



GMTA 2019 Annual Business Meeting

Friday, November 8, 2019

Columbus State University/Schwob School of Music, Columbus GA

Welcome

The 2019 Annual Business Meeting of Georgia Music Teachers Association was called to order at 4:30 p.m. on November 8 at the Columbus State University Schwob School of Music.

President's Welcome

"Welcome to the 2019 GMTA State Conference. I hope that each of you are enjoying your time here. I would like to thank Columbus State University and Dr. Scott Harris for welcoming GMTA and serving as the host school for the 2019 GMTA conference. Also, many thanks to Tao Ge for his assistance in all details of the conference.

Thank you to the VP of Programs, Owen Lovell, for his outstanding work in planning the 2019 Conference. Much attention was given to every detail, and we are receiving the benefits of his preparations. I hope that you gain new insights as you attend sessions and meet new colleagues.

As we move to the business meeting and approve the minutes and financial statement, please state your full name when making a motion or a second. The 2018 Annual Business Meeting Minutes and Annual Financial Report have been distributed to GMTA membership via Constant Contact."

Approval of the Minutes of 2019 Annual Business Meeting

Motion to accept minutes by Chenny Gann, seconded by Rebekah Boles. Unanimously approved.

Approval of the Financial Report

Motion to accept by Cathy Thacker, seconded by Jan Adams. Unanimously approved

President Report

"In September, I traveled to Cincinnati to attend the MTNA Leadership Summit. It is very interesting and informative to meet with other state presidents across the United States. I am happy to report that Georgia is well represented in areas of membership and competitions. GMTA is only a strong organization because of its members. Let's continue that progress by serving in positions and inviting others to be a part of GMTA.

Our GMTA Membership remains strong with 7 Collegiate Chapters and 20 Local Associations.

We are always striving to improve our organization. This year a new process was designed to select the yearly commissioned work. You can find complete details on the Commissioned Composer page of the GMTA website. Many thanks to Jeri-Mae Astolfi, Commissioning Chair, for her development of the process.

In March, I attended the MTNA National Conference in Spokane, Washington. The conference offered intriguing sessions on varied topics, inspiring performances and the comradery of fellow teachers and friends. GMTA was represented at the National Competitions in Senior Vocal Performance, Senior Brass Performance, Young Artist Brass and Young Artist Composition.

At the National Competitions Georgia students received: 1st Place in Senior Brass Performance, 3rd place in Young Artist Composition and Young Artist Brass Performance.

The 2019 GMTA State Auditions were held in the Spring at the University of Georgia and Kennesaw State University. State Auditions had over 400 Participants. The Piano Duet event had a successful first year with 21 duet entries.

The 2019 MTNA Competitions were held at the University of West Georgia. Over 80 students participated in events including brass, woodwind, string, voice and piano. Winners will represent Georgia at the Southern Division Competitions.

I would like to express our appreciation to the schools who serve as host schools for these events. Your continued support of GMTA is greatly appreciated. I would also like to express my thanks to each of the local association Presidents, the Executive Board Members and chairs who are currently serving in positions all across the state of Georgia. Your dedication to furthering the art of music is key to the success of GMTA. And, thank you to each of our members who become friends and not only colleagues. Thank you for making GMTA an association that others want to be a part of."

Announcements

Tonight's banquet will be held at the Corn Center for the Arts. After tonight's concert by Wendy Warner and Henry Kramer, there will be a reception in the lobby hosted by Columbus State University/Schwob School of Music while the Carrolton Jazz Orchestra performs in the theater.

Steinway Grant Winners: Elena Dorozhkina and Ting Ting Goh

GMTA Grant Winners: Monique Arar, Karen Zgonc, Jan Adams and Portia Hawkins

These members were presented respective checks by Joy, and a group picture was taken.

Adjourn

President Joy Poole adjourned the meeting at 4:42 p.m. after which the 2019 Commissioned Work, "Getting Away With It," was premiered by the Carrollton Jazz Orchestra under the direction of the 2019 Commissioned Composer, Terry Lowry.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann McTier
GMTA Secretary