

GMTA 2015 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Friday, November 6, 2015

Agnes Scott College, Decatur, GA

Welcome

The 2015 Annual Business Meeting of the Georgia Music Teachers Association was called to order in Gaines Hall of the Agnes Scott College. President Robin Engleman welcomed the GMTA membership to the conference.

Tracy Laird, Chair of the Agnes Scott College Music Department, welcomed the conference attendees to the college. MTNA President, Dr. Rebecca Johnson, also spoke. She brought greetings from the National Board of Directors of MTNA, Gary Ingle, and the MTNA national staff.

Approval of Minutes of 2014 Annual Business Meeting

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Susan Andrews. There were no additions or corrections. The motion passed.

Approval of Financial Report

The Financial Report for 2015-2016 was approved.

President's Report

President Engleman reported:

The past year has been very productive for the Georgia Music Teachers Association.

In January, GMTA was represented at the MTNA Southern Division Meeting and Competitions at The University of Tennessee in Knoxville, Tennessee. At the Southern Division Competition, GMTA had five winners, two alternates, and two honorable mentions. The Performance winners traveled to Las Vegas in March to compete in the MTNA Competition Finals, which were held in conjunction with the MTNA Conference. GMTA came in second in two of the categories! Luka Marinkovic placed second in the MTNA Senior Composition Competition and Columbus String Quartet under the direction of Sergiu Schwartz placed second in the MTNA Chamber Music Strings Competition.

The 2015 MTNA Conference in Las Vegas was attended by almost 20 GMTA members. It was a wonderful conference which featured great sessions and recitals. The 2016 MTNA Conference will be held next April in San Antonio, Texas. I hope many more of our GMTA members will attend this wonderful opportunity for professional growth and personal enrichment.

The GMTA Auditions were held April 11th and 18th at The University of Georgia under the supervision of Vice President for GMTA Auditions, Cathy Thacker. There were a total of 835 participants and 160 teachers participating in the Auditions. Many thanks to the faculty and staff

at the Hugh Hodgson School of Music on the University of Georgia campus for hosting our 2015 GMTA Auditions.

GMTA Theory continues to develop under the leadership of Jason Bennett with Diane Boyd leading the GMTA Theory Tests and Rebekah Healan heading up the GATE. In the 2014-2015 school year 282 students took the GMTA Theory test representing 50 of our members. This past spring, the GATE was administered as a trial run to every student who participated in pre-college piano or piano concerto in Auditions.

Last November, an Ad Hoc Committee consisting of Jonathan Klein, Chair, Cathy Thacker, VP Auditions and Betty Atkins, President Augusta MTA were appointed to propose a fee structure for non-member participation in GMTA Auditions, an FTC requirement which was presented and approved at the April Executive Board meeting. A second Ad Hoc Committee was established in April to look into issues and concerns related to the competitive events of GMTA and its affiliates. This committee is made up of Jonathan Klein, Chair, Joe Chapman, Linda Dorsey, Rebekah Healan, Keiko Ransom, Carol Roach and Cathy Thacker. This ongoing committee has already made several recommendations which were presented in August to the Executive Board. Thank you to Jonathan and each member who served and are serving on these committees.

The MTNA-GA Performance Competitions were held this past weekend at Clayton State University under the supervision of Carol Payne, VP of Competitions. There were 87 solo entrants and 3 chamber ensembles in the Performance Competitions. The MTNA-GA Composition Competitions had 4 entrants. From the MTNA-GA Competitions: 11 soloists; 2 chamber ensembles; 2 composers will represent GMTA in the MTNA Southern Division Competitions in January 2016 at the University of South Florida School of Music in Tampa, Florida. GMTA appreciates the excellent work that Carol and her staff did for this year's Competitions.

The GMTA Facebook page, established in 2011 by Past President, Keith DeFoor, continues to be an important social media presence for our Association. The reigns were transferred to Cat Massey earlier this year. Our Facebook page currently has 276 "likes", generates traffic, and remains a healthy manner to promote GMTA.

The GMTA website continues to be well received and utilized. In April, we retired our website chair position. We appreciate Jonathan Klein who has taken us through many stages in the development of our website. Actually he's not really retired as he has been busy chairing those ad hoc committees. Mandy Reynolds has ably assumed responsibility for the upkeep of the website.

GMTA did a little housekeeping this year. Dawn McCord, GMTA Immediate Past President, reviewed each Local Association's Bylaws or Constitutions by making sure that they were up to date and in compliance with the FTC. Sixteen of these Bylaws were approved by the Executive Board at the August meeting. The remaining three are being reviewed and will be presented to the Executive Board at its April meeting. Copies of the approved Bylaws have been filed in the GMTA office and forwarded to MTNA as required.

As of October 31, 2015, GMTA has 695 members; of those 55 are student members; number of certified members is 103.

As of October 31, 2015, GMTA's bank (checking & savings) balance is \$78,337.46; the amount in GMTA's reserve fund is \$25,303.64; the amount in our Composition Award Fund is \$7,783.25; the amount in the Broadhurst Award Fund is \$12,499.08; and the amount in the GMTA Award Fund is \$12,836.11.

I hope you are enjoying your time at the 2015 GMTA Conference. We have 159 registrations, or an astounding 23% of our membership, in attendance. An undertaking such as a state conference requires the effort of many individuals. Thank you to the following people for making the 2015 GMTA Conference a success.

- Agnes Scott College President Elizabeth Kiss
- Kerry Pannell, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs and Associate Dean of the College
- Tracey E. W. Laird, Professor of Music and Chair of the Department of Music
- Whitney Brown, Faculty Administrative Assistant/Music
- David D'Ambrosio, Director of Piano Studies and Accompanying and GMTA liaison
- Qiao Solomon, Assistant Professor of Music and Director of Orchestral Activities and Strings Study
- The Agnes Scott College Community Orchestra
- The students, faculty and staff of Agnes Scott College Department of Music for all the accommodations they have made for our conference, including the Thursday evening reception
- Our conference headliners, pedagogue Ingrid Clarfield, pianist Ian Hobson, commissioned composer Greg McLean, pianist Geoffrey Haydon and trumpeter Hollie Lifshy elevating our conference with their magnificent contributions
- Decatur and North DeKalb MTAs for providing hospitality for the GMTA Conference
- Cooper Music for providing our goody bags
- The Courtyard Marriott in Decatur for serving as our host hotel
- Joy Poole, VP of Programs, for the many, many hours she has spent in planning and implementing this conference
- Mandy Reynolds, our GMTA Executive Director and conference registrar, for her strong service in managing a myriad of details and tasks regarding our conference
- Natalie Hardy, Conference Photographer, for visually documenting our conference
- The many "Georgia's Own" members who presented at our conference sessions and to the many members who served as presiders during these sessions
- Chris Syllaba and Steinway Piano Galleries for providing the Steinway Piano Galleries Educator Grants
- Sam and Don Bennett of Piano Works for contributing a Hidrau Model Hydraulic Adjustable Piano Bench for the MTNA Foundation Fund drawing
- Carol Payne, VP/MTNA Competitions and Cathy Thacker, VP/GMTA Auditions for their untiring service this week
- Colette Keogh, MTNA Foundation Chair, and Heather Turner, GMTA Award Funds Chair, for organizing and implementing outstanding raffles

Thank you for all you do to make GMTA the outstanding organization it is. I am proud to be a member of such an exceptional Association. It has been a great honor and privilege to serve as president this past year. Thank you especially for the strong encouragement and support you have given me these past few months. I am particularly indebted to the outstanding GMTA officers, chairs, and local association presidents with whom I serve. Their work and sacrifice have made all the difference in moving GMTA forward. Our Association is very strong, and I look forward to another year of serving, with your help, as we together strive to advance Georgia Music Teachers Association.

The 2015 GMTA Commissioned Work, Sonata for Trumpet and Piano, Greg McLean Composer, was presented by Hollie Lifshey, Trumpet and Geoffrey Hayden, Piano.

Announcements

The MTNA Conference will be held in San Antonio, Texas, April 2-6, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Reed NCTM. GMTA Secretary