

PMTA General Board Meeting  
Sunday, June 16, 2019

Bloomsburg University

I The meeting was called to order at 1:01 by President Mary Lynne Bennett

Present; Mary Lynne Bennett, Wendy Bachman, Henry Wong Doe, Lois Svard, Sue Kuntz, Teri Smith, Steven Smith, Deborah Rodgers, Dee Ann Symington, Chris Guzman, Amanda Gunderson, Jackie Herbein, Nanette Solomon, Edward M Kuhn Jr. , Patricia Powell, Donna Beech, Doug Jurs, Elaine Friedlander, Felicia Lohidajat.

II Mary Lynne asked if there were any corrections to the November, 2018 Board Meeting minutes and there was one. Donna Beech found the correction; Nanette and Iris Solomon played at the MTNA Summit and NOT the CMS conference in Vancouver this past summer. Doug Jurs made a motion , Lois Svard seconded, and the correction was approved.

III Officers Reports; a) Presidents Report; Mary Lynne thanked Patricia Powell and Gilya Hodos and Teri Smith (who will be retiring after the 2019 PSU conference from her DSPF duties , as Jonathan Flowers will be the new DSPF Chair after the 2019 PSU conference! Thank you, Teri!

The dates for the DSPF will be BEFORE THANKSGIVING; Nov. 23 and 24 at PSU and the Sat. Nov. 23 dinner Board Meeting will be at the Nittany Lion Inn.

The June 12-14, 2020 PMTA Conference will be at The Pennsylvania State University. The official conference hotel is the Penn Stater, which is a little off campus, but offers a free shuttle has good restaurants. The Board luncheon will be at the Penn Stater.

The 2020 DSPF will be at Seton Hill University the first weekend of November.

The PMTA Conference June 25-27, 2021 will be at Seven Springs Resort.

The PMTA PROPOSED 2022 conference may be a combined conference with New Jersey, Delaware and PA possibly to be held at West Chester University. This is not confirmed yet though.

The site of the 2021 DSPF will be announced shortly. Susan Kuntz suggested Kutztown, as it is a good location and an all Steinway school. We will need three spaces for the festival and 4 spaces for smaller studios.

b) TREASURER'S REPORT; Jacqueline Herbein; we are in good shape financially. TD Ameritrade is looking good-Jackie will probably put more money in this after the conference. The two national MTNA finalists received \$500 each. We have a deposit on Seven Springs for the 2021 conference. It was hard to estimate how much this conference cost; we will know more when all the expenses are in in November. The raffle today made \$240.00. Thanks for Robert M Sides for hosting the receptions! The

commissioned composer was under commissioned composer, not in the conference. We allowed \$250 to pay for recording at the conference.

Also asked if we should pay the people who are in “training” at the next competitions. Mary Lynne thinks to cover their costs is a good idea

We are looking for a conference registrar that is separate from the Treasurer position for the next conference. This would be a paid position and would have hotel and travel covered. Felicia Lohidajat, student from West Chester University, said she is interested in being conference registrar and Jackie Herbein said she would oversee it. No decision was finalized.

c) MEMBERSHIP REPORT; Donna Beech; 546 members and as of Friday that number will be 548. Please refer to her report. Pittsburgh and CPMTA numbers have gone up. The National membership has gone down 1000 since last year.

d) CONFERENCE CHAIR REPORT; Henry Wong Doe; The official site chairs for the PSU conference will be Chris Guzman and Steven Smith. Henry Cramer may be the official conference artist. Helen Marlais may be the conference clinician/masterclass artist. There are still arrangements through FJH publishing that need to be made. Still looking at “themes”- it’s hard to not repeat. Suggestions are welcome. Henry needs a co-chair to pass the responsibilities onto.

e) DSPF Teri Smith; 2019 will be Teri’s last DSPF after TEN years in this position. Jonathan Flowers will shadow Teri at the next DSPF and take over. Jonathan will have his expenses covered.

f) CONCERTO FESTIVAL REPORT; Michelle Millington Chair; Concertos and Chamber Music . Keystone chamber music scheduled for March 7, 2020.

g) LOCAL ASSOCIATION REPORT; Dee Ann Symington; not many attended. There was a question about who receives the half off rebate on conference registration if the local has more than one person attending. Jackie Herbein said it’s problematic. Board members are exempt in order to encourage new people to attend and board members are already reimbursed for some expenses. It was of the opinion that this should be updated in the Policies and Procedures Handbook. Mary Lynne asked for a motion and Steven Smith amended that only one person from each local association be invited to receive the half off rebate on conference registration. Steven Smith made a motion that Peggy Myers from CPMTA receive the half price discount, as she was the only person who would qualify who attended from CPMTA. Jackie Herbein seconded.

h) FOUNDATION FUND REPORT; Doug Jurs; \$240 was raised in the raffle at the General Meeting on June 15, 2018. PMTA is the second highest giving in the country and Jackie Herbein is trying to fund travel grants for national competition finalists to travel to MTNA. She will be asking for donations later to be “ear marked” for donations from PMTA members to go towards this.

i) COMPETITIONS REPORT; Amanda Gunderson; The first division of this is on line and the chamber music is on line so the groups have time to form and rehearse. PLEASE sign up to help! Evan Engelstad

(IUP professor of music) and his wife Rosemary agreed to shadow Amanda and Jackie in preparation to take it over.

j) SPONSORSHIP REPORT; Elaine Friedlander; we are in good shape. Alfred University in New York has been hard to get in touch with. The e blast list is getting longer. We added Temple! Elaine is going to take off the wording about the year starting in September, as this is creating a lot of confusion. Local Associations can put events on the calendar for \$25 and the events will go state wide.

k) CERTIFICATION REPORT; Christina Shimp had an emergency and could not make it.

l) COLLEGIATE CHAPTERS REPORT; Patricia Powell; Grants are awarded for local or national conferences. Felicia said she applied for one and received \$100. Some members felt it would be good to alternate using this for students going to conferences with having someone come in to do a speech/master class, but this may be hard to plan and may depend how close the conference is to the collegiate chapter. Mary Lynne made a motion to approve that the Collegiate Grant have a three month window before the event deadline and that it could cover EITHER travel to a state or national MTNA event OR cover the cost of bringing in a clinician. Henry Wong Doe approved it and Lois Svard seconded.

m) COLLEGE FACULTY REPORT; Chris Guzman; Chris urged members to encourage collegiate non-pianist friends to register students in competitions. He also is exploring the idea of having students who won MTNA competitions to do a recital at the conference in June. Some students might be away....

n) COMMISSIONED COMPOSER REPORT; Lois Svard; Joseph Hallman Drexel is one of the top composers under the age of 40. Joseph is currently writing a piece for 2 Flutes and Piano for Chris Guzman, Naomi Seidman and Ashley Shank to play!! Nanette Solomon is trying to get more attention at the National Composer Competition.

o) ARTS AND ADVOCACY REPORT; Lois Svard; Lois was inspired by Susan's report last June and that their ideas overlap. It was suggested that Lois, Susan and Chris get together to brainstorm ideas. Most information is through e blasts and newsletter items. Lois will be sending information in the next newsletter. She shared that Ben Folds is a presidential candidate who supports the arts.

p) IMTF REPORT; Susan Kuntz; Susan was contacted by MTNA and told that there will no more in person forums, they will all be done digitally through a tele-conference instead!

IV OLD BUSINESS; none

V) NEW BUSINESS; Deborah Rodgers; a) Teacher of the Year and Distinguished Service Award procedures. This time there were not many nominations. Need to bring it up at local meetings more.

b) Sponsorships and Local Associations; Mary Lynne made a motion for local associations events to be \$25 to put in the calendar. Elaine Friedlander moved and Jackie Herbein seconded.

VI The meeting was adjourned at 2:39 PM.