

## **GMTA 2017 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

Friday, November 3, 2017

Berry College, Rome, GA

### **Welcome**

The 2017 Annual Business Meeting of the Georgia Music Teachers Association was called to order in Ford Auditorium at Berry College. President Rebekah Healan welcomed the GMTA membership to the conference.

Kris Carlisle, Chair of the Berry College Music Department, welcomed the conference attendees to the college.

### **Approval of Minutes of 2016 Annual Business Meeting**

The minutes were approved as distributed through the website. There were no corrections or additions.

### **Approval of Financial Report**

The Financial Report was approved.

### **President's Report**

President Healan reported:

Greetings and Welcome to the 2017 GMTA Conference at Berry College! We have had such a wonderful time so far. We are so grateful to Dr. Kris Carlisle for his wonderful hospitality and for being so hands on in the planning and care taking of our conference. We also want to extend a heartfelt thank you to Dr. Adam Hayes and Kay Sims for all that they did to assist us. Berry College is such a beautiful place for us to come together and to be rejuvenated for another year of teaching. I think that I speak for the 157 registrants when I say that we are thoroughly enjoying ourselves!

Special thanks to Joy Poole, President-Elect, Chenny Gan, Vice President of Programs and Mandy Reynolds, GMTA Executive Director for their endless hours of checking and double checking details, corresponding with Berry, our conference headliners and presenters, and the many hours of work that they put in during the conference weekend. This takes hundreds of emails and several visits and endless days of preparation. We have surely received the benefit of their labor.

Our MTNA President, Dr. Scott McBride Smith has been our Pedagogy headliner. We look forward to Pianist, Philip Bush's performance this evening and the master class tomorrow morning. We are truly inspired by both of them. Another highlight of this year's conference will be the presentation and performance of the commissioned work, *Microcosms*, by composer Benjamin Warsaw. We are blessed by the talent that exists here in our state! Many of the Georgia's Own members have presented sessions and are serving as presiders, as well.

The Rome Music Teachers Association has provided our hospitality and goody bags for this weekend. We are always thankful for the snacks and coffee that keep us going. My personal favorite was the pound cake! We very much appreciate your contribution for our special weekend.

I definitely cannot let the opportunity go by to thank Chris Syllaba and Steinway Piano Galleries for providing the Steinway Piano Galleries Educator Grants, Sam Bennett of Piano Works for their continued contribution of a Hidrau Model Hydraulic Adjustable Piano Bench for the MTNA Foundation Fund drawing, and the many local associations that contributed items for our GMTA Award fund drawings. It is contributions such as these that make many opportunities available for our members and students. GMTA is very grateful for your generosity.

A glance at our year in review: in January, GMTA was represented well at the MTNA Southern Division Meeting and Competitions at the University of South Carolina in Columbia. Seven of our students received recognition at the competition. One chamber Ensemble as Alternate, Honorable Mention in Senior Woodwinds, Young Artist Woodwinds and Brass, Young Artist String Alternate and Winners in Senior Voice and Young Artist Piano.

Melodie Spencer, Senior Voice Winner, and Allen Yueh, Young Artist Piano winner, traveled to Baltimore, MD in April to compete in the MTNA Performance Competition Finals, which were held in conjunction with the MTNA Conference.

In March, the 2017 MTNA Conference in Baltimore was attended by 22 GMTA members. It was a wonderful conference which featured great sessions and recitals. The 2017 MTNA Conference will be held next March in Lake Buena Vista, FL. I hope many of our GMTA members will attend this wonderful opportunity for professional growth and personal enrichment.

The GMTA Auditions were held April 9th and 16th at The University of Georgia under the supervision of Vice President for GMTA Auditions, Cathy Thacker. The Executive Board voted in August 2016 to increase the number of pre-college piano students in grades 4-11 advancing from region to state from 6 per grade to 7 per grade. As a result, 2017 State Auditions has seen a substantial increase. Last year there were 177 pre-college students (grades 4-11) participating in State Auditions; this year the total is 222. We have 500 students participating in the Regional and State Auditions. Pre-college piano continues its downward trend: 2017 Regional Auditions had 340 students,. Here is the breakdown for 2017 GMTA Auditions: Region I – 95, Grade 12 – 30, Region II – 55, Piano Concerto – 10, Region III – 26, WW/Brass – 12, Region IV – 84, Strings/Guitar – 48, Region V – 80, Voice – 23, Instrumental Concerto – 18, College Piano – 16, College Piano Concerto - 3 Thank you Cathy for so efficiently seeing these changes through.

The MTNA Leadership Summit was held in Cincinnati, OH in September. I was fortunate to be able to attend this event again along with my other State President Colleagues. We learn so much about MTNA during this weekend. Thank you for providing this opportunity for your president each year.

Our Georgia MTNA Competitions were held prior to the conference on October 20-21, 2017 at Georgia College and State University. Dr. Joanna Kim did an excellent job as Vice President of MTNA Competitions. We cannot thank Dr. Owen Lovell and his staff enough for going above and beyond to create a very positive experience for everyone. We had 90 entries this year. Of those, there will be 12 winners and 3 representatives advancing to the Southern Division Competition, which will be held at Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia on January 12-15. I look forward to being there to cheer on our Georgia students!

GMTA began this year in excellent financial shape. As of December 31, 2017, our bank (checking & savings) balance is \$55,793.46; the amount in GMTA's reserve fund is \$25,348.02; the amount in our Composition Award Fund is \$8437.22; the amount in the Broadhurst Award Fund is \$12,580.15; and the amount in the GMTA Award Fund is \$15,032.73. Our membership as of 1/1/2018 is 649; of those 33 are student members; the number of certified members is 98.

This has been a great year for me serving as your President. I have the privilege to be a part of many positive moments and activities. I am so thrilled that tonight we will have the opportunity to celebrate and recognize our new GMTA Teacher of the Year as well as three new 50 year members. I am very excited for this special time at our banquet.

I am looking forward to all that this spring holds. Auditions and festivals are just around the corner. Please always watch for your Constant Contact each month and read carefully to stay up to date. Additional and more extensive information can be found in the quarterly newsletter or on the website. Best wishes to you all!

### **Program:**

The 2017 GMTA Commissioned Work, *Microcosms*, Benjamin Warsaw Composer, was presented by Benjamin on Piano. He passed out scores to the members to follow as he presented. Presentations were made to Benjamin Warsaw, Commissioned Composer by President Healan.

### **Announcements**

The MTNA Conference will be held at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort in Orlando, Florida, March 17-21, 2018

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Respectfully submitted,  
Jan Adams, NCTM  
GMTA Secretary