

**Florida State Music Teachers Association
2009 State Conference
Second General Session**

**DoubleTree Hotel
Tallahassee, Florida**

**Friday, June 12, 2009
11:00-12:30 a.m.**

Call to Order Paulette Kilts called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m. Paulette had a few requests: 1) All speakers need to come to the mike to be heard. 2) She appealed to the membership to stay for the entire meeting, as the vote for the FSMTA slate of officers and for the procedural changes will take place at the end of the meeting

Reading of Minutes –Mary Beth Purchase, secretary pro-tem read the minutes of the June 11, 2009 First General Session. The minutes were approved with two corrections; under the Constitution and Bylaws report, the minutes should read Second General Session, **not** First, and the time of adjournment was corrected to read 9:15 a.m. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Introduction of Commissioned Composer - In the absence of Joan Mank, Paulette Kilts introduced Dr. Clifton Callendar, who spoke briefly about the inspiration for his work *Metamorphosis II*. The title comes from the work of one of his favorite artists, M.C. Usher. Another influence was the process of writing for string instruments.

Metamorphosis II by Dr. Clifton Callendar
The Hanna-Yang Duo:
Emily Hanna Crane, violin
Hui-ting Yang, piano

This commissioned work is funded by the Music Teachers National Association and the Florida State Music Teachers Association. Following the wonderful performance, President Paulette Kilts presented Dr. Callendar with a check for his commission.

Officer Reports:

Vice-President For District and Local Associations:

Sheron White reported that during her term as Vice President, she has prepared, provided, and presented written reports for all of the FSMTA Executive Board meetings, attended both FSMTA Conferences, prepared agendas for and invited all District and Local Presidents to the Council of District and Local Presidents Luncheon, researched and prepared a workshop on the topic of *Provisional Membership* and presented it at the June 2008 conference in Gainesville to the Council of District and Local Presidents Luncheon and will facilitate a discussion on the subject of *Member and Leader Development and Mentoring* during the 2009 Conference at the Council of District and Local President's Luncheon. At the direction of the FSMTA Executive Board, Sheron Provided the District and Local Presidents with Executive Board actions and decisions or correspondence that either required a response from, or provided information to the district and local officers and/or members. Sheron secured updated District and Local Association contact information and provided them to the President, President-Elect, and other offices when requested, and included the FSMTA Webmaster. She maintained open communication with the District and Local Association presidents via electronic correspondence and telephone, providing prompt assistance when needed. She worked with the FSMTA President, President-Elect and the Collegiate Chapter Chair on completing the MTNA and FSMTA application for Executive Board approval of the Collegiate Chapter of Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton. She also consolidated and organized all records and files accumulated for the office in order to facilitate an efficient and effective transfer of these records to the incoming Vice President of District and Local Associations.

Corresponding Secretary: Denise Holmsley reported that as Corresponding Secretary she has sent out Executive Board Meeting announcements at President Kilts request, she has sent out Executive Board reports for each of the Executive board meetings, she has attended all board meetings. She sent cards to families of FSMTA members who have passed away; most recently the family of Julia Sublette. She has also maintained the FSMTA stationary supplies.

Vice President of FSMTA Non-Competitive Events: Tim Murphy reported that there were a total of 1747 students enrolled in 2009 District Student Day with 135 no-shows. The following certificates were awarded:

Certificates of Achievement: 1464; Certificates of Progress: 109; Certificates of Performance: 8; Certificates of Theory: 31. There were 976 State Honors medals awarded to students in District Student Day 2009. Tim reported that a total of \$1612.00 has been received for 2009 certificate payments. Tim also announced that the revision to the opening section of the FSMTA Student Activities Handbook was completed this past January and is available on the website. Since January, there have been 4 handbooks mailed out. Monies collected: \$60.00. All checks have been sent to treasurer, Al Rozier. There were 50 handbooks printed in January at a cost of \$382.47. There are 49 handbooks that remain.

Tim Murphy also announced that the following FSMTA member has been approved for District Student Day judging: Heajin Byun from (District II - Tallahassee) was approved to judge piano-Levels P-10.

Committee Reports by Chairpersons

Certification Chair Helen Dingus reported that she has returned all telephone calls and communications and has enjoyed the interaction very much.

Special presentations were made:

The Certificate of Professional Advancement to Christine Arens

The Certificate of Experience from the FSMTA to Betsy Duncan Randolph

Florida Music Teacher Editor Adrienne LeBlanc made her last report. She encouraged the membership to consider getting their newsletters online. She stated that in doing so it would help to conserve our financial resources. She reminded the membership that the newsletter is on a password protected site so there is no concern about the entire internet having access to their information. Adrienne also stated that she would be remiss if she didn't mention the kind help and support given to her by the late Julia Sublette, who was the past editor of the Florida Music Teacher section in the Florida Music Director Magazine.

Collegiate Chapters chairmen Dr. Megan Walsh and College Council chairman Dr. Charles Turon presented their report. Dr. Turon reported on last year's first ever Collegiate Convocation held Oct 25-26 in Ybor City, Tampa. Students observed and served as monitors for the MTNA Competitive events; participated in a very impressive recital that featured students, faculty, and a commissioned composition-*Fresco* for solo guitar

and guitar ensemble by Rex Willis, had a roundtable discussion, poster session and then a luncheon banquet featuring speaker, Rene Gonzalez from the University of Miami. Members of the College Council who participated in the convocation included: Rosalie Gregory, Lisa Leonard, Marc Reese, Megan Walsh, Rex Willis and Ayako Yonetani. Expenses for the event totaled \$485.00. This was the cost of the commissioned composer, the guest speaker and other minor expenses. This joint venture between the College Council and the Collegiate Chapters was considered very successful by all who attended. The next Collegiate Convocation will be held on Oct. 24-25, 2009 at the Ybor City campus of Hillsborough Community College in conjunction with the state MTNA competitions which are from Oct. 23-24, 2009.

Other activities included attending the MTNA Conference in Atlanta with 10 students from MCC, where Dr. Turon attended the College Faculty Forum as well as the Collegiate Chapters Forum and the Wellness Forum. He contributed to an article in the June/July issue of the *American Music Teacher* and has stayed current with other College Council chairpersons through the MTNA discussion board, along with working to keep the FSMTA College Council list up-to-date and collecting information from universities to post on the website.

Dr. Megan Walsh reported that they are looking into having a composition contest for collegiate students at the next Collegiate Convocation. She also stated that the goal is to have the students play more of a decisive role in the choosing of content for each Collegiate Convocation. She and Dr. Turon are discussing having each of the four Florida MTNA Collegiate Chapters be responsible for a 30 minute workshop session. She also stated that they are planning to have two larger sessions: 1) Teach students how to give a master class and 2) Teach students how to adjudicate.

She also said that they are looking into ways to get the MTNA competitors and their families to stay for the concerts; to increase the audience. She also reminded us that student members do not need to be part of a collegiate chapter to be a student member. There are many colleges and universities in Florida that do not have collegiate chapters. The word needs to get out to these students that they can join as an independent student member and enjoy the benefits of said membership.

Unfinished Business

Vote on Slate of Officers

Millicent Callobre thanked in advance the new slate of officers for the 2009-2011.

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

Leonard Mastrogiacomo made a motion to accept the new slate of officers by acclamation. M/S/P

Installation of officers will take place tomorrow, June 13, 2009 at the Third General Session.

Vote on Bylaw Amendments

Maria Santilli verbally announced these proposed revisions:

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.

Vote taken. The proposed revision was unanimously disapproved

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.

Vote taken. The proposed revision was unanimously approved

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.

Vote taken. The proposed revision was unanimously approved

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

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

Vote taken. The proposed revision was unanimously approved

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

Vote taken. The proposed revision was unanimously approved

New Business

Announcements

Marc Hebda announced that Glenda Austin's packets are available at the registration desk. The District and Local Presidents Luncheon will be held upstairs in the Florida Room. He announced the winners of the drawing.

Paulette Kilts adjourned the Second General Session at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Beth Purchase
Recording Secretary