

## **GMTA 2016 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

Friday, November 4, 2016

Wesleyan College, Macon, GA

### **Welcome**

The 2016 Annual Business Meeting of the Georgia Music Teachers Association was called to order in Porter Auditorium of Wesleyan College. President Robin Engleman welcomed the GMTA membership to the conference.

Nadine Cheek, Chair of the Wesleyan College Music Department, welcomed the conference attendees to the college.

### **Approval of Minutes of 2015 Annual Business Meeting**

The minutes were e-mailed to each member to review. There were no corrections or additions. The minutes were approved.

### **Approval of Financial Report**

The Financial Report was approved.

### **President's Report**

President Engleman reported:

This has been a productive year for the Georgia Music Teachers Association.

In January, GMTA was represented at the MTNA Southern Division Meeting and Competitions at the University of South Florida in Tampa, Florida. At the Southern Division Competition, GMTA had six winners, three alternates, and two honorable mentions. Nach, under the direction of Connie Frigo, was the winner in the Chamber Music Winds Competition. Yannie Tan, student of Alexander Kobrin, was the winner of the Junior Piano Performance Category. Zhirui Zhou, student of Alexander Kobrin, was the winner of the Young Artist Piano Performance Category. Goeun Sim, student of Sergiu Schwartz, was the winner of the Senior String Performance Category. Zhihao Wu, student of Hans Jensen, was the winner of the Young Artist String Performance Category. Traian Sturza, student of Ronald Wirt, was the winner of the Senior Woodwind Performance Category. The winners traveled to San Antonio in April to compete in the MTNA Performance Competition Finals, which were held in conjunction with the MTNA Conference. GMTA came in first in one category and second in two categories! Yannie Tan, placed first in the MTNA Junior Piano Performance Category. Goeun Sim, student

of Sergiu Schwartz, placed second in the MTNA Senior String Performance Competition and Zhihao Wu, student of Hans Jensen, placed second in the MTNA Young Artist String Performance Competition.

In April, the 2016 MTNA Conference in San Antonio was attended by 35 GMTA members. It was a wonderful conference which featured great sessions and recitals. The 2017 MTNA Conference will be held next March in Baltimore, Maryland. I hope many of our GMTA members will attend this wonderful opportunity for professional growth and personal enrichment.

The GMTA Auditions were held April 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> at The University of Georgia under the supervision of Vice President for GMTA Auditions, Cathy Thacker. There were a total of 729 participants and 118 teachers participating in the Auditions. Participants included 384 Region students and 177 State students in Pre-College Piano, 35 students in 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Piano, 13 students in High School Piano Concerto, 17 students in College Piano, 14 students in High School and College Voice, 55 students K-College Strings/Guitar, 13 students in Brass and Woodwinds and 21 students in Instrumental Concerto. Many thanks to the faculty and staff at the Hugh Hodgson School of Music on the University of Georgia campus for hosting our 2016 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. Collette Keogh will be replacing Rebekah Healan as GATE coordinator. In 2015-2016, 257 students took the GMTA Theory test representing 57 of our members. Of those, 112 (almost 44%) earned a 90 or above, and 29 scored a perfect 100%! This past spring, the GATE was administered for the first time to every student who participated in pre-college piano or piano concerto in Auditions.

The MTNA-GA Performance Competitions were held this past weekend at Mercer University under the supervision of Carol Payne, VP of Competitions. There were 84 solo entrants and 4 chamber ensembles in the Performance Competitions. The MTNA-GA Composition Competitions had 8 entrants. From the MTNA-GA Competitions: 10 solo winners and 1 representative, 1 piano duet winner, 1 chamber ensemble winner, 2 composition winner and 2 representatives will represent GMTA in the MTNA Southern Division Competitions in January 2017 at the University of South Carolina in Columbia, South Carolina. GMTA appreciates the excellent work that Carol and her staff did for this year's Competitions.

The GMTA FaceBook page, first published in April 2011, continues to be an important social media presence for our Association under the supervision of Cat Massey. Our Facebook page has 310 "likes", generates traffic, and remains a healthy manner to promote GMTA.

The GMTA web site continues to be well received and utilized. Mandy sees to the timely upkeep of the website. Mandy developed with Handmade Designs and the assistance of Joy Poole our Online Registration. Cobb County MTA offered to test the system this spring by registering for GMTA Auditions. There is still tweaking to be done, but I am thankful and excited for this new online process which will make registering for our Auditions and Competitions much easier.

As of October 31, 2016, GMTA has 682 members; of those 36 are student members; number of certified members is 100.

As of October 31, 2016, GMTA's bank (checking & savings) balance is \$76,508.07; the amount in GMTA's reserve fund is \$25,327.32; the amount in our Composition Award Fund is \$7,835.57; the amount in the Broadhurst Award Fund is \$12,552.79; and the amount in the GMTA Award Fund is \$14,614.58.

I hope you are enjoying your time at the 2016 GMTA Conference. We have 157 registrations this year. An undertaking such as a state conference requires the effort of many individuals. Thank you to the following people for making the 2916 GMTA Conference a success.

- Wesleyan College President Ruth Austin Know
- Nadine Cheek, Professor of Music and Chair of the Department of Music
- Chenny Gan, Assistant Professor of Music and GMTA liason
- Hannah Gardiner Doan, Director of Auxiliary Services
- Kristie Robinson, Food Services
- The students, faculty and staff of Wesleyan College Departments of Music for the accommodations they have made for our conference
- Our conference headliners, pedagogue Timothy Brown, pianist Boris Berman, commissioned composer David Peoples, Kelly Via and pianist Joanna Kim-Doyle elevating our conference with their magnificent contributions
- Macon MTA for providing hospitality for the GMTA Conference
- FJH for providing our goody bags
- LaQuinta 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
- 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 being our Conference Bookstore and for their continued contribution of 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 outstanding Association, and it has been one of the great honors and privileges of my life to have served as president these past two years. Thank you for the enormously strong encouragement and support you have extended. I am particularly indebted to the outstanding GMTA officers, chairs, and local association presidents with whom I have served. Their work and sacrifice have made all the difference in moving our association forward. Our Association is very strong, and I look forward to serving alongside Rebekah Healan and her 2016-2018 Administration as we together strive to advance Georgia Music Teachers Association.

### **Election of Officers**

The following officers were elected:

President – Rebekah Healan

President-Elect – Joy Poole

Vice President of Programs – Chenny Gan

Vice President of Membership – Jerico Vasquez

Vice President of Newsletters – Nancy Riley

Vice President of GMTA Auditions – Cathy Thacker, NCTM

Vice President of MTNA Competitions – Joanna Kim Doyle, NCTM

Secretary – Jan Adams, NCTM

Member-at-Large – Ping-Yun Hsu

Member-at-Large – Glen Eckman

Immediate Past President – Robin Engleman, NCTM

The 2016 GMTA Commissioned Work, Sonata, 'Riding Crepuscular Rays', David Peoples Composer, was presented by Kelly Via, Piccolo and Dr. Joanna Kim-Doyle, NCTM, Piano.

Presentations were made to David Peoples, Commissioned Composer by President Engleman and President-Elect Rebekah Healan presented a plaque to President Robin Engleman for her service to GMTA the past two years. Robin represented GMTA at the 2015 and 2016 Southern Division Meetings and National MTNA Conferences and accomplished her goal of visiting every local association.

### **Announcements**

The MTNA Conference will be held in Baltimore, Maryland, March 18-22, 2017

Remember to buy raffle tickets for the GMTA Awards and the MTNA Foundation Fund. Macon MTA has CDs available of Susan McDuffie's children, Margery and Robert at the hospitality table.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Adams, NCTM  
GMTA Secretary