

VIRGINIA MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Administrative Board Meeting

October 29, 2011

Doubletree Hotel, Richmond VA

Members present: Denise Adkins, Susan Atkins, Dee Booth, Lori Bruzzesi, Michelle Carragan, Tracy Cowden, Noriko Donahue, Ellis Dunton, Jane Gallatin, Mary Louise Hallauer, Donna Halleck, Anne James, Nitza Kats, Samantha Luck, Galla Matekova, Tonya Menard, Barbara Moore, Lisa Moxley, Kim Peachy, Kay Pitt, Gabriella Ryan, Corky Sablinsky, Roma Scriven, Julie Slingerland, Martha Smith, Betty Ann Spiers, Sharon Stewart, Catherine Valley, Jeanette Winsor

Call to Order

In the absence of President Lisa Withers, the meeting was called to order by President-Elect Gabriella Ryan at 8:15 am.

The minutes of the June 11, 2011 teleconference as printed in NewsNotes, with the correction the Belinda Stevens was nominated as Secretary-elect, were approved.

Reports

President Lisa Withers reported that we have agreed to sell our Theory Syllabus to Christine Hermanson for \$50. Tonya Menard, VMTA Theory Chair, wondered if we should copyright it and earn royalties, since it is sought after. No decision on that.

President-Elect Gabriella Ryan reported an attendance of 100 members and enthusiastic reception of the opening concert and the Ann Schein recital the previous evening.

Membership Chair Denise Adkins reported that we have 838 members as of Sept. 30 (670 actives, 145 seniors and 23 students).

Treasurer Tracy Cowden reported a balance of \$43,000 in checking and savings accounts. Certificates of Deposit are earning very low interest and those funds will be moved to a Money Market Account as they come due for renewal.

Certification Chair Martha Smith reported that the new certification procedure requiring videos of 3 stages of teaching a piece has proved problematic for some applicants, but expects that members will gradually get used to it. She advised new applicants to read the instructions very carefully. Paolo Steinberg, the nominee for President-Elect, has applied for certification by administrative verification.

Chair of Local Associations Galla Matekova reported that 13 representatives from the 12 Local Associations met yesterday and had a vigorous exchange of ideas.

Chair of IMTF Samantha Luck reported good attendance at the IMTF session the previous afternoon. She intends to set up a database of program ideas and presenters for all to share and invites submissions.

Business

1. After a wide-ranging discussion of the decision last July of the MTNA Board of Directors to discontinue non-piano competitions in 2013, the following Resolution was passed with 27 votes in favor, 0 against and 2 abstentions:

Resolved: The Virginia Music Teachers Association is in favor of supporting and maintaining MTNA competitions for non-pianists, specifically brass, woodwinds, strings and voice in 2013 and beyond.

This resolution will be sent to the MTNA Board prior to their December 1 meeting.

2. Gabriella asked for suggestions for filling two vacancies, the Advertising Chair and the Chair of Local Associations.
3. Theory Chairperson Tonya Menard presented the case for adding 20th Century techniques to the VMTA Theory Tests. Of 50 states, 33 give theory tests, but only 6 include 20th century materials. The Board voted unanimously in approval.
4. Sharon Stewart, Chair of the VMTA Nominating Committee, presented a **slate of officers for 2011-13:**

President – Gabriella Ryan, Richmond
President-Elect – Paolo Steinberg, Harrisonburg
Vice-President, Membership – Denise Adkins, Northern Virginia
Secretary – Belinda Stevens, Northern Virginia
Treasurer – Mun Lee Han, Tidewater Music Teachers Forum

Other members of the committee were Lise Keiter and Martha Smith. There were no nominations from the floor. These officers were elected unanimously and will take office December 1, 2011.

Announcements

- Jeanette Winsor reminded us that members will have the option of receiving NewsNotes online as a PDF on the website, rather than in print, beginning in January 2011.
- Martha Smith congratulated Gabriella on planning an outstanding Fall Conference and asked that photos taken of Conference activities be sent to Jeanette Winsor for inclusion in the next NewsNotes.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha K. Smith, Acting as Secretary