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President's Report to the Winter FSMTA Executive Board

February 1, 2008 Cabot Lodge, Gainesville

Activities since State Conference 2007 meetings:

Work with Recording Secretary/Archivist: Postal mailed past chair documents to Archivist Tammy Davis.

Work with Corresponding Secretary: Prepared Winter Executive Board announcement and sent to Corresponding Secretary Dec 2 for distribution. Prepared second announcement and agenda for distribution 1st week of January 2008.

Work with Treasurer: Signed and forwarded to President-elect and Recording Secretary a new signature card for FSMTA Wachovia account and Schwab account; returned past-President Callobre's VISA check card to Wachovia and requested a new one for use during my term.

Sent to MTNA headquarters: Local Association of the Year Award nomination letter, State Affiliate of the Year newsletters, and Commissioned Composer competition materials for 2007. Worked with Commissioned Composer Chairman Joan Mank to complete paperwork for commissioning in 2008. Updated Florida portal with new leadership since elections.

Sent to Southern Division Director: Update on Florida officers for Southern Division handbook.

Work with President-Elect and Conference planners: Sent an email thank you to the 2007 Conference planning committee via the committee secretary. Attended 2008 Conference planning meetings Nov 10, 2007 and Jan 12, 2008. Work begun on General Session agendas for the June State Conference. Advised as requested. Requested that the President-Elect be in contact with members attending the MTNA Conference in March 2008 and determine which members will be seated at the "Florida" table at the MTNA Foundation Gala.

2007-2008 MTNA competitions: Mailed letters to winners and teachers of Florida segment; assisted with distribution of Southern Division competition information to students and teachers (also had this info placed on website); postal mailed letters to students placing in the SD segment of the composition contest and their teachers;

Attended MTNA Southern Division competitions Jan 18-21, 2008 at Furman University, Greenville, SC serving as a monitor and attending Southern Division banquet/meeting. Greeted all Florida competitors and attended all announcements of winners. Heard most Florida performances. Received reports on competition winners from SD leaders. Emailed student winners in the performance SD segment with info on travel grant monies.

Work with Editor: Submitted newsletter articles by Nov 10 and January 10 deadlines. Advised Editor and Editorial Committee as they received and reviewed bids from several companies for

2008-2009 printing and distribution of the “*Florida State Music Teacher*”.

Work with interim webmaster: Forwarded information on MTNA competition winners and other pertinent information to be posted on the website.

Board Resignations:

VOTING: Certification Chair - Cindy Kessler (will serve until new appointee is found)

NON-VOTING: Taxation and Licensing chair - Jeannie Blaszczyk (would welcome suggestions for this position)

Board Appointments:

Appointed Director Joan Mank to serve on the Nominating Committee.

Hired:

Hired Amy Turon as interim web master and worked with her to begin update of the website; contacted MTNA technology staff Julianne Miranda and Mendy McKinnis about assistance from them on updates using AIB program.

Alerted President-elect, Director Leonard Mastrogiacomo, Taxation/Licensing Chair Jeannie Blaszczyk, Arts Awareness, Advocacy Chair Sonja Rozier and VP for District/Locals Sheron White about the possibility of the state legislature instituting a sales tax on services. Asked for their assistance on researching FSMTA past experience with this type of legislation and to be available to provide assistance if needed to make sure independent teachers would be exempt from such a tax.

MTNA Elections:

The February/March edition of the *American Music Teacher* magazine holds the division ballots for the national election. Instructions are listed in the *AMT* magazine, or you may go online to www.mtna.org and follow the election instructions. You are encouraged to vote for either of the MTNA Southern Division candidates for the position of MTNA Southern Division Director-Elect. Turnouts for these division elections are historically small, so every vote is extremely important! The MTNA Southern Division Director-Elect Candidates are: Joanna Burnside (Mississippi) and Richard Scott (Kentucky).

MTNA Conference - March 30 - April 1, 2008

Deadline for early registration is February 14, 2008 - it is not too late!

Southern Division meeting with reception - Sunday, March 30 - 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. in the Convention Center Rm 709.

Respectfully submitted,
Paulette Kilts, NCTM