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**President's Report to the Fall FSMTA Executive Board**  
October 24, 2008                      Ybor Room, HCC Ybor Campus

**Activities since June State Conference 2008 meetings:**

- ◆ with *Recording Secretary*: reviewed minutes of State Conference Executive Board (EB) mtgs and general sessions. *Archivist*: visited the archives and explored documents there;
- ◆ with *Corresponding Secretary*: sent out EB August announcement, sent out EB September announcement and agenda;
- ◆ with *Treasurer*: asked him to research “bonding” for our Treasurers as suggested by MTNA. Worked with ad hoc committee on *State Conference checking account*: sent questions to Treasurer for lawyer/CPA regarding present FSMTA activities;
- ◆ with *President-Elect* on directive from State Conference 3<sup>rd</sup> General session - prepared email information regarding electronic vote 7/10/08 and result info 7/20/08; with *President-Elect and 2009 Conference planners*: sent proposed meeting and General Session schedule and suggestions to planners;
- ◆ *Fall Executive Board meeting, MTNA competitions and Collegiate Convocation*: worked with Conference planner Shirley Wise to secure contract with no financial obligation to FSMTA with the Howard Johnson hotel in downtown Tampa; worked with staff at Columbia Restaurant to make reservations for the EB Friday p.m. dinner and Sunday p.m. luncheon for the Collegiate Convocation; registered for the event and made luncheon entree request. Contacted *Collegiate Chapter Chair* about selection of new *Collegiate Chapter Student Representative* to the Executive Board;
- ◆ with *Teacher Award Chairman*: prepared letter for MTNA Teacher of the Year award application and sent to chair;
- ◆ with *Certification Chair*: forwarded Honorary Certificate for Jean Rose;
- ◆ with *Editor*: prepared newsletter articles for July 10<sup>th</sup> deadline, September 10<sup>th</sup> deadline;
- ◆ with *Procedural Manual Chair*: sent info on new job description for Collaborative Performance Forum chair so section can be developed;
- ◆ with *Webmaster*: updated information on Florida MTNA events, Collegiate Convocation, Manual of Procedures;

**Appointed** ad hoc committee to consider establishment of *State Competitive event for classical guitar* - Members are chair Mary Seal, Charles Turon, and Joseph LaBonte ;

**Appointed** Collaborative Performance Forum state chairman Carolyn Bridger;

- ◆ Took to *MTNA* headquarters: 3 copies of State Newsletters and 3 copies of State Conference handbook to comply with requirements for State Affiliate program;
- ◆ Updated *State Portal on MTNA website*;
- ◆ Mailed signed contracts to *MTNA* Commissioning Chair for 2009 composer 10/07/08 and received a copy back from *MTNA*;
- ◆ Emailed *Southern Division Director*: FSMTA Summit report to Southern Division leadership 8/26/08 and also contact information updates for Southern Division Directory.
- ◆ Attended **MTNA Summit** on Leadership, September 5-7, 2008, at Westin hotel in downtown Cincinnati. Registered online for this event through *mtna.org* but secured airfare and transport on my own for which I was reimbursed by *MTNA* (airfare), FSMTA (transport and meals not provided by *MTNA*). In an effort to become more “green” we were not asked to bring extra copies of newsletters or program booklets for display. Therefore, in the future I need to receive only 5 extra copies of each newsletter from the Membership Chairman. Received contact info for *MTNA* staff (see attachment)

Schedule included:

5 hr program *A Brief Introduction to the Enneagram* - model of personality differences which can be of immense use to us in our efforts to understand ourselves and others, and the dynamics of personal and professional relationships.

1 hr *MTNA Town Hall Meeting* - Panel was moderated by Gary Ingle, participants were Gail Berenson (representing the Board of Directors); Rebecca Johnson (certification); Ann Witherspoon (composer commissioning) and Roger Folz (*MTNA* competitions)

1 hr *State Presidents Advisory Council (SPAC) meeting* - Report by President Gail Berenson included information about the summer Wellness Symposium which was a joint venture with Canada and the attendance was almost 50% for each nation. *MTNA* will be doing some collaborative research with the Performing Arts Medical Association (Aspen) more information on this project is to be shared at the Board of Directors December meeting. She encouraged us to check the *MTNA* website on a regular basis, perhaps even daily and to check out the new Forum discussion boards. Treasurer Judith Price reviewed the 2008 Financial report and fielded questions regarding the Foundation Funds which were merged into the one report since the funds are simply an account of *MTNA* since 2001 - they no longer have a separate structure. Gary Ingle, Executive Director/CEO reported on the services of NOVA Network, a credit card transaction processor which are available at a discount to *MTNA* members. He also reported that the “Association in a Box” program will no longer begin to develop new websites. 28 have been completed and 12 will be completed before the program ends. *MTNA* technical resources will be used to develop the *MTNA* website. A motion was made by the State President of NC Frank Pittman to form a committee to develop a mission for SPAC and state its goals. A motion was made to postpone further discussion of this motion until the Atlanta SPAC meeting. (I am attaching in PDF form a letter which I received in July which addresses a concern about actions of the BOD in December 2007. The SPAC discussed the issue of Bylaws change at the Denver meeting where the *MTNA* lawyer was present and the SPAC voted down a motion at the time to “recommend that the BOD rescind and nullify their actions in regard to the addition of “CEO” to the title of the Executive Director. Hence the actions of the NC Exec Bd in the letter.)

1 hr *Southern Division meeting* - Chaired by Director Fay Adams - Alabama contracted a conference artist through the American Pianist Association, [www.apa.org](http://www.apa.org) as both artist and master class teacher, these tend to be younger and not named artists (less expensive) but they recommended Spencer Myer and a contact at the organization is Joel Harrison; Mississippi has a three year rotation for medium selection for concert artists from piano to vocal to chamber; Georgia gave a special invitation to attend the Natl Conference. I presented a report on Florida activities since the National Conference in March.

*Sat evening banquet* featured the "Miami University Men's Glee Club" (Oxford, OH), MTNA staff member Brian Shepard's alma mater (he even joined in for the last two fun numbers). The Glee Club had toured China this past summer as a part of an arts program in advance of the Olympics.

1 hr *Amend, Commit, or What? A Peek Inside a Board (Bored?)* Meeting presented by volunteers and Phyllis Pieffer about parliamentary procedures.

1 hr *Fast Track Forums* - visited three sessions outlining possibilities for new MTNA Forum Discussion Boards and their use by members.

1 hr *meeting of States By Size* - FL was downgraded from the more than 900 member category to the 650-899 member category including CO, GA, MI, OH, OR and PA. Discussion centered on which states had permanent office staff and promoting MTNA Certification (Colorado dropped it's State Certification plan).

*Brief 2009 National Conference Preview* - Pedagogy Saturday: Music for a Lifetime - Learning and Teaching Strategies for Adults; Professional Studio Saturday: Studio Without Walls; Conference will include Technology Track, Collaborative Performance Track, Group Piano and Recreational Music Making Track, Collegiate Expo, finals of MTNA competitions, concert artists Olga Kern and Margo Garrett; Foundation Gala at the Georgia Aquarium with the big fish and only in Atlanta at the Westin Peachtree Plaza!

**Important upcoming events:**

MTNA Southern Division Competitions, Jan. 16-19, 2009 Virginia State Univ, Petersburg

FSMTA Winter EB mtgs, Jan 30-31, 2009 Cabot Lodge, Gainesville

MTNA National Conference, March 28-April 1, 2009 in Atlanta, Georgia

FSMTA Competitive Events, May 8-9, 2009 Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton

FSMTA State Conference, June 10-13, 2009 Tallahassee

MTNA Southern Division Competitions, Jan 15-17, 2010 at Samford Univ, Birmingham, AL

MTNA National Conference, March 13-17, 2010 in Albuquerque, New Mexico

Respectfully submitted,  
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