

PMTA Board Meeting

June 4, 2023

Penn Stater Hotel, State College, PA

Board members present:

Ed Kuhn, Ian Duh, Amanda Gunderson, Wendy Bachman, Mary Lynne Bennett, Justin Badgerow, Eun-Joo Kwak, Nanette Solomon, Jonathan Flowers, Dee Ann Symington, Susan Kuntz, Miriam Shingle, Chris Guzman, Steven Smith, Melody Quah

Guests present: Leah Claiborne

Meeting called to order at 12:19 by Amanda Gunderson

Approval of the Minutes from November 2022

Motion to approve by Susan Kuntz. Seconded by Steven Smith. Motion passes.

Officer Reports

A. President

1. News from national conference – good representation from PA.
2. Get established in two year rhythm of events/conferences
 - i. Looking for new venues for conferences and compositions at a competitive rate (free or close to free!) for 2025. Central locations desired. PMTA would cover tuning of pianos.
3. Mary Lynne stays on as treasurer
4. VP role will be include planning processes for conference (Maria is chair)
5. Jonathan Flowers will have a co-chair
6. Evan continuing with competitions with Elizabeth Etnoyer assisting
7. Certification chair is vacant at this time
8. Henry Wong Doe will take over as Commissioned Composer chair, stepping down as collegiate chair
9. Ed Kuhn

B. Treasurers

1. Money market growing very slowly
2. Seven Springs fees came in later and were substantial
3. Investment account has grown over the past year
4. Annuities has slight growth (3 yr. term). More will be there when the terms are up (5 yr. and 3 yr.)
5. Reimbursements –send hotel receipt, and total mileage incurred roundtrip
6. Budget
 - i. Dues down to 17k for 2023-24
 - ii. Trust distribution proposed plus investment draw is budgeted for 16k in income
 - iii. Expenses – will go over budget for board expense this year due to late payments from last year. Dorothy Sutton medals adds costs for this year
 - iv. Overall proposed budget is \$44,550 as compared to \$40,800 for last year.
 - v. Motion to approve – Wendy Bachman. Seconded by Steven Smith. Motion passes

C. Local Association - Dee Ann

1. Thank you to Amanda for support
2. Recognition of Main Line MTA!
3. Friday meeting – 12 present; 7 chapters.
4. For our PMTA website – needs some updates
5. Will plan to touch base with presidents – to encourage more involvement at conference

D. Membership – Miriam

1. 15th largest chapter in the country at 460 members
2. Nationals could provide recruitment materials for prospective members
 - i. As national trend goes down, could there be an opportunity to recruit at community music schools, etc.? Each local association could reach out. Or could the national office collaborate? Utilize grant monies to motivate young professionals to be involved in the organization? Mentorship needed for these individuals. Leah Claiborne could share a proposal that she uses in DC for mentorship with local chapters.
3. Amanda – proposes an ad hoc committee – Miriam, Melody, Ed, Ian, Jonathan, Wendy – connect to craft a proposal to target future members

4. PMTA website needs updated with correct dues information
- E. Conference Chair - Chris
1. Thank you Wendy and team
 2. Presentations and performances were top notch
 3. Advertising down in the program – maybe could look into other local businesses?
- F. Conference Registrar
1. 35 paid members. Not including guests or volunteers.
 2. Still consideration of joining with a neighboring state?
- G. Dorothy Sutton
1. We have a 2 yr. supply of medals
 2. Encouraging a larger variety of ages – adult students
 3. The need for help – bringing on co-chair, Michelle Cosgrove from Philadelphia MTA. Recruit people to help on the day. Could be a three-person team.
- H. Concerto Festival
1. Finding a space – how many will make the trek?
 2. Medals for concerto festival
- I. Collaborative Music – no report
- J. Foundation
1. Ran a raffle. Raised \$109.05
- K. Competitions
1. 2023 competition will be held Sunday, Nov. 5th at IUP. Application deadline is September 13th.
 2. Advertise for the Ebony Prize at the state level – be sure it is on Website
- L. Sponsorship
1. 12 sponsors this year, an increase of 30%. Don't let Facebook page dilute the main sponsors, need to be sure FB admins will take care of this.
- M. Certification – no chair at this time.
- N. Collegiate Chapters
1. Guest artist/clinician grant applications due: October 15, 2023
- O. College Faculty

1. Virtual forum took place on Dec. 17
2. Friday faculty forum cancelled
3. Forum may need to be adjusted. Nationals is phasing out the national chair, but not the overall component?
4. More connection between collegiate chapter chair and college faculty chair needed

P. Commissioned Composer

1. 2023 composition, Over Above by Amy Williams was performed at conference.
2. Will submit to nationals for prize
3. Next composer announced – Jan Krzywicki
4. Henry Wong Doe will now function in this chair role as Chris is moving

Q. Arts Advocacy

1. Should be an arts advocate to be at conference
2. Get local associations involved in arts advocacy
3. Amanda – connect with collegiate chapter chair. These could be the advocates!

R. Independent Teachers Forum – no report

Old Business

Proposal from RCM America

Motion to adopt the proposal by Ed Kuhn. Seconded by Justin Badgerow.

Discussion ensued. Motion to eliminate the wording “endorse” and also remove letter 4e (their liaison would fall under the purview of our sponsorship chair). Motion by Justin Badgerow. Ian seconded the motion. Motion approves.

Called to a vote on original motion – to adopt this proposal. 6 votes no. 5 votes yes. 3 abstentions. Motion does NOT pass.

New Business

None

Motion to adjourn by Melody Quah. Justin Badgerow seconded.

Adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Justin Badgerow, Secretary