

FSMTA 2008 Conference Executive Board Meeting

Paramount Plaza Hotel and Conference Center
Gainesville, Florida

Wednesday, June 18, 2008
1:00 p.m.

President Kilts called the meeting to order at 1 p.m.

Roll Call was by signature. Attending were:

Paulette Kilts	Albert Rozier	Millicent Callobre
Marc Hebda	Nancy Shakelford	Leonard Mastrogiacomo
Becky Barlar	Jay Hess	Joan Mank
Sheron White	Lesia Schulha	Sonja Rozier
Joanne Smith	Adrienne LeBlanc	Michelle Snow
Tim Murphy	Helen Dingus	Megan Walsh
Suzanne Jarvis	Maria Santilli	Zelda Jensen
Denise Homsley		

Minutes of the FSMTA 2008 Winter Executive Board Meeting were approved with the following correction under the section about Provisional Membership:

“Those who drop out during the three-year period would be allowed to join again, but would not get an extension.”

In the absence of Martha Stubbs, Mrs. Kilts appointed Marc Hebda to serve as the Parliamentarian for this meeting.

REPORTS:

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Copies of the report were distributed. Treasurer, Al Rozier discussed two reports. He first informed us that our assets are \$65,084.38 and this is close to and even a little better than last year. These are interim reports, not final reports. A discussion of the Schwab Cash and the CD account and Wachovia account and interest rates followed. Mrs. Kilts then reminded the Budget Committee of the meeting tomorrow at lunch in the buffet room.

1. PRESIDENT’S REPORT. President Kilts’ written report included general duties and other activities she has carried out since the Winter Board Meeting. She highlighted a few for this meeting.

She attended the MTNA 2008 National Conference in Denver, March 29-April 1st. While there, she heard the Florida student performances and attended the winners concert for MTNA Young Artists featuring the performance of the work by Mary Elizabeth Neal from Florida, our national composition winner, and attended the State Presidents Advisory council meeting. Mrs. Kilts summarized several announcements from meetings she attended. Also, she was present at the

awards brunch where FSMTA member Tanya Brooks was awarded the Piano Technicians Guild Scholarship for Recreational Music Making.

Mrs. Kilts appointed new board members for vacated positions. These are Certification chair-Helen Dingus and Taxation and Licensing Chair-Tanya Brooks.

President Kilts announced that the 2009 MTNA National conference will be March 28-April 2, 2009 in Atlanta, Georgia.

1a. Ethics. No Report.

1b. Parliamentary. No Report.

2. President-Elect. Marc Hebda highlighted the following from his written report:

He attended the March 29-April 1st MTNA Conference in Denver. During this State Conference, instead of the drawing for the MTNA Foundation Fund, he will be providing flyers and information about raising \$1000 to name an MTNA Foundation Fund Fellow from our state.

Next year's state conference will be in Tallahassee and the process of securing a hotel is ongoing and the dates are tentatively set for June 10-13, 2009. Mr. Hebda and Martha Stubbs have decided to deal with the hotel issue because of some confusion with dealing with Shirley Wise. Zelda Jensen mentioned that Ms. Wise has the legal expertise for dealing with the hotel contracts. A discussion followed. The chairs for the conference are from District I. It was suggested to check the dates of the last day of school for the state school systems before making a decision of the conference dates.

2a. Composition Commissioning. Chair, Joan Mank presented two candidates for consideration for the 2009 Commissioned Composer. After a brief discussion, the motion was made

****to accept Clifton Callender as the FSMTA 2009 Commissioned Composer.**

****The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**

It was suggested that, with his permission, the information from the other nominee, Mr. Steven Landis, be kept on file for consideration next year.

Ms. Mank then invited all to attend the performance of this year's commissioned composition by Dr. Gary Smart.

2b. 2007 Conference. No Report.

2c. 2008 Conference. Co-Chair, Denise Homsley presented her report and also thanked her Co-Chair, Jo Plunkett for serving at the registration desk at the last minute for the conference registrar whose baby was born prematurely and needed extended hospitalization.

2d. Independent Teachers Forum. No written report. President Kilts referred to the forum that is scheduled on the conference agenda.

3. VICE-PRESIDENT for MEMBERSHIP. Becky Barlar reported that we have 899 total paid members with last year and this next year's renewals thus far. She has been working with cleaning up the various membership lists and working with Amy Turon to keep the membership directory updated. The former membership lists will be archived on the website and then there will be a membership list for current members. Ms. Barlar mentioned that our Webmaster is doing an excellent job keeping everything up-to-date on the site.

Honorary Member information will be on a special list for the rest of their lives on the website, but the names will not appear on our membership list unless they pay dues. There are five Honorary Members. Check as part of directory on website for the end of the list. Suggestion was made to check on the difference of Life Members and Honorary Members.

Later in this meeting, Ms. Barlar mentioned the possibility of some by-laws changes as well as issues of **Retired Membership** and whether we should consider charging any fees to those members in the future. She requested some thoughts from the board about this issue, either in person or via email.

3a. Provisional Members. Becky Barlar reported for Tanya Brooks. The report was sent to all local membership chairs so that the data for provisional members would be available for their information and action. There is a new letter with the correct information about the deadline for application and dues being July 1st. A brief discussion followed.

3b. College Council. Written report submitted.

4. VICE-PRESIDENT for DISTRICT & LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS. Sheron White distributed her written report and then gave a brief overview of her activities since the 2008 Winter Board Meeting. She will be the speaker at the District and Local President's Luncheon during this State Conference. She updated her part of the Manual Procedures for Zelda Jensen.

4a. Arts Awareness & Advocacy. Chair, Sonja Rozier reported information from the ACE Leadership conference in Orlando. The new name for this organization is *The Alliance for Arts Education (FAAE)*. FSMTA is a statewide partner with them. They are now located in Orlando. Their website www.faae.org is very informative. Mrs. Rozier mentioned that FAAE would like to highlight positive activities and announcements of Arts Education from the state of Florida. Therefore, we have the opportunity to announce our competition winners on their website.

Later in this meeting, Marc Hebda asked about the policy of listing student winners on the FAAE website and it was decided to wait until Saturday's continuation of this meeting to confer with Webmaster, Amy Turon about this issue.

A concern Mrs. Rozier shared is Initiative #5. It is calling for a property tax cut, but this will affect the funding of present Arts Education programs in the schools and communities. High

School Fine Arts credits and PE still an issue and changing each year. FCAT remediation negatively affects student participation in Fine Arts classes.

In July, there is a website www.ExploringArtsCareers.net that will list careers in the area of the Arts which may be of interest to parents and students.

4b. FSMTA Teacher Awards. Chair, Michelle Snow, reported there were no nominations for the Local Association of the Year. Helen Niedung has been chosen to receive the FSMTA Excellence in Teaching Award. Her information and nomination will be sent to MTNA for National consideration. Applications for the Teacher Awards will now be available on our state website.

4c. Taxation & Licensing. No activity.

4d. Collegiate chapter chair/VCCI. No report.

4e. College Council No report.

5. VICE-PRESIDENT for MTNA STUDENT COMPETITIVE EVENTS.

Joanne Smith announced that the 2008-2009 Florida MTNA Performance Competitions will be held Saturday, October 25th at the Performing Arts Facility of Hillsborough Community College in Ybor City-Tampa at no cost to us. The faculty host is FSMTA member, Kenneth Hanks. The only expense we will incur is the tuning of the pianos. She is in the process of procuring judges. She named the coordinators for the competitions. Applications for the competition are at MTNA.org on August 1st, 2008 with a completion deadline of Midnight, September 9, 2008 and the requirements are in the April/May issue of AMT. Two significant changes are that downloaded music will be accepted and the 6 month rule for teachers has been lifted.

There was a brief discussion about scheduling FSMTA Conference Executive Board meetings that weekend in October. Discussion will continue at the Saturday EB meeting.

The Southern Division Competition dates are in January in 2009 at Virginia State University in Petersburg, VA.

5a. Chamber Music. No report.

5b. Composition. Joanne Smith reported for Carol Payne that there are two new corporate sponsors. Hal Leonard Corporation will sponsor the MTNA Senior Composition Competition and Carl Fischer Music will sponsor the MTNA Young Artist Composition Competition. Written report submitted via email.

5c. Junior Coordinator. No report.

5d. Senior Coordinator. No report.

5e. Young Artist Coordinator. No report.

6. VICE-PRESIDENT FOR for FSMTA STUDENT COMPETITIVE EVENTS.

In Mary Seal's absence, President Kilts highlighted items from the written report and their phone conversation. Ms. Seal reported the success of the May 2008 events. She recommends, in the interest of impartiality, maintaining the practice of the concerto students not being permitted to have their own teacher as accompanist. By phone, she indicated to Ms. Kilts that she will now be focusing on scheduling the May 8-9, 2009 events to be held in the Northern end of District VI.

6a. Byrd Piano Ensemble. The written report indicated that there was excellent participation in the competition held at UCF in Orlando on Saturday, May 10, 2008 and the winners and teachers were listed.

6b. Community Service Awards. Written report submitted.

6c. Concerto Contest. Written report submitted with the numbers of the entrants listed.

6d. Gray Perry-Young Collegiate. Norma Mastrogiacomo submitted a written report with the winners and teachers listed. She also remarked, in the report, that it was gratifying to hear the high quality of performances at both this and the Byrd competitions.

6e. Pre-College Chamber. There were no entries in this year's competition.

7. VICE-PRESIDENT for NON-COMPETITIVE STUDENT EVENTS. Tim Murphy highlighted information from his report. The State Honors Medals received accolades and appreciation for the medals and hope the medals will be available in the future. He included in his written report the information from his chairpersons. He may report more information on Saturday, after the Student Activities Meeting at the Conference. There are still 51 handbooks available.

8. RECORDING SECRETARY. President Kilts referred to the report that was filed electronically.

8a. Archives/History. President Kilts referred to the report that was filed electronically. Also, all papers have been completed for approval to keep our archives at UCF in Orlando. Tammy Davis is continuing to seek historical information about FSMTA for our upcoming 75th Annual Conference in 2009.

9. CORRESPONDING SECRETARY. Denise Homsley provided FSMTA stationary. Her written report was submitted.

10. District 1 President Report filed.

11. District 2 President Report filed.

12. District 3 President Report filed. The new District 3 president is Carolyn Troupin.

13. District 4 President Report filed.

14. District 5 President Report filed. Nancy Shackelford updated the District 5 Student Day and Concerto numbers. There were 177 participants, 151 Honors Medals awarded and 20 teachers for DSD. The correction for the Concerto data is that there were 27 piano entrants.

15. District 6 President Report filed.

16. District 7 President Report filed. Millicent Callobre mentioned that District 7 is going to be encouraging and emphasizing composition.

17. District 8 President Report filed. Lesia Schulha mentioned new officers for District 8 and shared information about a brochure and other means of promoting the District 8 teachers and networking with public school music teachers.

18. District 9 President Report filed.

19. EDITOR. Adrienne LeBlanc reported the decision to choose a different printer for the newsletter. Also, the Budget Committee will be addressing the financial issues about this decision. Ms. LeBlanc presented the following motion.

****I make a motion that Tennant Printing Company in Deland be the printer for the State Newsletter.** A discussion of the cost of the newsletter expenses followed.

****The motion carried.**

19a. Manual of Procedures. Zelda Jensen has CD's of updates of the manual. Ms. Jensen needs an update from the previous Executive Board Meeting.

19b. Webmaster. Written Report submitted.

20. Certification. New Certification Chair, Helen Dingus, highlighted information from former Certification Chair, Cindy Kessler.

Ms. Dingus discussed the costs of the different duties of the Certification Committee. Then, she proceeded to discuss the fee for Honorary Certification. President Kilts brought up the tabled motion from the 2008 Winter Executive Board Meeting. The tabled motion was **“That the fee for the Honorary Certification for FSMTA be set at \$50 and that the local association who makes the nomination will pay the fee.”** A discussion followed to clarify Honorary Certification and the qualifications and procedures for the nomination.

****The motion failed.**

Helen Dingus made the following motion:

****I move that the local association who makes the nomination for the Honorary Certification pay the fee of \$_____. There was no second. A discussion followed.**

After a 20 minute recess, the meeting reconvened. Ms. Dingus withdrew her previous motion and then made the following motion:

****I move that the local association who nominates the Honorary Certification applicant pay a non-refundable application fee. The fee will be determined by the FSMTA Executive Board. No discussion followed.**

****The motion was approved.**

Ms. Dingus then made the following motion.

****I move that the application fee for the Honorary Certification Applicant be \$30. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion.**

****The motion carried unanimously.**

21. CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS REVISION CHAIR Maria Santilli will present the proposed by-laws revision for Article XIII, Section 4d at the First General Session of this State Conference and it will be voted upon at the Second General Session. She referred to her written report of activity since the 2008 Winter Board Meeting. After a brief discussion of possible clarity of Article XIV, Section 6, it was decided that Ms. Santilli and Sheron White discuss that and report at a later date.

22. IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT Written report submitted.

22a. Nominating Committee. Immediate Past President, Millicent Callobre reminded the nominating committee of the Thursday Meeting for suggestions of a slate of officers for the 2009-2011 FSMTA Executive Board. Ms. Callobre stated a change on the committee list and in District 2, Norma Mastrogiacomio is on this committee, and not the President of District 1. Leonard Mastrogiacomio, a past president of FSMTA, will substitute for Norma at the Thursday meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Becky Barlar shared information about the Directors and Officers Liability Insurance through MTNA which deals with “wrongful act”, not “slip and fall” coverage. She shared the costs and after a discussion, the board decided not to have Ms. Barlar bring this issue to the Budget Committee. “Slip and Fall” coverage is provided through MTNA.

President Kilts reminded all in attendance to be present at the First General Session and that the Navy Band Southeast Ceremonial Band will be performing at 7:50 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m. until Saturday morning.

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Saturday, June 21, 2008
7:00 a.m.

President Paulette Kilts reconvened the FSMTA 2008 Conference Executive Board Meeting at 7:05 a.m.

Roll call was by signature. Those attending were:

Paulette Kilts
Marc Hebda
Becky Barlar
Sheron White
Joanne Smith
Tim Murphy
Suzanne Jarvis
Denise Homsley

Albert Rosier
Julia Sublette
Nancy Shakelford
Jay Hess
Duncan MacMillan
Tanya Brooks
Adrienne LeBlanc
Helen Dingus

Joan Mank
Charles Turon
Leonard Mastrogiacomo
Martha Stubbs
Sonja Rozier
Amy Turon
Maria Santilli
Mark Repasky

REPORTS.

3b. College Council. Charles Turon highlighted information from his submitted report. He met with Megan Walsh, Collegiate Chapter Chair/VCCI, to continue plans for a College Faculty-focused event in October in conjunction with the FSMTA College Competitive Events in Ybor City. Dr. Turon is investigating the institution of a state guitar competition to replace the young artist competition. Also, there is the possibility of having a performance/commissioned composition highlighting classical guitar as part of the College Faculty event.

6b. Community Service Awards. Mark Repasky presented a change to the application form. After he presented an explanation for the need for this change, Mr. Repasky presented the following motion:

****To move the date applications must reach the Local MTA President or High School Liaison Chairman to March 1st.** The motion was seconded. A brief discussion followed.

****The motion passed.**

4. VICE-PRESIDENT for DISTRICT AND LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS. Sheron White presented an update on her participation in the President's Luncheon. Ms. White suggests that the time slot for the luncheon be 2 hours instead of an hour and a half. More time is needed to discuss issues with the Presidents.

Another suggestion for improved communication among the Presidents would be a chat room. Ms. Kilts recommended discussing that with our Webmaster.

7. VICE-PRESIDENT for FSMTA NON-COMPETITIVE STUDENT EVENTS. Tim Murphy reported a smooth and informative Student Activities Meeting during this Conference. A suggestion was made at the meeting to consider giving the Level 1 and 2 students the opportunity to sightread for bonus points. Zelda Jensen is looking into this.

18. District 9 President. Duncan MacMillan presented information about the March 15th Concerto report. There were competitors in Strings and Piano. He emailed a revised report so this concerto information could be included.

19b. Webmaster. Amy Turon mentioned changes to the website. She explained the email addresses used to protect officers' real email addresses. The minutes of meetings are now on the website. You can use the "Find Key", ctrl F, to search through the minutes for specific information. The college council members are now listed on the website.

The official FSMTA Directory is now online. It is broken into 3 sections:

Bylaws-will remain constant.

Handbook-updated every 2 years.

Membership Directory-annually posted and updated as membership changes.

The old membership list will be archived and left up for finding earlier information.

Manual Procedure information is not available online at this time. Zelda Jensen has that on disk.

Ms. Turon then reminded everyone to make sure that the signed permission slip is completed so that student winners' pictures can be posted. She will make a permission slip and have it available for download from the website. A discussion followed.

Ms. Kilts announced she has invited Ms.Turon to speak during the Third General Session. President Kilts also thanked Ms.Turon for her wonderful work on our website and the board agreed with applause.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS. Ms. Kilts called upon Al Rozier to present the proposed budget for next fiscal year. A discussion regarding the costs for piano moving followed. A brief discussion of the cost of judges also followed.

****The 2008-2009 Budget was unanimously approved.**

President Kilts asked for a report from the ad hoc committee (Mary Seal, Al Rozier, Marc Hebda) to research opening a permanent conference checking account. Al Rozier presented information that was found in the committee's research. A lengthy discussion followed.

Joan Mank made the following motion:

****The motion was made and seconded for Al Rozier to seek professional advice to research the establishment of a Conference Checking Account.**

****The motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS. Charles Turon presented the following motion:

****I move that the Executive Board of FSMTA appoint a committee to explore the feasibility of establishing a Classical Guitar Competition, starting with the 2009 FSMTA Competitive Events Day. The motion was seconded.**

****The motion carried.**

The organ discussion was dispensed with at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: President Kilts made the following announcements:

MTNA Competitive Events will be Friday and Saturday, October 24-25, 2008 at Hillsborough Community College, Ybor City (Tampa).

Executive Board Meetings will be Friday, October 24, 2008 from 2-6:30 p.m.-Location TBA.

The College Council/Collegiate Chapters Joint Event-October 25-26, 2008.

FSMTA Winter Executive Board Meetings at the Cabot Lodge, Gainesville-January 30-31, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Jarvis
Recording Secretary