



## **GMTA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

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Columbus State University Columbus, GA

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

3 November 2012

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### **REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

President: Dawn McCord

Donna Lee, GMTA Executive Director, was congratulated on her recent marriage. So many good things are happening in GMTA. I joined the MTNA-GA winners at the Southern Division Meetings Competitions at the University of North Carolina-Greensboro, January 18-21, 2013. I served as an indoor monitor for two events and was fortunate to hear our Chamber and Piano Duet competitors. I was very proud to claim them as our own along with all of our participants. Our state garnered many wins along with other awards. The winners represented us at the MTNA Conference in Anaheim, California. We had 8 national participants (1 chamber, 3 performance, and 2 composition). Out of those, we had one second place winner and three third place winners. Kudos to the teachers in Georgia and their wonderful students. I also attended meetings and forums dedicated to meeting the goals of our organization as well as hearing many fine performances and masterclasses.

As we gather for our Board meeting today, we are also concluding our first newly redesigned Auditions and many positive reviews have been received. The work of the past and present VP of Auditions is evidence of their planning and desire to make our Auditions the best possible experience for our students. Jan Adams deserves so many thanks for making this change happen smoothly with a gifted calmness of spirit. I helped with the Region V Auditions and in spite of a judge no show, the organizers pulled everything together quickly and families seemed pleased with the experience. The VP's for Programs/Conference and Competition met me on the campus of the University of West Georgia in March for a planning meeting in preparation for the upcoming conference. The plans for the conference are all on schedule and there will be great headliners and sessions. We will have

some events that have a focus on the interests of our collegiate members. We hope that they will join us and we can join them in some unique experiences. They are our future. During the summer you will be getting specific highlights and I know that you will not want to miss this conference. Be sure and mark your calendar for our conference. It is time to *Go West*.

President-Elect: Robin Engleman

Mostly I have been adjusting to my new responsibilities: Teacher of the Year, Local Associations Chair, beginning the search for locations for the 2015 and 2016 GMTA Conferences.

At the MTNA Conference in California, I attended sessions that addressed current issues relevant to our membership.

Vice-President, Programs: Susan Tusing

Plans are well under way for the 2013 GMTA Conference, which will be held this year in Carrollton on the campus of the University of West Georgia. Numerous proposals were submitted for Georgia's Own sessions and Marvin Blickenstaff will be our pedagogy headliner, and we are finalizing plans for our performance headliner. (Details will follow.)

Atlanta composer Curtis Bryant is our 2013 Commissioned Composer. Bryant will compose a choral work to be premiered at the Conference. Bryant has composed music in virtually all media from chamber music to choral, orchestral and operatic. His work for television has led him to explore popular music as well, ranging in style from jazz to gospel and rock, as well as many folk and ethnic styles. But, if diversity has been a necessity at times, it has not prevented Bryant from developing his own distinctive voice as a composer of serious concert music. Bryant's music is solidly tonal in style, often employing modal harmonies which display influences from blues and jazz. His use of form is strongly founded in Classical tradition, which brings about a synthesis of European structures with uniquely American colors. Bryant has a particularly strong sense of melody, which is at the heart of all his music. His sense of melodic line has made his music especially well suited to the voice, but he is equally at home with instrumental music. More information about Curtis Bryant can be found on his website, [www.curtisbryantmusic.com](http://www.curtisbryantmusic.com).

On Thursday evening, the concerto concert will also include a special student composition event, and afterwards we will have a casual "Post-Recital Recital" and reception honoring our collegiate members. Music will be provided by Atlanta by Six, a chamber ensemble that performs newly-composed music in a variety of styles.

I will keep everyone posted as plans progress for the Conference.

Vice-President, Membership: Julie Soh-Harbin

Currently we have 749 members in Georgie.

Encourage new teachers to join GMTA. Tell new teachers the information and benefits about your chapter including your chapter's events, competitions. GMTA has many thriving and trend setting collegiate chapters. Does the college or university in your area have a collegiate MTNA chapter? If not, consider having your local chapter help support the start up of a collegiate chapter or include college students in your local meetings and events. The importance of being a part of a professional organization begins at the college level. If students are introduced to the many benefits that they are more likely to continue in MTNA after graduation,

Research studies show that a majority of people join associations because a colleague invited them. MTNA encourages you to think of at least one person you know who would benefit from MTNA membership and reach out to that person. Then, spread the word about the campaign in your local and state associations so each one in our membership will reach one prospective member. Membership brochures and other materials to support your recruitment and retention activities are available from the national office.

Vice-President, Publicity: Natalie Hardy

Since I started my new term as Vice President of Newsletters, I have enjoyed using my new software, provided by GMTA: Microsoft Publisher. The first newsletter I completed was the Winter 2013 issue, and I think it was a huge success. Many thanks go to Dawn McCord, Keith, DeFoor, and Jonathan Klein for all their help with editing and compilation. My goal as the new VP of Newsletters is to keep the newsletter looking fresh, and to use it as a connection point for all the members who may not be able to participate in some GMTA activities. I want the pages to reflect the pride, commitment and professionalism that our group embraces. It is very important to me to include photos whenever possible, so I will encourage all reports and submissions to include photos whenever possible, so I will encourage all reports and submissions to include photos. We will now be implementing a new plan for the Local Association Reports. All LAP's will be invited to submit a report for any of the newsletters that they wish to be a part of. In the past, there have been designated newsletters for each local group. This change has been made in order to highlight important and time-sensitive events happening in each local group. I look forward to putting together the Summer Newsletter next month.

Vice-President, GMTA Auditions: Jan Adams

Our first year with three levels of competition was very successful. We had a smooth transition thanks to the hard work of Rebekah Jones and her committee, the Regional Coordinators, Organizers, and State Chairs

We had a total of 636 students who participated in the Regional and State Audition Competitions.

Region I - 172	Grade 12 - 20
Region II - 88	Concerto - 20
Region III - 13	WW/Brass - 2
Region IV - 158	Strings/Guitar - 42
Region V - 74	Voice - 19

Of these students, 176 teachers were represented. There were 231 Theory participants.

Thanks to all of you for bearing with us as we worked through this new and better process. After Auditions, we will begin evaluating the Audition process to make it even better for next year. Please email me with any comments you may have.

Vice-President, MTNA Competitions: David George  
No report

Executive Director: Donna Lee

The following names will be added to the signature card on file for GMTA banking accounts at Bank of America: Donna Lee, Dawn McCord, Robin Engleman. The motion was made, seconded, and passed.

Donna handed out the GMTA Financial Summary from July 1, 2012 to March 25, 2013, as well as the GMTA Proposed Budget for July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014. Copies of these two forms are attached to these minutes.

## **REPORTS OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

Arts Awareness and Advocacy: Tom Pearsall

There has been one new addition submitted for the “Georgia’s Own” list to date. I will continue to update the list as more additions and changes are submitted. New to the list is a request for photos and brief bios, as stated in my report for the previous issue of the GMTA newsletter.

Certification: Ashley Craig-Diaz

A special thanks to Robin Engleman, NCTM, for so nicely introducing me in the last GMTA newsletter. I am excited to be GMTA’s new Certification Chair and hope to continue Robin’s goal of seeing the number of Nationally Certified teachers in our state increase!

Congratulations to our newly Nationally Certified Teachers of Music: Amy Wilson, NCTM, of Decatur; Joanna Doyle, NCTM, of Lawrenceville; and David Peoples, NCTM, of Buford.

At the end of March 2013, GMTA had a membership of 744 and of those, 113 are Nationally Certified. GMTA tied with Minnesota for being ranked 25 at 15.2% which is above the national average of 14.9%.

I would love to help you become a Nationally Certified Teacher of Music. Please feel free to contact me with any questions regarding National Certification: [acraigdiaz@aol.com](mailto:acraigdiaz@aol.com).

Holding National Certification from MTNA is a distinction. Having the letters, NCTM, follow your name shows that you maintain high standards in your

teaching. Join the other 3,232 members of Music Teachers National Association who have chosen continued excellence in their profession. Become a Nationally Certified Teacher of Music today!

College Faculty: Paula Thomas-Lee  
No Report

Collegiate Chapters: Susan Naylor

On April 18, 2013, an email letter was sent to 51 piano faculty and music school deans at 30 colleges and universities throughout Georgia in an effort to recruit new collegiate chapters.

Contacts are being made to involve existing Collegiate Chapters in planning for the 2013-2014 GMTA State Conferences.

Through the leadership of Dawn McCord and Susan Tusing, GMTA will offer one session geared to Collegiate Chapters at the 2013 State Conference. The planned session, "Performance Anxiety from the Student's Perspective" will feature Dr. Mason Conklin, Instructor of Music from Reinhardt University. In addition, a reception in honor of Collegiate Chapters will take place on Friday, November 8, after the evening recital.

There are currently five active Collegiate Chapters and 173 chapters nationwide, although, according to MTNA, it is not known how many of those chapters are active. The active Collegiate Chapters in Georgia are at Georgia State University, Reinhardt University, Shorter University, University of Georgia, and Young Harris College. My goal is to add at least two more active chapters in 2013 and an additional two in 2014.

In the future, I would like to pursue the creation of a state-supported Collegiate Chapters organization in which officers would be elected and activities would be planned at a state meeting specifically for Collegiate Chapters.

Concerns: Betty White  
No Report

Finance/Advisory Committee: Keith DeFoor

The Finance and Advisory Committee met on 12 January, 2013, via Blackboard technology for a conference debriefing.

The Finance and Advisory Committee met on 6 April 2013 at Executive Director Donna Lee's home to prepare the proposed 2013-2014 GMTA budget. Executive Director Lee anticipates that GMTA will end the year with a surplus of approximately \$5,000. The Finance and Advisory Committee voted the following relative to the anticipated surplus:

To provide a \$1,000 bonus to Executive Director Donna Lee  
To propose to the GMTA Executive Board an expenditure of no more than \$1,600 to purchase a computer bundle for the GMTA office.

To bank the remainder of the surplus to use relative to the 2013 GMTA Conference and the 2014 GMTA Conference ( the sixtieth anniversary Conference)

GMTA Awards: Diane Boyd  
No Report

Independent Music Teachers Forum (IYMF): Annette Day  
No Report

MTNA Foundation: Rwei Hao

Thank you to the following local chapters and members for their contributions to the MTNA Foundation Fund during the fourth quarter of 2012. The total amount is \$780.

Gwinnett County MTA	Colette Keogh
Susan Andrews	Barbara Korzan
Diane Boyd	Linda Lokey
Aurelia Campbell	Ruth Mantooth
Grace Caudle	Pamela Martin
Ashley Craig-Diaz	Debra Murphy
Lydia Culpepper	Lanelle Nash
David D'Ambrosio	Susan Naylor
Donna Dasher	Carol Payne
Kathryn Dawal	Jacquelyn Reed
Cynthia DeFoor	Julie Smith
Debra Dickensheets	Kathleen Stanley
Robin Engleman	Jenny Sutton
Valencia Giles	Edith Sweatman
Julie Harbin	Martha Thomas
Ruth Harris	Paula Thomas-Lee
Kristi Helfen	Pia Ugarte
Debra Hughes	

The total amount of Georgia contributions to the MTNA Foundation during 2012 is \$3,167.50. Members can make a donation to the MTNA Foundation Fund at any time through the following steps: go to [www.mtna.org](http://www.mtna.org). Click on MTNA Foundation Fund, then on Make A Contribution Online. Fill out the Donation Form and click Submit.

Congratulations to Betty White on being named a 2013 Foundation Fellow. The following list is the contributors to the Betty White Foundation Fellow Fund. This list is current as of February 28, 2013. The total amount of donations to this fund is \$1,960.00

Susan Andrews	Debra Hughes
Diane Boyd	Linda Lokey
Janice Broadhurst	Ruth Mantooth
Aurelia Campbell	Pamela Martin
Grace Caudle	Jeannine Morrison
Ashley Craig-Diaz	Debra Murphy
Lydia Culpepper	Susan Naylor
David D'Ambrosio	Tom Pearsall

Donna Dasher	Margaret Schuler
Debra Dickensheets	Julie Smith
Robin Engleman	Kathleen Stanley
Wayne Gibson	Martha Thomas
Valencia Giles	Paula Thomas-Lee
Julie Harbin	Frances Thrailkill
Kristi Helfen	Paula Wamsley

Piano Judges List: Yumi Patterson

Jonathan Klein, the website chair, helped me update and improve the information on the judges list for the GMTA website. The list of approved judges' names are now in alphabetical order with their email addresses. An area that needs further improvement to make it visually more appealing, is the category preference of judging level/competition or non-competition.

Hopefully the list will continue to become a helpful source for the event chairman in looking for judges.

Programs/Conference: Susan Tusing  
See VP report above

Technology: Joe Lozier  
No Report

Theory: Jason Bennett  
No Report

Website: Jonathan Klein

The GMTA website continues to be an important "face" for our state association.

The website is being constantly updated and some of the highlights include:

- New format for GMTA judges listing page
- New pictures on the GMTA homepage
- Online Conference registration
- Passwords for GMTA member directory access
- Archive of GMTA minutes (coming soon)

The GMTA executive board would like to encourage the membership to use the GMTA website for calendar, Teacher of the Year teaching tips, audition results, student activities, newsletters, teacher certification information, and upcoming conference information.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Action items

1. The Finance and Advisory Committee proposes the 2013-2014 Budget.

2. The Finance and Advisory Committee proposes the purchase of a computer package for the GMTA Office, not to exceed \$1,600.

Both items passed.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Local Association Presidents**, please let us know names of any upcoming, new Presidents for your association and when the new term begins.
2. **Local Association Presidents**, please confirm the Auditions Chair for your association on the Local Association Auditions Chair Page today.
3. **Local Association of the Year Award:** This award is now submitted only at the national level which means that more than one Local Association may submit an application. The information for this process should be online by this summer and all Local Associations are encouraged to submit an application.
4. **MTNA Competitions:**
  - a. 2013 application deadline is 3:00 PM Eastern Time on 11 September 2013. Online applications will be available in August.
  - b. To enter students at the member teacher rate, teachers must renew their membership before a student begins the competition application. Students will be assessed a \$150 nonmember teacher fee if the membership is not paid for the 2013-14 membership year.
5. **Composer Classifications:** Acknowledging the difficulty in classifying composers within different periods, the MTNA website used for competitions can serve as a guide.
6. **Teacher of the Year Nominations, Teacher Grants, Steinway Awards:** The deadline has been changed to the second Monday in September. This should allow participants time during the summer months to prepare their nominations or proposals.
7. **Teacher of the Year Nominations:** State Teacher of the Year nominations are now submitted to MTNA electronically. We will be trying to develop a web page to also submit online. In the past, we have required five binders for each nomination. Stay tuned for information on this newly developing procedure.
8. **Mark** the dates provided below for the 2014 Auditions: There were some tentative dates being entertained and we want to be sure that no one put those dates into their calendar.
9. **GMTA Website Directory:** The good news is that MTNA has now changed their reporting procedures to allow us to download the latest information on MTNA certification, local association membership, and teaching fields. The temporary bad news is that our web directory is in the process of being redesigned to handle this new information. Until the redesign is completed, information will not be updated.
10. **The 2013 GMTA Conference** will be November 7-9 at the University of West Georgia in Carrollton, GA. Last year GMTA initiated online conference registration and that will be available again on the GMTA website.
11. **The next GMTA Executive Board Meeting** will be held at Clayton State University in Morrow, GA, on Saturday, 17 August 2013. Local Association Presidents will meet at 10:00 AM. The Executive Board, which includes Local Association Presidents, will meet at 11:15 AM.

## CALENDAR

### 2013

- **May 1:** deadline for articles to be included in the GMTA Summer Newsletter - Local Association presidents that need to submit articles are: Atlanta, Augusta, Decatur, Greater Mariette, North DeKalb, and North Fulton (200 words or less!).
- **June 30:** Membership Renewal: active membership year runs from July 1 through June 30.
- **August 1:** Deadline for articles to be included in the GMTA Winter Newsletter - Local Association presidents that need to submit articles are Cherokee, Columbus, Gwinnett County, Northeast Georgia, Savannah, and South Metro Atlanta (200 words or less!)
- **August 13:** Officer Reports due to Secretary for upcoming Board Meeting.
- **August 17:** GMTA Council of Local Association Presidents' Meeting and GMTA Executive Board Meeting, Clayton State University, Morrow, GA.
- **September 9 (second Monday):** Application deadline for GMTA Teacher of the Year, Steinway Teacher Awards, GMTA Teacher Grants.
- **September 11:** All applications for all MTNA Competitions for all states must be entered ONLINE by 3:00 PM Eastern Time.
- **November 4-7:** MTNA-GA Competitions and GMTA Conference, University of West Georgia, Carrollton, GA.
- **November 7-9:** GMTA Conference, University of West Georgia, Carrollton, GA.
- **November 30:** Deadline for articles to be included in the GMTA Winter Newsletter - Local Association presidents that need to submit are Athens, Cobb, Coweta-Fayette, Golden Isles, Macon, Rome, and Western Georgia (200 words or less!)

### 2014

- **January 17-20:** MTNA Southern Division Meeting and Competitions, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY.
- **March 1:** Deadline for Conference Proposals
- **March 10:** Postmark Deadline for GMTA Regional Auditions Applications
- **March 22-26:** MTNA Conference, Marriott Hotel, Chicago, Illinois
- **March 29:** GMTA Regional Auditions
- **March 31:** Postmark Deadline for State Auditions Applications
- **April 12:** GMTA State Auditions for College, Instrumental, and Voice
- **April 22:** Officer Reports due to Secretary for upcoming Board meeting
- **April 26:** GMTA Council of Local Association Presidents' Meeting and GMTA Executive Board Meeting
- **April 26:** GMTA State Auditions for Pre-College and Concerto