

GMTA 2018 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Friday, November 2, 2018

University of Georgia, Athens, GA

Welcome

The 2018 Annual Business Meeting of the Georgia Music Teachers Association was called to order in Edge Recital Hall at The University of Georgia. President Rebekah Healan Boles welcomed the GMTA membership to the conference.

Dr. Martha Thomas, Despy Karlas Professor of Piano and Associate Director for Undergraduate Programs of the Hugh Hodgson School of Music, welcomed the conference attendees to the university.

Approval of Minutes of 2017 Annual Business Meeting

The minutes were approved as distributed through the Constant Contact email. A motion was made to approve by Cathy Thacker and seconded by Aurelia Campbell. There were no corrections or additions.

Approval of Financial Report

The Financial Report was also approved as distributed through Constant Contact. The motion to approve was made by Diane Boyd and seconded by Owen Lovell.

President's Report

President Healan reported:

This has once again been a very eventful year. In January, I traveled to Lynchburg, Virginia for our Southern Division Competition and Meeting. This is the last year that the competition and meeting will be held in this format. Technology is aiding us in this change. The Southern Division round of the MTNA Competition will now be a video submission, and we recently began meeting with our Southern Division Director and State Presidents via Skype. All in-person meetings will take place this coming year at the National Conference and at the MTNA Leadership Summit. So, things are changing!

Georgia was represented very well at the Southern Division Competitions. We had an Honorable Mention in Chamber Music, Winners in Young Artist Composition, Young Artist Brass and Young Artist Strings, Alternate in Senior Piano, Winner in Senior Voice and Honorable Mention in Woodwinds. At the National Competition, of these mentioned, Georgia had two winners; Melodie Spencer, Senior Vocal Performance and Natalya Klenovskaya, Young Artist String Performance. We also had a second place finalist in Young Artist Brass Performance, James Bryant.

I attended the MTNA National Conference in Lake Buena Vista, FL. It was held March 17-21. One evening, we had a Georgia Dinner at a wonderful Mexican restaurant in Orlando. If you

have never been to a National Conference, there are many presenters, exhibitors, clinicians and artists there. I highly recommend going! The next conference will be in Spokane, WA in March.

Last weekend, we had our State round for the 2018-2019 MTNA Competitions. Joy Poole and I were there to assist our VP of MTNA Competitions, Dr. Joanna Kim. We had 90 entrants. The following will be going on to represent us at the Southern Division in January: a Representative in Senior Brass Performance, Winners in Young Artist Brass Performance, Junior Piano Performance, Senior Piano Performance, Young Artist Piano Performance, Junior String Performance, Senior String Performance, Young Artist String Performance, Senior Vocal Performance, Young Artist Vocal Performance, Senior Woodwind Performance, Young Artist Woodwind Performance and Senior Piano Duet.

Our exciting news is that this year we will be adding a piano duet category to the State Auditions! Teams may be entered from the same teacher or each from a different teacher. It has been set up to make this registration possible online. Please watch for all of the details regarding this new addition!

I have enjoyed my time as President, getting to know so many of you across the state and being provided the opportunity to work with some of the most skilled and lovely people. I would like to thank Mandy Reynolds, our Executive Director, my board and all of the local association presidents and committee chairs that have served during my term. You all have done a wonderful job, always going above and beyond to make GMTA the successful organization that it is. We are blessed to have such a wonderful environment for music to thrive in. May it continue to be so.

Officer Elections:

The proposed slate of officers for the 2018-2020 term were officially elected. The incoming officers are as follows:

Joy Poole, President
Jan Adams, President-Elect
Owen Lovell, VP of Programs
Donna Dasher, VP of Membership
Cathy Thacker, VP of Newsletters
Yien Wang, VP of GMTA Auditions
Ashley Craig-Diaz, VP of MTNA Competitions
Mary Ann McTier, Secretary
Rebekah Healan Boles, Immediate Past President

Program:

The 2018 GMTA Commissioned Work, WinterTime, Lauren McCall Composer, was performed by by Classic City Jazz. Presentations were made to Lauren McCall, Commissioned Composer by President Healan.

Announcements

We have two banquet tickets still available. Please see me following the meeting. We also have two tickets available for the ASO concert following the banquet.
The MTNA Conference will be held in Spokane, Washington, March 16-20, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebekah Healan Boles
GMTA Past President