

# PMTA Board Meeting

November 4, 2023

Indiana University of Pennsylvania

## Approval of the Minutes from June 4, 2023

Motion to approve by Steven Smith, Seconded by Miriam. Motion passes.

Board Members present – Wendy Bachman, Amanda Gunderson, Mary Lynne Bennet, Melody Quah, Eun-Joo Kwak, Ian Duh, Elizabeth Etnoyer, Dee Ann Symington, Nanette Soloman, Evan Engelstad, Steven Smith, Jonathan Flowers, Miriam Shingle (and her daughter), Edward Kuhn

## Officer Reports

### President's Report

Thanks to Jonathan and Henry for today. Check out the PMTA Facebook page.

Melody attended the Leadership Summit. Reaching out to local presidents.

Best wishes to Susan with her upcoming surgery.

Melody talked about the summit – Nyaho asked that all State MTA's create a board position for a DEI Representative – DC talked about their mentorship program – NC created a virtual LA to help get members in area that are very rural and couldn't travel to in person meetings.

? Best LA website contest –

#### A. Treasurer

ML made a withdrawal from Money market account to offset low funds then dues came in and it evened out. Total assets up \$100 to date. Keep recruiting for new members. Trust income - Miller holding steady – competition expenses don't show winner's honorariums, etc. yet. A lot of events are still in process.

#### B. Local Association

5 LA's asked for grants – etc. see report from Dee Ann.

#### C. Membership

Membership was up a little – were 15<sup>th</sup> largest now 16<sup>th</sup> behind North Carolina

Looked at collegiate chapters and locals – Both went up – MTNA – September – numbers down

Talked about Mentorship program in the State of Washington MTA. – do we want to do this?

PMTA Task Force to investigate this idea for PMTA – Melody, Ed, Wendy, Miriam, Ian, Jonathan

Looking for a meeting time – Miriam will send a questionnaire to the task force to find a time.

#### D. Conference Chair

Artina McCain – keynote speaker, clinician, performer for the June conference in Kutztown (June 14-16, 2024) “Head to Heart – the Power of Musical Connection”

E. Dorothy Sutton Performance Festival

Jonathan thanked Dee Ann, Miriam and her daughter, Amanda, and Henry. Everyone pitched in and helped today. 323 last year – today 92 – more than half of the participants were from the western part of the state. Jonathan passed around a map of the state illustrating membership and shared that most of our membership is from the Eastern half of the state. Another factor to consider in state festival planning is the availability of hosting institutions. Jonathan is in discussions with a new successor, with whom he spoke today at DSPF. He raised a few issues for future festivals: 1) Jonathan has been documenting his activities as chair for a future chair, 2) the Sutton Festival is the largest event, as far as participation and worthy of consideration for more support, 3) the chair should be the face of the festival, but there needs to be more support, particularly a Registrar, a program editor, and theory tests. There was also a discussion of standardizing rankings of Superior, Excellent, etc. for the judges while avoiding a rubric. Maybe appoint a committee for the various areas of the DSPF.

G. Concerto Festival

Was successful with only 2 entrants – how to better publicize this event?

H. Collaborative Music

NA

I. MTNA Competitions

Evan thanked many board members for helping out – esp. Elizabeth, Christine, Elizabeth (taking over next year), Henry. 31 coming tomorrow – last year was 48 -this year - Junior 10, 9-senior YA -3.

J. Sponsorship

Number is up – 13 sponsors - 5 more than last year – not all are universities - \$25 for membership – each event calendar is \$25 each – Facebook page is new – discussed the differences between group, etc. – ML – Recommended Jonathan motioned that the sponsorship fee be raised to \$50 for annual membership and \$25 for each event, Ian Seconded, motion passed!

K. Certification – no chair at this time.

L. Collegiate Chapters

M.

See report – Collegiate members – fee \$19 – they can also join an LA – Jonathan brought up going beyond the first year to help new students

N. College Faculty

O. Commissioned Composer

Work for violin and piano – Jan Krzywicky – see report from Henry

P. Arts Advocacy

Susan wasn't at the meeting – see her report for details – talked to PMEA about interactive dashboard – talked about another initiative – putting together a 3 question survey to send to our membership –

Also has a proposal – giving each LA \$50 to join their local arts council and report back to the board on how this went. Steven motioned it be a reimbursement and Ian seconded, motion passed.

Q. Independent Teachers Forum

**Old Business**

AT THE LAST BOARD MEETING WE DISCUSSED HOW TO USE FUNDING FROM THE MILLER TRUST  
For next year 2024-2025 – State prize winners' honorarium be increased to YA to \$300, senior \$250, and Junior \$200. Eun-Joo asked if can raise even more? Steven looked at investments and PMTA should be okay. Changed - Wendy motioned that we raise the amounts to \$350, \$300, \$250, Seconded Jonathan and Nanette, Motion passed.

Ebony prize – Can we call it that if we open it to other students. Maybe **wait** and inquire MTNA about the use of the name Ebony prize

Use some of the trust money to reimburse newly certified members

ML motioned that we reimburse newly certified members their application fee, Dee Ann seconded, motion passed.

Establishment of the Young Professional grant – possibly a total \$1,000 to start?

Wait until the Mentorship task force meets.

**New Business**

Steven comment for the record, as the oldest person on the board – great to see many younger board members.

Wendy adjourned the meeting!