

**PMTA General Meeting Minutes**  
**June 13, 2015**  
**Nittany Lion Inn, Penn State, University Park**  
**12:30 pm**

**Meeting was called to order** by President Steven Smith.

**Approval of minutes:** Motion to approve by Ed Kuhn, seconded by Cecily Franklin, unanimously approved.

**President's Report:**

**Thanks:** Steven Smith thanked the following:

\*Sue Haug, Director of the Penn State School of Music, for hosting the conference

\*Chris Guzman for organizing the faculty recital as well as performing

\*all the other faculty performers, including David Stambler, Kim Cook, Tim Shafer, and members of the Pennsylvania Wind Quintet (Anthony Costa, Daryl Durran, Timothy Hurtz, Naomi Seidman, Lisa Bontrager

\*Robert M. Sides Music, our vendor, who donated use of their new concert grand piano

\*CPMTA for the reception at the Local Associations Forum

\*Lois Svard for organizing this year's commissioned piece by Adam Silverman

\*Conference organizers Mary Lynne Bennett and Elaine Friedlander

**Scheduling Reminders:** Keep Nov 7-8 on calendars for the Dorothy Sutton Performance Festival and MTNA competition at Elizabethtown College. Next year's conference is at Seven Springs resort near Fallingwater in Western Pennsylvania. Tentative dates are June 10-12. In 2016 the competition and festival in November will be at Westchester. Thanks to Patricia Powell for organizing that. The 2017 conference in June will most likely be at Lebanon Valley College, and the November competition and festival will most likely be at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, thanks to Henry Wong Doe. Dates are still TBD.

**MTNA Leadership Summit:** Steven Smith (outgoing PMTA president) and Deborah Rodgers (incoming PMTA president) both attended the MTNA leadership summit in Cincinnati. The PMTA board has approved a continuing pattern where the next president attends that summit along with the current president.

**Reminder of FTC regulations:** MTNA members are forbidden to discuss any kind of lesson pricing or boycotts as part of official business. The compliance guide for following the FTC regulations is here: <http://www.mtna.org/media/77169/MTNA%20ANTITRUST%20COMPLIANCE%20GUIDE.pdf>

**New Board Position:** PMTA has added a new board position: Amanda Gunderson will serve as competition chair and as board member. Jacqueline Herbein will continue as treasurer.

## **Competitions:**

Thanks to Gloriana Sewell for the revival of Keystone chamber music competition. Teachers are encouraged to have their students play in it. Details are here:

<http://www.pamusicteachers.org/activities/pmmta-chamber-music-competition/>

In the Eastern division MTNA competition, Barron Cao, (student of Dea Baba) won alternate of the junior piano category. Emily Karosas (student of James Lyon) was winner of Young Artist Strings both at the Division and later at the National level.

## **Recognition of officers and board members:**

Deborah Rodgers Vice President, next president; Jackie Herbein, treasurer (absent); Jocelyn Swigger, secretary; Gilya Hodos, immediate past president; Ed Kuhn, foundation fundraising associate; Chris Guzman, collegiate faculty liaison; Susan Kuntz, marketing; Lois Svard, composer commissions chair; Patricia Powell, collegiate chapters; Teri Smith, Dorothy Sutton Performance Festival.

**Election of officers:** Steven Smith called for election of officers: Deborah Rodgers, President; Mary Lynne Bennett, Vice President; Jacqueline Herbein, Treasurer; Jocelyn Swigger, Secretary. There were no nominations from the floor. Cecily Franklin moved acceptance of the slate of officers, and Susan Kuntz seconded. The motion carried by unanimous consent. New officers are effective July first.

**Presidential transition:** This was Steven Smith's last appearance as president. During his tenure as president, PMTA has had continuous modest financial growth while maintaining about 500 members, so the organization is in a good place. Deborah Rodgers will take over as president in July, with Mary Lynne Bennett serving as Vice President.

**New member incentives:** Deborah Rodgers reported that PMTA has decided to provide incentives for new members. Everyone is encouraged to spread the word about them:

\* for new college graduates, one-time free state and local membership (reimbursed by check) during the first 5 years out of school

\*a one-time free membership to PMTA to a new member who comes to the conference.

A reimbursement check was presented to Dorian Gabriel Todd as a new member attending the Conference.

**Raffle:** Ed Kuhn facilitated the raffle, which benefits MTNA foundation fund for scholarships and grants. The raffle winner was Laura Williamson, who won an Amazon gift card.

**Motion to adjourn:** Motion to adjourn by Ed Kuhn, seconded by Jocelyn Swigger, unanimously approved.