

PMTA Board Meeting

November 12, 2022

Kutztown University

Board members present:

Ed Kuhn, Amanda Gunderson, Wendy Bachman, Mary Lynne Bennett, Justin Badgerow, Eun-Joo Kwak, Nanette Solomon, Jonathan Flowers, Evan Engelstad, Dee Ann Symington, Susan Kuntz, Miriam Shingle, Chris Guzman, Steven Smith, Henry Wong Do, Elizabeth Etnoyer (guest presenter), (Melody Quah via Zoom)

Meeting called to order at 6:43 by Amanda Gunderson

Approval of the Minutes from June 26, 2022

Motion to approve by Susan Kuntz. Seconded by Jonathan Flowers. Motion passes.

Officer Reports

A. President

1. Thank you to Jonathan for your DSPF work. Thank you to Evan on organize the competition. Thank you to Ed for dinner assistance. Maria has been a wonderful host.
2. Reflecting on the Summer conference. Trying to find new leaders, hope to fill these vacancies, a reminder to take care of each other and a call for each member to aim to provide solid mentorship for those that follow.
3. Leadership Summit: Amanda and Wendy, president elect, attended the summit and found it refreshing and fun. National Conference has affordable lodging. Local Presidents Zoom meeting was held, was successful, and presidents have asked for more. MTNA has mentioned specific chairs could be deleted, and instead states could create “task forces” that focus on certain topics. At this time, Amanda’s recommendation is not to delete these at this time. There seems to be a national movement to group topics by areas of concern. Awards – need to nominate a Teacher of the Year for the state, but also they can be nominated for nationals. Our local association, Main Line, has been selected as a national winner for Local Association of the Year! Will be announced officially at the National Conference.

B. Treasurer

1. In January we will know the growth on our “Annuity 1”
2. Budget: The Conference fees are included on the report.
3. Dues: Low point in the year. We should see this increase after renewals come in April. Should we consider an increase in our dues which are now at \$45? Membership is a bit down. There is some concern about members lack of interest due to our fees (particularly a concern for the local associations).

Motion by Wendy Bachman — increase state dues from \$45 to \$50- and reassess in 2025. Seconded by Steven Smith. Motion passes (one opposition).

4. Motion by Mary Lynne - \$5/hr raise for OCE Joy Carroll. Seconded by Jonathan. Motion passes.

C. Local Association

1. Proposed discussion – main take from meeting in June. Concern about distance to the DSPF from all around the state. Could a committee be formed to consider this? Steven – we tried this, but it didn’t work out – there was concern that it wasn’t a “state” event. Perhaps tie in with the college that is hosting – could have a faculty sampler recital. This discussion is tabled for the time being.

D. Membership

1. 428 members. 15th largest in the country, down from 13th last year. Some of the collegiate numbers differ from the report sheet. Main Line is our largest chapter. A few chapters increased in number. National membership is down. Should there be a task force on membership for the local associations – how to grow? Could there be grant money to help train, or hire, web design help for Local Associations?

E. Conference Chair

1. In person – June 2023 at PSU. Amy Williams is the composer in residence. Guest artist Gilles Vonsattel. Masterclass/presenter is Leah Claiborne – focus on DEI.
2. Gary Ingle, our MTNA CEO, will be the keynote speaker.
3. Theme is “Past, Present, and Future”
4. Reasonable hotel rates at the Penn Stater.

F. Dorothy Sutton

1. Thank you Dan Immel and Maria, the site hosts.
2. Would like to reinstate medals.
3. As Jonathan plans to step down, he encourages adding two co-chairs. He is willing to help with this transition.

4. Propose adding language to the website – about remote testing being done on a controlled environment on the day of the local festival
 5. Propose a practice exam, changing the term from “Theory” to “Musicianship”
- G. Concerto
1. Seven students took part.
- H. Collaborative Music – no report
- I. Foundation – no report
- J. Competitions
1. 41 total competitors, up from 38. Ebony Prize for the state version - 3 senior pianists are taking part at the state level.
 2. Are the rates for judges competitive? We don't pay mileage. There is language in the bylaws defines mileage can be negotiated for certain individuals. We could check with nationals on this.
- K. Sponsorship
1. Ten university sponsors, one LA considering.
 2. There is some confusion on the website about the deadline. We should shift term to become October through September to match website language.
- L. Certification – no chair at this time.
- M. Collegiate Chapters
1. Elizabethtown College rep should be listed as Justin Badgerow for now
 2. One collegiate grant application submitted and approved
 3. Travel Grants are due Feb. 15, 2023 (up to \$500 per chapter available)
- N. College Faculty
1. Planning a college faculty forum – tentative date Dec. 17
- O. Commissioned Composer
1. Amy Williams writing a piece for June.
 2. Call for submissions for 2024 conference will be in January
- P. Arts Advocacy
1. A survey was sent to political candidates by PA Arts Ed Coalition. John Fetterman responded.

2. Email sent to all MTNA state presidents about Washington State policy about high school students receiving grades on their transcript and also about following up with their local politicians about COVID relief money

Q. Independent Teachers Forum – no report

Old Business - none

New Business

Should we consider adopting a *state standard* of student progress of performance. Could there be interest in using the RCM as a model? Several states have adopted this. There is concern that this would be the “exclusive” model endorsed by the state, when there are other certifications available as well, including Guild of Piano Teachers. Teachers could make this choice regardless of any endorsement by the state. Maybe we could ask RCM if they could change their wording that would not include our endorsement as an entire state for RCM as the exclusive standard. Would they be interested in serving just as an advertiser rather than an exclusive endorsement? This is a source for further discussion.

Motion to adjourn by Chris. Steven seconded.

Adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Justin Badgerow, Secretary