

**Florida State Music Teachers Association**  
2008 State Conference

**Second General Session**

Paramount Plaza Hotel and Conference Center  
Gainesville, Florida

Friday, June 20, 2008  
1:00 p.m.

President Paulette Kilts called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

The minutes from the First General Session were read and approved.

Joan Mank introduced Dr. Gary Smart, the 2008 FSMTA Commissioned composer. Dr. Smart shared some remarks about his composition before the performance. He discussed the Jazz influence on his life and the piece is dedicated to one of his mentors and only Jazz Teacher, Oscar Peterson, who recently passed away. The composition *Flagship Fancy* was then performed by Dr. Nick Curry, Cello, Dr. Guy Yehuda, Clarinet, and Dr. Gary Smart, Piano. The performance was enjoyed by all in attendance. Dr. Smart informed us that they will be recording the piece in the near future and of course, FSMTA will be credited on the recording.

**OFFICER REPORTS**

Vice-President of Membership, Becky Barlar reported that at the end of 2007-2008 year, FSMTA membership was 892 of which there were 73 new members. She shared a reminder of the July 1<sup>st</sup> deadline for membership renewal and to renew in a timely manner so you can be eligible for MTNA and FSMTA events. The most current membership information is updated online and is password protected. You will need your MTNA membership number to access the site. Please inform Becky as soon as possible of any changes to your membership information. She also made a request for more members to view the newsletter online instead of receiving it in the mail. A list was made available for online sign-up.

Vice-President of District and Local Associations, Sheron White then gave a report of her activities since taking office and expressed a desire to be able to communicate through email.

Corresponding Secretary Denise Homsley shared an overview of her activities which included sending sympathy cards on behalf of FSMTA and emailing reports and other communications to the Executive Board and membership.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS BY CHAIRPERSONS**

Certification New Certification Chair, Helen Dingus reported the names of the committee members, newly certified teachers and the first FSMTA Honorary Certification recipient, Janice Watts, District IX. Ms. Dingus informed the attendees that the Executive Board voted that the fee for Honorary Certification Applicants is \$30. She also mentioned that Cindy Kessler expressed her appreciation to all who had worked with her as she had served as our Certification Chair.

Mrs. Kilts mentioned she would be happy to sign program booklets for those certified participants needing to verify points for attendance at the conference.

Florida State Music Teacher Editor Adrienne Le Blanc informed us that there are 5 issues of our newsletter. It is now in its 8<sup>th</sup> year. A new printer has been selected to reduce the costs. She also mentioned a reminder of the possibility of viewing the newsletter online instead of having it mailed.

Collegiate Chapters and College Council Dr. Megan Walsh informed the attendees that there are now 3 Collegiate chapters. These are Manatee College, Lynn University and the University of Miami. She has encouraged some of the college students to write an article for our newsletter. Dr. Charles Turon shared that there are 100 FSMTA College Members of the council from 41 schools. He is striving to improve communication avenues for the College Members. He is working on plans for an event for college faculty members at the Ybor City competitions in Oct 24-25. He discussed the importance of being mindful of non piano members. He included the mention of a FSMTA Classical Guitar competition and composition events.

Unfinished Business Maria Santilli restated the proposed Bylaws change.

**“The slate shall be published in the issue of the official publication of FSMTA that immediately precedes the state conference.”** There was no discussion.

**\*\*The vote passed and the Bylaw revision will be made.**

No New Business.

Announcements:

President Kilts made the following announcements:

- 1-Complete Orange Evaluation form
- 2-Transportation to UF for this evening’s concert will be provided for those of special needs. Sign up at the registration desk.
- 3-Marc Hebda is accepting checks for the MTNA Foundation Fellow Fund.
- 4-The Executive Board members were asked to stand to be recognized and also reminded of the 7 am executive board meeting Saturday morning and breakfast will be in the meeting room.
- 5-Conference Drawings at 7:50am on Saturday, so make sure you purchase your tickets.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Jarvis  
Recording Secretary