

General Membership Meeting Minutes

Oregon Music Teachers Association

2128 Elysium Ave, Eugene, OR 97401

Friday, June 24, 2022

9:00 – 10:15 am

Location: Florence Events Center, Florence, OR and on YouTube Livestream

19 online viewers and 34 in person

- I. Call to Order 9:02 AM Sarah Ball: Recognition to the conference committee: Cindy Peterson, Alexis Gibbons, Liz Willis, Selina Manson. Thank you to office staff Caris and Robin Power
- II. Approval of Minutes from General Membership Meeting June 25, 2021: – **approved** as printed
- III. Approval of Agenda: **approved**
- IV. Officer's Reports
 - A. President Sarah Ball:

In March, many of our members attended the virtual MTNA conference, foregoing the planned trip to Minneapolis due to Covid restrictions. This year the theme was diversity and inclusion featuring many high-quality presentations. Various meetings and discussions were on the agenda and we gathered at the Gala to honor our 2022 Foundation Fellow, Carolee Harbour

During the MTNA Senior Piano Finals, OMTA student Michael Gu, won the Senior Chopin Prize. He is a student of Dr. Rachelle McCabe. Congratulations, Michael and Rachelle! Also in the limelight, U of O students Joan Tay and Dasol Um received third place in the new Stecher and Horowitz Two piano Competition. They are doctoral students of Dr. Claire Wachter.

OMTA members who have passed away recently: Sue Nelson, Mary Kogen, Barbara Musolf, Victor Steinhardt, Joel Kabakov.
 - B. President Elect Liz Willis: "we're here and having a great time!"
 - C. Past President Selina Manson - nothing new to report
 - D. Treasurer Fern McArthur - presented by Cindy Peterson-Peart:

Unrestricted Funds Checking	73,978
Savings Market Account	16,181
TOTAL	90,159

Designated Funds

Music Link Funds

7,448

Total funds for unrestricted use

82,711

- E. Restricted Funds Treasurer Susan Todd - explained that the restricted funds is money that has been donated to OMTA often in memory of someone that has passed on and is used for scholarships and grants. Total: 682, 219 - 33,000 less than last year at this time. If you have any students who would be to the level to play for the competitive scholarships, enter your students. If you have students with a need base for studying, there are scholarships for that as well - and teacher studying grants as well. All details on OMTA website under "things for teachers"
- F. Secretary Amie Belisle - nothing to report

V. Standing Committees

- A. Certification Anastasia Kitaev - read by Sarah Ball - recent certified Lauren Muck, Melissa Barker, Anastatia, 5 more still working, 2 people just sent in final project - Congrats to Hung, Elizabeth 3 certification grants dispersed, which leaves 5 more grants - costs \$200 to apply - then you get \$100 back when you finish
- B. Competitions Julia Lee
- C. Conference Liz Willis - Next year's conference will be in Ashland June 22/23 on campus with renovated dorms with own parking lot
- D. Education Janet Pollack - read by Sarah Ball - state festivals have been successful with substantial net gain - Baroque was in person - others were online. December will be state sonatina festival in Eugene. Thank you to chairs Greg Hanson, Sandy Hull, Rebecca Clark and Diane Davies for enthusiasm and organization and dedication and for giving generously of their time. Greg Hanson and Diane Davies will continue charging. Need cochairs for 2023 Sonatina Festival (happens every other year)
- E. Finance Fern McArthur
- F. Marketing Angela Kelly - read by Sarah Ball - offered free registration to College students to state conference - see highlights in board report - would love to see all OMTA members subscribe to YouTube channel. Angela Kelly is stepping down and we need a new Marketing Chair
- G. Membership Andy D'Antonio - May 23rd: 530 active members, 3 associate members, 26 honorary members, ? Collegiate members 589? Members total. Comparing 2014-today membership graphs will help us track trends - membership peaks in 2017 and 2018. Certification numbers are currently stagnant. Tualatin Valley has most significant increases in membership. Most significant decreases were West Portland, Linn Benton, and Mid-Columbia Region
- H. Parliamentarian Kathy Gault -
- I. Public Relations Ashlee Young - read by Sarah Ball - see report
- J. Publications Alexis Gibbons - stepping down as chair. Luna something Kelly will be taking over. A big thank you to Caris in help with editing Music News.

- K. Syllabus Heidi Evans - read by Sarah Ball - largest program in the association - see report - Barbara Robert's will be taking over the syllabus program - a huge thank you to Heidi Evans!

VI. Special Committees

- A. OMTA/OCF Grant Application Liz Willis - Karen Huntsberger and Liz were applied for grant for next 5 years 40,000 a year and were rewarded 5 years 86,000 then 36,000 each year after that.
- B. Leggiero Sarah Ball - the leggiero program is a unique grassroots created for OMTA to run festivals and syllabus that other districts are astonished. Board approved increase of \$4 per student - Jeff and Ramona Goddard created this program and it is highly appreciated.

- VII. New Business Cindy Peterson-Peart - honored to present slate of officers for 2022/2023: Restricted funds treasurer: Susan Todd, Treasurer: Fern McArther? Secretary: Amie Belisle President Elect: Heidi Evans President: Liz Willis officers were approved. A big thank you from Debra Sostrin (and standing ovation) to Sarah Ball. A gift was presented to Sarah Ball - a gift certificate to portland international concerts and plaque with gavel. Sarah Ball gave presents to present board members: Cindy Peterson-Peart, Alexis Gibbons, Susan Todd, Andy D'Antonio, Mary Morganti, Liz Willis

VIII. District Reports

- A. Blue Mountain report) Matt Cooper - read by Jan Miller (see compiled
- B. Central Oregon compiled report) Janet Smith - read by Deborah Sostrin (see
- C. East Portland report) Patti Duthie - read by Andy D'Antoio (see compiled
- D. Eugene report) Nick Rieser- read by Alexis Gibbons (see compiled
- E. Hillsboro Area Holly Counts - (see compiled report)
- F. Lincoln County Rita Warton and Mary Morganti - read by Mary (see compiled report)
- G. Linn-Benton Rosanne Smith - read by Lucy Watts - Linn Benton Report June 24, 2022

The Linn Benton District had a busy, productive year in spite of the continuing Covid situation. We ran 7 of our 9 fantastic membership meetings via Zoom.

Our students were also able to perform in-person at the Fall and Spring Syllabus and Baroque, Contemporary and Composition Festivals.

At three of our monthly meetings, 2 of our members, Mary Jacq Burke and Dr. Rachelle McCabe presented unique programs and members shared their favorite teaching repertoire with many performing their selections.

We have much appreciation for the Nellie Tholen grants that provided the other monthly programs in our District.

We are very proud of our own member Mary Ann Guenther who is our Foundation Fellow for this year! We are also very grateful to our president Rosanne Smith who has been our fearless leader for 5 years now!

Respectfully submitted,
Rosanne Smith - our fearless leader for 5 years

- H. Mid-Columbia Rebecca Gooch
- Mid -Columbia District Report 2021-2022 has been a time of slowly returning to in person events. Most of our students participated in Baroque Festival and Syllabus in person but in smaller numbers. We recently lost an important member of our district, Joel Kabakov. Composer, arranger, he played multiple instruments. He was knowledgeable, approachable a generous colleague and teacher. He will be missed. We will resume to some in person meetings next year and we are looking forward to in person presentations as well. Respectfully submitted, Rebecca Gooch
- I. Rogue Valley Margie Daly - see compiled report.
- J. Salem Deborah Butler - see compiled report
- K. Tualatin Valley Kristin Cichoski - read by Diane Davies: (see compiled report)
- L. Umatilla-Morrow Sarah Milburn-
Our district is holding steady with 13 members, 5 very active. Happy to have all festivals in person this year which included Ensemble Festival (biggest with 100 participating), Baroque Festival in February and District Composition Celebration with Phyllis Peterson, Classical/Romantic festival in April, virtual syllabus exams in May with in person honors recital and 3 workshops from Nellie Tholen grant.
- M. Umpqua Valley South Coast District
Looking back on our year in UVSC, we had many wonderful presenters courtesy of the Nellie Tholen Grant, some of them remotely and some of them in person. We finished off the year with a potluck brunch followed by a teacher recital. We had to cancel several recitals, and others were at various local churches because our piano is housed at the city library meeting room which has been closed for Covid. It just reopened, so we definitely are looking forward to using our piano again. For syllabus, we had 15 students from 6 teachers, with 3 adjudicators, virtual and in person. This is an increase from the Covid years, and we hope to get our numbers back up in the coming years. Submitted by: Carolee Harbour, outgoing president, for Tammy Johnson, incoming president.
- N. West Portland Liz Caswell - read by Debra Sostrin - see compiled report

VII Announcements

- A. MTNA Conference March 25-29, 2023 in Reno, NV
- B. OMTA State Conference June 22-24, 2023 in Ashland, OR at Southern Oregon University.
- C. Announcements from the Floor

10:11 meeting adjourned