

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

**Thursday October 22, 2015  
Taste of Asia Restaurant, Huntington, West Virginia**

**In attendance:** Mary Morrison, Barbara Heckert, John Morrison, Vicki Cavendish, Jacob Womack, Ruth Carson, Gary Mullenax, Gerald Lee, Henning Vauth, Scott Beard

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting is called to order at 6:48 pm.

**II. Approval of 7/8/15 Board Minutes**

Scott Beard moves that the minutes be approved as stated. Vicki Cavendish seconds, and the motion passes.

**III. Reports of Officers**

**A. President's Report**

**i. New Board Officers 2015-2017**

President-Jacob Womack, President-Elect-John Morrison, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President-Ian Jessee, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President-Yu-Hsuan Liao, Secretary-Sheila Womack, Treasurer-Henning Vauth, Immediate Past President-Gary Mullenax

**ii. Other new positions**

James Miltenberger-Collegiate Chair, Johann Botes-newsletter editor  
Laura Hamm-certification chair, Susan Carpenter-Arts and Advocacy

**iii. Membership**

There are 99 members (16 students). District VI has picked up 4-5 members. They had a Fall Festival and invited non-members to come. Gary urged district chairs to invite people from the community. Scott mentioned that they had other instruments involved (voice, cello, guitar) and newer/younger teachers.

**iv. Eastern Division:** January 23-24 Rowan University

**v. National Conferences:** April 2-6, 2016 San Antonio

The 2017 conference will be in Baltimore. Barbara and Jacob are attending the National Conference this year. Gary encouraged everyone who gets a chance to attend the conference in Baltimore since it is not often that National is that close to home.

**b. President-Elect's Report**

**i. WVMTA website**

Jacob suggests that we update the website to possibly have convention registration online. Scott said that MTNA did the design, and suggests Paypal and also having state competition forms online. Gary suggests putting technique forms online. Gary says that

at the Chicago Convention he asked for an estimate and one estimate he got was \$20,000 to start. Others say \$1,000 a year. Jacob says that Adobe Acrobat has a submit button that goes to certain e-mail addresses. Gary asks how much money is in the budget to invest in this, and Henning reports that last year it was about \$3,000. The board tables the discussion.

#### **ii. 2015 Conference Update**

There were 30 registrants. Henning had a number of Collegiate students.

#### **iii. 2016 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Jacob says we should think about doing something special for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year. Leon Fleisher in 2008 was \$20,000. Perhaps a featured artist could be a shared expense between MTNA and the host institution. Barbara Nissman is another name suggested.

#### **iv. State Officials**

No report

#### **v. Dissemination of convention info**

Jacob asks if there is a database to send convention info.

### **c. First Vice-President's Report - Gerald Lee**

#### **i. Competitions Report**

##### Fall 2015 Competitions Report:

- 25 total registrations (of which 13 are MTNA registrations) – this is an increase by 2 registrations compared to last year's enrollment.
- Actual number of folks competing during the Fall Conference is 15, since 10 of the above registrations are MTNA State Representatives.
- Of the 15 folks competing, 8 are enrolled in the strings competitions (WVMTA Adagio Strings and Mountain State), and 7 are enrolled in piano competitions (WVMTA Mountain State and MTNA).
- The 10 MTNA State Representatives automatically advancing to the Eastern Division competitions during January 2016 are as follows:
  - CHAMBER MUSIC STRING: Midas String Quartet / Mikylah McTeer, teacher
    - Phillip Ducreay, violin
    - Diego Gabete-Rodriguez, violin
    - Ignacio Cuello-Miralves, viola
    - Christy Oscar, cello
  - CHAMBER MUSIC WIND: Emerald Saxophone Quartet / William Bingham, teacher
    - Adam O'Neal, baritone saxophone
    - Jordan Carinelli, soprano saxophone

- John Seals, alto saxophone
- Robert Galloway, tenor saxophone
- JUNIOR STRING: Devin Lai, violin / Hong-Guang Jia, teacher
- JUNIOR WOODWIND: Amanda Wang, flute / Nina Assimakopoulos, teacher
- SENIOR BRASS: Michael Jones, trumpet / Bonnie Miltenberger, teacher
- SENIOR STRING: Jonathan Shin, violin / Ian Jessee, teacher
- YOUNG ARTIST PIANO: Philip Nichols / James Miltenberger, teacher
- YOUNG ARTIST STRING: Sean Elliott, violin / Mikylah McTeer, teacher
- YOUNG ARTIST VOICE: Jaely Chamberlain, soprano / Scott Beard, teacher
- YOUNG ARTIST WOODWIND: Jordan Carinelli, saxophone / William Bingham, teacher

## ii. District Chairs Report

When Ian Jessee takes over, district chairs could help with his duties.

### d. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President's Report (Ruth Carson)

There are 99 members as of October 14. There are 16 student members.

Perhaps there is a financial set back to membership holding membership numbers back?

We should make 40 years and 50 years a benchmark.

### e. Treasurer's Report (Henning Vauth)

Total Conference Registration Fees \$1,083

Total Conference Income \$2,443

Total Income Since Last Board Meeting \$3,673

Foundation Donations \$208

Total Conference Expenses \$2,800.68 + ?

Total Expenses since last Board meeting \$3,078.70

Overall Conference Budget -357.68

Henning says thank you to everyone who donated to the Foundation. The programs were printed for \$65. We took the membership directory out of the program which reduced the cost. A misc. expense was a 50-yr of service gift for Dr. James Miltenberger. Scott points out that states run a much bigger deficit for conferences.

### f. Others

Scott reports that we had a great commissioned composers process this year. There were 8 nominations from across the state and 4 portfolios for submission electronically.

Two freelance composers from D.C. and NC adjudicated and were impressed with the quality and diversity of submissions. Matthew Jackfert was selected. He is accessible and marketable.

#### **IV. Old Business**

Mary Morrison addresses the situation of two children taking two instruments where some families do not participate in events because of cost and asks if there is a way to help those families out. Vicki says that with her students that is not an issue. Vicki asks if it is standard to have a performance and workshop and Gary said that yes it is set up that way. Barbara suggests that you can do something different like Pedals and Bows.

#### **V. New Business**

Jacob wants to establish a new district in Beckley.

Jacob takes over as President. Gary thanks everyone on the board for making his job as president go so smoothly.

#### **VI. Adjournment**

Scott moves to adjourn. Jacob seconds and the motion passes. The meeting is adjourned at 7:44 pm.