



GMTA 2020 Annual Business Meeting

Friday, November 6, 2020

via Zoom

Welcome

The 2020 Annual Business Meeting of Georgia Music Teachers Association was called to order at 3:01 p.m. on November 6 by Joy Poole via Zoom.

President's Welcome

Welcome to the 2020 GMTA State Conference. I am so happy to see each of you and hope that you are enjoying the many informative sessions provided in the virtual conference. I am sure you will find many sessions to attend. All of the recorded sessions will be available through December 31st, 2020 so you will have plenty of time to take advantage of each session.

I would like to thank Mandy Reynolds, Jan Adams and Rebekah Healan Boles for their support and help in planning this virtual conference and the many Georgia's Own presenters who transitioned from a LIVE conference to a virtual conference. They have prepared many informative sessions for you.

This year our Concerto performances and recitals take on a new look. Recital performances can be accessed by clicking on each YouTube link for each winner. The GMTA Concerto Winners performance will be on Friday evening at 7:30 PM. You will find the YouTube Premiere link in the online conference program.

New this year we welcome Dr. Kevin Chance as our Artistry Track Headliner. Dr. Chance is well respected throughout Georgia. We are thrilled to have him be a part of the conference.

The 2020 Commissioned Work by Dr. Peter Van Zandt Lane will be premiered immediately after this meeting through a YouTube premiere. We are all looking forward to the performance.

Approval of the Minutes of 2019 Annual Business Meeting

Motion to accept minutes by Debra Hughes, seconded by Diane Boyd. Unanimously approved.

Approval of the Financial Report

Motion to accept by Jan Adams, seconded by Deb Hughes. Unanimously approved

President Report

Over the past year, GMTA has been very busy. We offered a new event in February, Piano Pedagogy Saturday. This event was created to offer events to our members and non-members across South Georgia. Students from area colleges and universities, local associations and music contacts were invited to attend. Presenters included Huu Mai of Kennesaw State University, Dr. Josh Pifer of Valdosta State University and Joy Poole, President GMTA. Excellent sessions, door prizes and the opportunity to network were all a part of the event. Thank you to Dr. Josh Pifer and Valdosta State University for serving as a host for the event.

Due to the pandemic, the MTNA National Conference held in March, was moved to a virtual format. The MTNA competitions were held by video submission. GMTA was represented at the National Competitions in

Senior Vocal Performance	Grace Rivord	Elizabeth Castillo, Teacher
Young Artist Brass	Brittany White	Anne-Marie Cherry, Teacher
Young Artist Woodwind	Nicholas Winkles	Connie Frigo, Teacher

At the National Competitions Georgia students received 2nd Place in Senior Brass Performance.

The 2020 GMTA Regional and State Auditions were held in the Spring. The Executive Board voted to change to a video submission competition due to the health pandemic. The Audition process was rewritten and moved to an online submission process. It was encouraging to see the volunteers, teachers and students adapt and learn online programs.

State Auditions had over 400 participants.

In September, the MTNA Leadership Summit was held virtually. Jan Adams, President-elect and I attended the meeting. 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.

In November, the 2020 MTNA Competitions were held by a video submission round. A process was created to accept the video links of each student. Over 100 students participated in events including Brass, Woodwind, String, Voice and Piano and Composition. Winners will represent Georgia at the Southern Division Competitions.

I would like to express my appreciation to the members who volunteer to lead State Auditions and MTNA Competitions. Thank you Yien Wang and Ashley Craig Diaz for your dedication and support of GMTA. We appreciate your leadership in these areas.

The 2020 Commissioned Work, “nodes, branches, loops” composed by Peter Van Zandt Lane will be premiered by the Fuego Quartet at the conclusion of this meeting. Many thanks to the GMTA Commissioning Chair, Jeri-Mae Astolfi for her outstanding work in the creation of the process of selecting the GMTA Commissioned Work.

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 join.

Announcements

*Presentation of Steinway Piano Galleries Educator Grants: Gina Harold, Leigh Ann Bleichner
Presentation of GMTA Music Teacher Grants: Altry James, Angela Duncan, Yulia Soboleva, Cathy Thacker*

Recognition of Newly Certified Members: Diana Cleland, Michael Braz

Recognition of New 50 Year Members: Donald Macey, Barbara Fricks

Presentation of 2020 GMTA Teacher of the Year: Portia Hawkins

Rebekah Boles installed the new Executive Board as follows:

President- Jan Adams, President Elect- Cathy Thacker, VP Programs- Kristi Helfen, VP Auditions- Huu Mai, VP MTNA Competitions- Christina Toole, VP Newsletter- Amy Neal, VP Membership- Beibel Lin, Secretary- Amy Thomas Phillips, Member at Large- Mason Conklin and Dawn McCord, Immediate Past President- Joy Poole, Executive Director- Mandy Reynolds

Joy reminded us to go too YouTube to hear our 2020 Commissioned Performance by Dr. Peter Van Zandt Lane, performed by the Fuego Quartet.

Jeri-Mae Astolfi, as Commissioned Composer Chair, introduced our composer live as well as via a video.

Adjourn

President Joy Poole adjourned the meeting at 3:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann McTier

GMTA Secretary