

PMTA Board Meeting

Sunday, June 8, 2025

Williamsport, PA

Board Members present – Wendy Bachman, Amanda Gunderson, Melody Quah, Mary Lynne Bennett, Eun-Joo Kwak, Jonathan Flowers, Miriam Shingle, Edward Kuhn, Justin Badgerow, Steven Smith, John Ravert, Kristine Fossbenner, Jennie Flicker, Olivia Ellis

Guest – Kevin Chance

Meeting called to order at 12:10 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes from November 9, 2024

One edit - Fix K. *Composition* Competition

Motion to approve by Miriam, Seconded by Steven

Officer Reports

A. President's Report

Thank you to conference committee members. Attended the Leadership Summit and State Presidents Advisory Council meeting. Also the Eastern Division meeting. Early Career Fellowship has been a great success. Appreciate being able to stay on as President even though relocating. Thanks to the other board members.

B. Treasurer Report

Our investment took a slight hit. Income was close to our projection. Our expenses will be close to our projection. Proposed income will be up \$5k as well as expenses proposed to increase by \$5k. Motion to approve by Chris, seconded by Olivia. Motion passes.

For our content editor for the website, Mary Lynne proposes a raise to \$65/hr. Amanda made a motion, Steven seconded. Motion passes.

C. Local Associations

Dee Ann – absent. Wendy - several grants will be/have been awarded.

D. Membership

Miriam Shingle: Collegiate numbers up, regular members slightly down. We are at 461 active members, 13th largest in the nation. At a national level, we are still at a decline in number of overall members. Three Early Career Fellowships in process, offering rebate of dues for these members. Proposal by Miriam: Mentors should be awarded a conference fee rebate for the two

years in which they are actively mentoring (first year is advisement, second year is reporting).
Terms shall begin in July.

Kevin: Have we considered a virtual local association? To connect our 49 members that have no LA affiliation. Miriam will reach out to smaller chapters to field interest in this.

E. Conference Chair

Melody – thank you to the conference team. More registrants than last year, totaling 56. 17 first time attendees. Next conference is at Seton Hill. Jonathan and Seulki will be leading the committee. Looking for feedback!

F. Concerto Festival

Dr. Smith – nothing to report at this point.

G. Dorothy Sutton Performance Festival

Kristine – theory tests have been revised. E-versions of the practice tests will be available. This years festival will be at Messiah University. We will have the TenutoWeb registration system will be live soon, local chairperson will have access to the information. A registration deadline will be established.

H. Certification

Olivia – two members have earned the NCTM designation.

I. Foundation Fund

Jenny – we raised \$300.

J. Keystone Composition Competition (Statewide) – Alyssa Wells absent. 17 compositions were entered.

K. MTNA Composition Competition (National) - Amanda – no report

L. Keystone Chamber Music Competition – no report

M. Sponsorship

Eun Joo- 10 University member sponsors, 9 are paying members. Annual fee is \$50, \$25 per event.

N. Collegiate Chapters

Ed – 8 student chapters. State College was granted a \$500 proposal award to attend national conference. Reminder: \$500 is available for travel to state or national conference. Newly graduated members can get a 50% discount for the first year membership by contacting the national office.

O. DEI

Ed – National title for the committee is “Representation and Advocacy” and we will be changing our site to match that language. Ebony Prize winners have been announced. Ed attended the Committee meeting at Nationals.

P. College Faculty

Melody – no official report. Sent out calls. We need a new chair on this committee.

Q. Commissioned Composer

Henry: 2025 recipient Ke-Chia Chen composed a piano 4-hands work premiered at our conference. For 2026, the composer selected was John Levey.

R. Arts Advocacy

Susan – absent.

S. Independent Music Teachers Forum

John Ravert – plan to send an email to LA presidents. Spending time to brainstorm ideas to share with independent teachers. Jonathan mentioned the benefit of having a specified time at the conference specifically for independent music teachers.

T. State Competitions

Ian – absent. Amanda – LVC was a great success. Messiah will host on Nov. 9. Applications close Sep. 10. We need room monitor volunteers. Kevin – we raised entry fees by \$15 (we get a state rebate for half of that). Program minute limits got lowered.

Old Business

none

New Business

Distinguished Teacher Award – Consider waiving the Conference fee. Table this for now. Needs discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Justin Badgerow