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## *Notes from the President, Dr. Henning Vauth*

Happy New Year, fellow WVMTA members! Our 2019 WVMTA Conference at Marshall University was well received—we enjoyed a stellar featured guest artist recital with Spencer Myer, and several interesting presentations given by guests Dr. Sun Min Kim and Dr. Gary Pedersen, as well as lectures by West Virginia professors Dr. Jacob Womack (Concord University), Shepherd University Provost Dr. Scott Beard, and WVU School of Music Director Dr. Michael Ibrahim. I think we all appreciated John Morrison’s performance of Dr. Dan Eichenbaum’s commissioned composition Green Bank. Last, but not least, I would like to express my sincerest gratitude to Immediate Past President John Morrison (Fairmont State University) and Competitions Chair Miles Helmick for their advice and hard work in preparing the conference, and for the members of the Huntington WVMTA district’s hospitality table. It takes a village...

Congratulations to our two 2019 honorees Dr. Hooi Yin Boey, Distinguished Leader of the Year, and Dr. Jacob Womack, Teacher of the Year! Our organization would not be successful without the many years of service members like Hooi Yin and Jacob devote to the cause.



In a couple of months, I will be traveling to Chicago for the MTNA National Conference and hope that many of you can join me. It will take place at the Chicago Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile March 21 – 25 and feature internationally acclaimed pianist Anton Nel (our own Dr. Johan Botes’ former teacher), and a keynote address by Noa Kageyama, performance psychologist and Juilliard faculty member, among others.

I wish all of you a musically fulfilling year and look forward to seeing you soon!

## *Notes from President--Elect, Dr. Johan Botes*

A big THANK YOU to all who made the 2019 WVMTA Conference possible at Marshall University - especially to Dr. Henning Vauth as (then) president-elect and site coordinator! Another heartfelt thanks to all the members of district 5 for giving so tirelessly of their time and for helping with the setup table, the refreshments during lunch and between presentations. You guys ROCK!!

**The 2020 WVMTA State Conference will be held at Shepherd University October 23 – 24** with Dr. Yu-Hsuan Liao serving as site coordinator. I look forward to bringing you more information about our guest artist and presenters, further sessions, and the rest of the conference in future newsletters.

### **Call for Presentations**

Please contact me at [botes@marshall.edu](mailto:botes@marshall.edu) with suggestions for session topics that you would like to see at the conference, or if you are interested in presenting.

Best wishes for the New Year!

## *MTNA and WVMTA Competitions Results Saturday, November 2, 2019*

### *Marshall University, Huntington*

### *Miles Hemlick, 2020 WV Competitions Chair and First Vice President*

#### MTNA Competition WV

Hao Zhang	Piano	Young Artist	Winner	Ching-Wen Hsiao
Megan Bailey	Piano	Young Artist	Alternate	Henning Vauth
Kyle Steindler	Euphonium	Young Artist	Winner	Carson Mcteer
Catherine Dowd	Horn	Young Artist	Alternate	Jonas Thoms
Celina Liang	Strings Violin	Senior	Winner	Mary Wilson
Cody Pasden	Strings Violin	Young Artist	Winner	Mikylah Myers
Ethan Nylander	Flute	Senior	Winner	Nina Assimakopoulos
Skye Stone	Flute	Young Artist	Honorable Mention	Nina Assimakopoulos

Jacey Crayton	Flute	Young Artist	Alternate	Nina Assimakopoulos
Juan Carlos Narvaez	Flute	Young Artist	Winner	Nina Assimakopoulos

### Mountain State Competition

Piano	Darren Busby	Junior	Honorable Mention	Jenny Anderson
Piano	Kayla Busby	Junior	First Place	Jenny Anderson
Piano	Brandon Lu	Junior	Second Place	Jenny Anderson
Piano	Luke Busby	Junior	Honorable Mention	Jenny Anderson
Piano	Tytus Bennet	Junior	Honorable Mention	Vicki Cavendish
Piano	Anthony Zhu	Senior	Honorable Mention	Henning Vauth
Piano	Krista Zappe	Senior	Honorable Mention	Jenny Anderson
Piano	Charity Parrott	Senior	First Place	Jenny Anderson
Piano	Thessa Bennett	Senior	Second Place	Vicki Cavendish
Piano	James Newsome	Collegiate	First Place	Henning Vauth
Piano	Jennifer Murphey	Collegiate	Second Place	Henning Vauth
Composition	Cecelia White	Elementary	Honorable Mention	Jenny Anderson
Composition	Charlotte Busby	Elementary	Runner Up	Jenny Anderson
Composition	Freyja Dreflak	Elementary	First Place	Jenny Anderson
Composition	KateLin Zappe	Junior	Honorable Mention	Jenny Anderson
Composition	Jenna Elise Gilhooly	Junior	Runner Up	Jenny Anderson
Composition	Komal Gandhi	Junior	First Place	Jenny Anderson
Composition	William Zappe	Junior	Runner Up	Jenny Anderson
Composition	Krista Zappe	Senior	Honorable Mention	Jenny Anderson
Composition	Charity Parrott	Senior	Runner Up	Jenny Anderson
Composition	Avery Powers	Senior	First Place	Jenny Anderson

## ***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, Treasurer

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## ***WVMTA Teacher of the Year Award***

May 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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

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## ***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](mailto: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

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## ***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](http://www.mtnacertification.org) or contact [jwomack@concord.edu](mailto:jwomack@concord.edu), the national headquarters at (888) 512-5278 or [mtnacertification@mtna.org](mailto:mtnacertification@mtna.org).

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## ***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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:jwomack@concord.edu)). Find out the latest information on requirements for the National Certification Program at [www.mtnacertification.org](http://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.

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## *Notes from the Membership Chair, Dr. Jerry Lee*

- For the 2019-2020 membership year, according to dues paid during April 1 – December 31, 2019, WVMTA now has 74 members, 6 of whom are collegiate members.
  - Membership updates during October 2019 – December 2019:
    - WVMTA welcomes Lingshu Ye, from Huntington, WV (Marshall University) as a new collegiate member. She specializes in piano and music education.
    - WVMTA also welcomes Joshua Dale McCallister, from Ona, WV (Marshall University) as a new collegiate member. He specializes in piano and music education.
  - 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](http://www.mtna.org)
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## *Districts Reports*

### **Charleston MTA/District III Report:**

District Three will be holding their annual Theory Test on Saturday, March 21, at Kanawha United Presbyterian Church. The Spring Adjudication for voice and piano will be led at St. Matthew's on Saturday, April 18. The Spring Adjudication for string students is TBA.

### **Vicki Cavendish, Chair**

### **Mid-Ohio Valley MTA/District IV Report:**

District IV held fall festival on November 9 at Trinity Episcopal Church in Parkersburg. Students of five teachers: Karen Young, Laura Hamm, Linda Toomey, Amy Rice and Barbara Heckert participated.

Theory-technic tests are scheduled for April 3 and 4th at Ohio Valley University.

Spring auditions are scheduled for May 16th with the location pending.

### **Barbara Heckert, Chair**

## **Eastern Panhandle MTA/District VI Report:**

Upcoming Spring Events in 2020 include Ensemble Festival/Competition on February 8th, Theory and Technique Testing on March 14th, Spring Recital on April 4th and, Spring Adjudications on May 2nd. All events will be taken place in the Franck Arts Center, Shepherd University.

**Dr. Yu-Hsuan Liao, chair (NCTM)**

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**MTNA is returning to the Windy City, Chicago, Illinois, for the 2020 MTNA National Conference, March 21-25!!!**

**Internationally acclaimed pianist Anton Nel and the first-prize winner of the National Chopin Piano Competition will highlight the evening recitals. Noa Kageyama, performance psychologist and Julliard faculty member, will provide the keynote address.**

**Pedagogy Saturday boasts four tracks:**

- **Teaching Artistry,**
- **Musician Wellness,**
- **Recreational Music Making and**
- **Young Professionals.**

**And, all the annual favorites like the Exhibit Hall, showcases and the MTNA Competitions will be back!**



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