it would be nice to invite him to give a presentation. Henning agrees with this idea. Jacob also suggests that we might put together a photo slideshow of our history, invite past presidents to the conference. If you have any ideas, contact John Morrison

## **C. First Vice President (Ian Jessee)**

### **i. Travel Funding for 2016/2017 Regional/National Competitors**

Jacob says that we ran into a problem. It's very unclear what our budget is for instate winners traveling to regional and national competitions. Also, MTNA default winners are still getting funding even though they aren't competing or performing. Jacob suggests that we have a general recital as part of conference on perhaps Friday with a time limit for those advancing by default. John agrees with this suggestion.

The following are going by default to nationals this year:

Michael Jones – high school trumpet  
Midas String Quartet (WVU) – string quartet

We have been paying \$100 per participant, so this would be \$500. Henning suggests that we only do \$50/member of an ensemble because they can travel together. Barbara Heckert says that in the past we had a certain amount budgeted and split it evenly among those who are going, and an ensemble was counted as one entrant. Jacob says it's tough to say which way to do it. With the allocation it was bad that some years kids got a lot of money when only a few were going, and some years they got just a little since there were many going.

Mary Wilson motions that we approve the plan of a general recital in which those advancing are, Ian Jessee seconds, Motion passes unanimously.

## **D. Second Vice President (Yu-Hsuan Liao in absentia)**

### **i. Membership Update**

We have 99 members currently, which is down considerably from this time last year.

**ii. Membership Drive Proposals**

Jacob asks everyone to brainstorm on ways to increase membership.

**E. Treasurer (Henning Vauth)**

- i. Final budget on Fall conference:
    - 1. Income - \$1248.00 (including registration, parking, banquet, etc.)
    - 2. Conference ads - \$350
    - 3. Competitions - \$245
    - 4. Competitions rebate - \$790
    - 5. Total- \$2653.00
    - 6. Expenses (hotels, banquet, artists, etc.) - \$3741.29
    - 7. We paid \$1800.29 over, but this is normal
  - ii. \$3,615 Fall festival income, expenses \$1466.76 – we always make a good amount here.
  - iii. Total income (miscellaneous, non-conference) - \$3908
  - iv. Total Expense \$2099.15.
- F. Checking = \$25,623.33  
G. CD = \$10,364.41 & \$10,568.44 as of Dec. 31  
H. Total over \$46,000, and this is going up every year.

**IV. Other Business**

Jacob says we need to revisit the Winners' Recital, but suggests we table the discussion until our April board meeting.

DeNeil Hartley (District V) – says they were asked about memorization in their Fall Festival – students are not wanting to participate when they find out they have to memorize their solos. She wonders if memorization is necessary for Fall Festival (as opposed to the Spring Adjudicated events which definitely need to be memorized) and if we can possibly change some rules.

Jacob gives Ian the job to get this proposal out to all District chairs to get feedback with the intention of voting at the April meeting to implement something for the Fall of 2016.

Henning suggests establishing a scholarship fund for students doing college, pre-college, summer festivals, etc., wants to put this on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.

**V. Adjournment**

Mary Wilson motions to adjourn. Barbara Heckert seconds. Motion passes. The meeting is adjourned at 9:55 PM.