

Florida State Music Teachers Association 2009 State Conference

First General Session

**Doubletree Hotel
Tallahassee, Florida**

**Thursday, June 11, 2009
8:00-9:20 a.m.**

President Paulette Kilts called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m. and introduced a brass quintet in a musical presentation by members of the faculty, Masters and Doctoral studies program at Florida State University School College of Music. Following the performance Paulette declared the 1st General session of the 75th "Diamond Anniversary" State Conference of the Florida State Music Teachers Association to be in session.

Mary Beth Purchase, secretary pro-tem read the minutes of the June 21, 2008 Third General Session. The minutes were approved as read.

Welcome

Marc Hebda, Conference Advisor welcomed the attendees. He assured the attendees that the committee has worked really hard to provide a variety of sessions including internet teaching, voice for life, piano technologist, music therapy, church musicians, as well as the first poster session ever offered at a FSMTA Conference. Marc reminded us of the concerts for Thursday and Friday night.

Introduction of Guests

Paulette Kilts introduced and thanked the following gentlemen

Dr. Gary Ingle, MTNA Executive Director/CEO

Dr. Paul Stewart, past MTNA President

Recognition of Presidents

Paulette Kilts asked that all past FSMTA Presidents, District Presidents and all Local Association Presidents stand and be recognized.

Carolyn Bradford was recognized as a 50 year MTNA member in 2008.

Introduction of Parliamentarian

Paulette Kilts recognized Martha Stubbs as our Parliamentarian

Introduction of Guest Speaker

Paulette Kilts introduced Dr. Don Gibson, Dean of the FSU College of Music. She expressed appreciation the College of Music sponsorship of Conference artist, Ann Shein and use of facilities at the University for both of our evening concerts and receptions.

Dr. Gibson spoke about the promotion of a systematic aggressive music study in an effort to support music studies in our schools. He states that the idea of the "Mozart Effect" does not promote active music programs in our schools and that if it was promoted, it could lead to doing away with active music studies in the school system. The idea being that one could simply listen to a CD of classical music and get the benefits, without the thoughtful deeper engagement that is required for performance of music.

Officer Reports:

President's Report

Paulette Kilts reported on her activities since the

Activities since the Winter 2008 Executive Board meeting:

Since the June State Conference, she has:

- Advised various Vice-Presidents and committee chairmen.
- Advised planners of the of the 1st FSMTA Collegiate Convocation
- Provided information to webmaster Amy Turon for the state website
- Updated the Florida State Portal at the MTNA website
- Prepared agendas for the Winter and State Conference Board Meetings
- Prepared an agenda for the Director's meeting to take place during the State Conference
- Prepared the President's messages for 5 state newsletters

- Prepared the 3 General Session agendas for this conference
- Received one Board resignation and made several appointments: Nancy Shackelford and Mary Beth Purchase as pro-tem Secretaries after the resignation of Suzanne Jarvis
- Appointed Emilie Bova to fill the board position of Julia Sublette after Dr. Julia Sublette's passing.
- Appointed Dr. Carolyn Bridger to serve as Collaborative Performance Forum chair
- After the FSMTA Executive Board approved a new state Classical Guitar competition, she appointed Mary McOwen to serve as chairman

She represented FSMTA at the MTNA Summit on Leadership, Sept 5-7, 2008 in Cincinnati, Ohio; at the MTNA Southern Division competitions January 16-20, 2009 at Virginia State University, Petersburg, Virginia; and at the MTNA National Conference March 28-April 1, 2009 in Atlanta Ga. While there, she attended the Southern Division meeting, where she presented a report from Florida. She attended the States Presidents Advisory Council meeting and the Annual Business Meeting of the Association and the Awards Brunch.

She attended the Florida MTNA Competitions October 24-25 and Collegiate Convocation October 25-26, 2008 at Hillsborough Community College, Ybor City campus and the FSMTA State Competitive Events Day Saturday, May 9, 2009 at Florida Atlantic University, in Boca Raton, Fl.

Treasurer Report

Al Rozier reported that as of June 7, 2009, FSMTA has assets of \$69435.42. FSMTA has a net income of \$5674.09, slightly higher than one year ago. Despite problems in the economy, our investments have held steady and our leaders were able to keep costs at or below our budget.

President-Elect

Marc Hebda stated that as President –Elect he attended the MTNA National Conference in Atlanta: of interest to the Executive Board, he delivered the Florida State Pride Gift and attended the MTNA Foundation Meeting, Southern Division Meeting, SPAC meeting with President Kilts, Local Association Meeting, and the MTNA Foundation Gala. Marc kept in contact with two representatives of the DoubleTree Hotel in Tallahassee regarding the 75th Anniversary Conference.

Marc kept in close contact with chairs of the conference and assisted them in planning: Marc extended his gratitude to Treasurer/Registrar Susan Myrick, Exhibitor Chair Kerri Turner, Program Book Chair Stephanie Womble, Raffle Chairs Ed Varela and Jane Hays, Workshop Chair Emilie Bova, FSU Site Chair Leonard Mastrogiacomo, Reception Chair Ruth Ruggles Akers, Banquet Chair Martha Stubbs, Registration Chairs Mark and Cindy Repasky, Session Monitors Chairs Kyung-Ae Gibson and Michelle Snow, Presenters Gift Bags Chair Heajin Byun, Flowers Chair Kyungju Lee. Mark solicited the assistance of Editor Adrienne LeBlanc in formatting information for the conference brochures mailed in April. Marc sent conference information and updates to Webmaster Amy Turon. Marc met with Program Book Chair, Stephanie Womble, to format and edit the conference program book before printing. Marc attended the FSMTA State Competitive Events in Boca Raton and served as a replacement judge for the concerto competitions.

Vice-President For Membership

Becky Barlor reported since the fiscal year ends on June 30 and the new fiscal year begins on July 1, at this time of year exact membership figures are difficult to determine. At the end of the 2008-2009 fiscal year, FSMTA had 861 members. 93 new members

have joined within the past year. As of May 30, we had 427 new members and renewals for the upcoming year. Becky reported that this year's membership directory is now being archived on the FSMTA website. The current membership directory is online and updated regularly, so it should contain the most current member information. Becky reminded us to please bear in mind that it may take up to six weeks from the time you renew until your information is listed online, so please be sure that your name is in the latest directory. Members can access this directory on the FSMTA website with their MTNA member number. Please report all changes in contact information to new membership V-P Anna Fagan. Members can e-mail her through the website at www.fmta.org.

Unfinished Business

In reference to the direction given to the FSMTA Executive Board from the June 21, 3rd General Session, the following occurred. After the results of email survey regarding the State conference date were available on the website, an electronic voting message was sent to the Executive Board with a reply requested by July 10, 2008 asking them to "consider rescinding the 2nd June Conference and move it back to Fall of 2009".

The vote was not unanimous, as required by our Bylaws, which meant that the Conference planners would proceed to plan for a June 2009 conference. The results of the vote were posted on the FSMTA website in the announcement section on July 21, 2009 and were also e-mailed to the Executive Board at that time. At this State Conference Sat. a.m. Board meeting, they will decide the timing for the 2010 State Conference.

New Business

Report of the Nominating Committee

Presentation of Slate of FSMTA officers by Millicent Callobre

Slate of Officers:

President-Elect Adrienne LeBlanc

VP for Membership Anna Fagan

VP for District and Local Assns Jo Plunkett

VP for MTNA Competitive Events Denise Homsley

VP for FSMTA Competitive Events Mary Seal

VP for FSMTA Non-Competitive Events Tanya Brooks

Recording Secretary Mary Beth Purchase

Corresponding Secretary Dr. Lisa Leonard
FSMTA Treasurer Al Rozier
FSMTF Treasurer Susan Myrick

There were no further nominations from the floor so nominations were closed. Millicent thanked the members of the nominating committee for their hard work. They were Marc Hebda, Joan Mank, Suzy Reiser, Barbara Goldberg, Lesia Schulha, and Leonard Mastrogiacomo.

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS REVISION CHAIR.

Maria Santilli reported that five proposals will need to be voted on during the First General Session. The changes approved at the last Board Meeting, which will be presented at the Second General Session are:

Proposal No. 1: Article V, Section 2b. (Provisional Members)

***current:* 2b. An extension of one (1) or two (2) years may be granted.**

***proposed revision:* 2b. An extension of 1 or 2 years may be requested, in writing, not fewer than 90 days prior to the expiration of the original term, and will require board approval.**

Motion to amend on the floor with a second

Carolyn Bradford came forward and presented an amendment to the proposed change.

Paulette Kilts suggested that this is a PROCEDURAL MATTER, perhaps instead of a Bylaw change and asked if Carolyn would consider withdrawing her amendment. After further discussion, Carolyn Bradford withdrew her amendment. This Bylaw revision will be presented at the Second General Session, but after discussion, it is recommended that this Bylaw not be approved.

Proposal No. 2: Article V, Section 3. (Student Membership)

***current:* [last sentence] Teachers who have held full membership in MTNA or FSMTA may not be considered for Student Membership.**

***proposed revision:* Teachers who have held active membership in MTNA or FSMTA may not be considered for Student Membership.**

Proposal No. 3: Article V, Section 3d. (Student Membership)

***current:* 3d. Student members may teach no more than ten (10) students.**

***proposed revision:* 3d. Student members may teach no more than ten (10) private students.**

Proposal No. 4: Article VII, Section 1. (Dues)

***add new section subclass:* 1b. Dues are non-refundable.**

Proposal No. 5: Article VII, Section 3. (Dues)

***current:* Honorary, Life, and Retired members shall not be required to pay dues to the Association; however, if they wish to receive any of the benefits of membership in MTNA, they must pay annual dues to the National Association.**

***proposed revision:* ...however, they must pay annual dues to the national and local associations**

Paulette Kilts advised that these Bylaw changes will be presented for approval tomorrow at the Second General Session at 11:00 a.m.

Announcements: We were reminded about the FSMTA Winners Concert this evening and were advised to review the driving directions printed in the Conference Program. Parking was also discussed.

Adjournment:

Paulette Kilts declared the meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Beth Purchase
Recording Secretary