

Florida State Music Teachers Association

Winter Executive Board Meeting

Cabot Lodge
Gainesville Florida

Fri., Jan. 30, 2009 - 3:00 p.m.
Sat., Jan 31, 2009 - 9:00 a.m.

President Paulette Kilts called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

Ms. Kilts announced that Suzanne Jarvis has resigned as Recording Secretary for FSMTA. Ms. Kilts has appointed Nancy Shackelford as Pro Tem Recording Secretary for this meeting. Ms. Kilts thanked Ms. Jarvis for her work on the board.

Roll Call was by signature. Those attending were:

Paulette Kilts
Marc Hebda
Sheron White
Nancy Shackelford

Denise Homsley
Al Rozier
Carolyn Troupin
Adrienne LeBlanc

Helen Dingus
Millicent Callobre
Joan Mank
Sonja Rozier

MINUTES of the October 24, 2009 Fall Executive Board Meeting were approved.

In the absence of Martha Stubbs, President Kilts named Millicent Callobre as Parliamentarian for the meeting. Ms. Callobre certified that we had a quorum for the meeting.

The following motion was made and seconded:

MOTION: that we accept the agenda for the meeting.

The motion carried.

REPORTS

1. PRESIDENT'S REPORT. President Kilts gave highlights from the Southern Division Competition, Jan. 16-20, 2009, in Richmond VA. She served as a monitor for the chamber music competitions and the senior brass competitions, as well as attending the Southern Division meetings.

Ms. Kilts reported that she had just received the minutes from the MTNA Board of Directors Meeting.

She stated that she had worked with the Collegiate Convocation planners. President Kilts has appointed Mary McOwen as the chair for the new Guitar Competitions. She stated that the position of Student Chapter Representative is currently vacant.

Ms. Kilts reminded us of the dates for the upcoming MTNA National Conference -- March 28-April, in Atlanta. The last day for early registration is Feb. 16. At the conference, the Southern Division meeting and reception will be March 29 at

5:00 p.m. All attendees from Florida, and their spouses, are invited to attend.

Florida winners from the Southern Division Competitions will compete at National. These include: Junior Piano -- Jason Nong, student of Vladimir Khokhlov, and Young Artist Woodwind -- Wongkak Kim, clarinet, student of Frank Kowalsky.

The following composition winners will have their compositions judged at National: Junior -- Gabrielle Chou and Senior -- Dustin Katzin. Both are students of Donald Waxman.

President Kilts announced that the next meetings of the Executive Board will be Wednesday, June 10 at 1:00-4:00 p.m., and Saturday, June 13 at 8:15-9:15 a.m., in Tallahassee at the FSMTA State Conference.

1a. ETHICS REPORT. No report.

1b. PARLIAMENTARIAN REPORT. No report.

1c. COMPOSITION COMMISSIONING. Joan Mank reported that she had begun the search for a composer for the 2010 conference, in order to give that composer as much time as possible (since we do not yet know the date of the 2010 conference). She gave biographical information on Dr. Valentin Bogdan of the University of Miami. He is recommended by Dr. Jay Hess, District VI president.

The following motion was made and seconded:

MOTION: that we accept Dr. Valentin Bogdan as Commissioned Composer for 2010.

The motion carried.

2. PRESIDENT-ELECT. Marc Hebda reported that \$700 has been donated, out of the \$1000 needed to name an MTNA Fellow from Florida.

The following motion was made and seconded:

MOTION: that \$300 from the FSMTA treasury be used to supplement the existing Fellow funds in order to name a MTNA Fellow from Florida for 2009.

The motion carried.

The following motion was made and seconded:

MOTION: that FSMTA contribute \$145 to sponsor a table at the 2009 MTNA Foundation Fund Gala at the 2009 MTNA Conference.

The motion carried.

Mr. Hebda reported that he has received a donation, from Florida Department of Fish and Wildlife, of a signed print (approximately \$50 in value) by D. L. "Rusty" Rust. This will be used as the Florida contribution to the State Pride Drawing at the MTNA National Conference.

2a. 2008 CONFERENCE. Denise Homsley reported that, after all expenses were paid, and the seed money returned to FSMTA and Districts III and IV, there was a profit of \$1555. The committee has not yet decided what to do with this money, but will report their decision at the next meeting of the Executive Board.

2b. 2009 CONFERENCE. Marc Hebda reported that the committee has signed a contract with the Doubletree Hotel in Tallahassee. Information is available on the FSMTA website, as well as in the Feb./Mar. newsletter. He mentioned several workshop proposals that the committee has received, including one from Paul Stewart on Ragtime music and one from Kimberly Van Wieder on adaptations for students with special needs. Mr. Hebda reported that all of the committees have been formed and everyone is working to put together a successful conference.

President Kilts announced the death of Julia Sublette (President of District I, and conference planning committee chair). Ms. Kilts passed around an obituary.

2c. INDEPENDENT TEACHERS FORUM. No report.

2d. COLLABORATIVE PERFORMANCE FORUM. No report.

TREASURER'S REPORT. President Kilts read Marc Hebda's 2 motions that were passed, in order to update the treasurer on these monetary activities. Treasurer Al Rozier reported that the net worth of the association is somewhat better than this time last year, although dues income is down somewhat. Mr. Rozier reported that there is a question about the non-profit status of FSMTA -- it is possible that we are now listed by the IRS as 501(c)(3), instead of 501(c)(6). He will discuss this with the attorney to make sure that we are classified correctly, and report at the next meeting of the Executive Board.

3. VICE-PRESIDENT FOR MEMBERSHIP. Report filed electronically.

3a. PROVISIONAL MEMBERS. Report filed electronically. Tanya Brooks would like to discuss the possibility of open membership (with no restrictions) for FSMTA. This will be included in the agenda of the next meeting of the Executive Board.

3b. COLLEGE COUNCIL. Speaking for Charles Turon, Sheron White presented the following motion, which was seconded:

MOTION: that we continue holding the College Convocation on an annual basis, and that we hold the convocation during the same weekend as the MTNA competitions.

The motion carried.

4. VICE-PRESIDENT FOR DISTRICT AND LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS. Sheron White has requested that the local and district presidents send their reports to her by May 26. The reports will be distributed at the Presidents' Lunch at the FSMTA Conference. Ms. White suggested that both outgoing and incoming presidents attend the lunch.

4a. ARTS AWARENESS AND ADVOCACY. Report filed electronically. Sonja Rozier spoke about the petition to gather support for a Secretary of the Arts in the new Obama cabinet. She also spoke about the Arts for Life Scholarship, which was begun by Columba Bush. The application for this \$1000 scholarship, for a graduating high school senior, was Feb. 2, 2009.

4b. FSMTA TEACHER AWARDS. Report filed electronically. An article was submitted for the Feb./Mar. issue of the FSMTA newsletter regarding applications for this award.

4c. TAXATION AND LICENSING. Report filed electronically.

4d. COLLEGIATE CHAPTER CHAIR/VCCI. Megan Walsh has been working with Florida Atlantic University to establish their collegiate chapter, and requests that the Executive Board approve this chapter. However, the board has not yet received all of the required paperwork. Sheron White will contact Ms. Walsh to see that all of the paperwork is done and sent to President Kilts. Once this is finalized, the board can vote electronically for the chapter's approval.

President Kilts recommended to the VP for District and Local Associations that a hard copy be kept by her, of all bylaws and other pertinent papers of each student chapter.

4e. COLLEGIATE CHAPTER STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE. There is currently no collegiate chapter representative.

5. VICE-PRESIDENT FOR MTNA STUDENT COMPETITIVE EVENTS. Report filed electronically. President Kilts announced some changes in the guidelines for the 2009-2010 competitions. These include:

1. The Junior Brass competition has been discontinued.
2. The piano concerto requirement for the Senior and Young Artist piano competitions as been discontinued.
3. State level performance times have been altered.
4. Accompanist fees have been altered.

Regarding the location of the 2009 MTNA competitions, the following motion was made and seconded:

MOTION: that we hold the 2009 MTNA Competitions at Hillsborough Community College, in Ybor City.

The motion carried.

Ms. Kilts has asked Joanne Smith to look into this. We will work to hold the competitions at a time when we can get discounted hotel rates (if available) at the Hilton Garden Inn. And we will make sure to set dates that do not conflict with the citywide celebration of Guavaween.

In addition to the Southern division winners that Ms. Kilts announced in her President's Report, other students from Florida also did well: Senior Brass -- Ashia Miller, French Horn, Honorable Mention, student of Michelle Stebleton; Young Artist Piano -- Soyoung You, Alternate, student of Heidi Williams; Young Artist Composition -- Sarah Gaskins, Honorable Mention, student of Ladislav Kubik.

6. VICE-PRESIDENT FOR FSMTA STUDENT COMPETITIVE EVENTS. Report filed electronically.

6a. BYRD PIANO ENSEMBLE. No report.

6b. COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS. Report filed electronically.

6c. CONCERTO. No report.

6d. GRAY PERRY - YOUNG COLLEGIATE. No report.

6e. PRE-COLLEGE CHAMBER. No report.

6f. GUITAR No report.

7. VICE-PRESIDENT FOR NON-COMPETITIVE STUDENT EVENTS. Report filed electronically. Zelda Jensen had sent some examples of sight-reading materials for the Primary and Level I Student Day levels. But they did not come through. It is possible that Tim Murphy will have hard copies of these at the FSMTA Conference.

7a. APPRENTICE JUDGING. No report.

7b. CERTIFICATES. Certificates will be available at the FSMTA Conference, to be picked up by a representative from each district.

7c. HANDBOOK REVISION. The opening section of the Student Activities Handbook has been updated, and is available at the FSMTA website.

7d. HANDBOOK DISTRIBUTOR. 50 handbooks have been printed since the October meeting. Currently 53 books remain.

7e. THEORY. No report.

8. RECORDING SECRETARY. No report.

8a. ARCHIVES/HISTORY. Report filed electronically.

9. CORRESPONDING SECRETARY. Report filed electronically. Denise Homsley made the request that reports be sent to her earlier (not at the last minute), before the next meeting.

10. DISTRICT I PRESIDENT. President Kilts reported that the memorial service for Julia Sublette will be Wednesday, Feb. 4, at 11:00.

11. DISTRICT II PRESIDENT. Report filed electronically.

12. DISTRICT III PRESIDENT. No report.

13. DISTRICT IV PRESIDENT. Report filed electronically.

14. DISTRICT V PRESIDENT. Report filed electronically.

15. DISTRICT VI PRESIDENT. Report filed electronically.

16. DISTRICT VII PRESIDENT. Report filed electronically.

17. DISTRICT VIII PRESIDENT. No report.

18. DISTRICT IX PRESIDENT. Report filed electronically.

19. EDITOR. Report filed electronically. Adrienne LeBlanc reported that the Feb./Mar. issue of the newsletter is available at the website. She stated that she has noted that most information that is printed in the newsletter is generally available at the website before the publication of the newsletter.

There was discussion about discontinuing the printing of the newsletter. Treasurer Al Rozier stated that we currently budget \$7500 for publication of the newsletter.

President Kilts brought up the issue of printing obituaries of deceased members in the newsletter. Our current policy is to only print those obituaries of past presidents.

The following motion was made and seconded:

MOTION: that we suspend the current obituary policy, in order to print the obituary of Julia Sublette.

The motion did not pass.

Millicent Calobre brought up the issue of publishing e-mail addresses of officers in the newsletter. These addresses can be used for scams on the internet. Currently, the website has masked the Emil addresses. President Kilts will discuss this with the webmaster, to see if this can be done on the newsletter page on the website as well. These masked addresses could also be printed on the last page of the newsletter

19a. MANUAL OF PROCEDURES. Report filed electronically. President Kilts requested that each person review the procedure manual for his/her office and send any updates or changes to Zelda Jensen.

19b. WEBMASTER. Report filed electronically.

20. CERTIFICATION. Report filed electronically.

21. CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS REVISION CHAIR. Report filed electronically. In the absence of Maria Santilli, Marc Hebda spoke regarding each of the proposed revisions. Each revision that the board recommends will be voted on by the general membership at the FSMTA Conference.

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.

THE PROPOSED REVISION WAS APPROVED.

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.

THE PROPOSED REVISION WAS APPROVED.

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.

THE PROPOSED REVISION WAS APPROVED.

4. Article V, Section 6c. (Life Members)

current: 6c. Life members shall receive the official publication of FSMTA without charge.

proposed revision: 6c. Life Members who desire to continue reading the official publication of FSMTA may download it from the website.

THE PROPOSED REVISION WAS NOT APPROVED.

5. Article VII, Section 1. (Dues)

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

THE PROPOSED REVISION WAS APPROVED.

6. 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.

THE PROPOSED REVISION WAS APPROVED.

22a. NOMINATING COMMITTEE. Report filed. Millicent Callobre reported that the committee has put together a full slate of officers, which will be presented at the FSMTA Conference.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

There was discussion about the date of the FSMTA Conference, beginning in 2010. Reports from Districts II, IV, and V indicate a preference for a June conference. The most cited reasoning was for ease of scheduling, both for private teachers and those in the public school system. It was also suggested that teachers may have more discretionary funds in the summer to purchase from the exhibitors. However, in past years, the exhibitors complained that not many people did spend

money in the exhibit area. It is probable that there would be fewer exhibitors at a summer conference.

The discussion was closed, to resume at the next meeting of the Executive Board, when a vote will be taken.

NEW BUSINESS. President Kilts requested the approval of the pro-tem appointment of Mary Beth Purchase as Recording Secretary for the Executive Board meetings to take place at the June 2009 FSMTA Conference.

The following motion was made and seconded:

MOTION: that we approve the appointment of Mary Beth Purchase as pro-tem Recording Secretary for the June meetings of the Executive Board.

The motion carried.

Regarding the selection of a 2009 MTNA Foundation Fellow, the following motion was made and seconded:

MOTION: that we nominate Leonard Mastrogiacomo as MTNA Foundation Fellow for 2009.

The motion carried.

President-Elect Marc Hebda made the suggestion that the 2010 Winter Meeting of the Executive Board be held all on one day, rather than split into two days. He will look into this possibility with the hotel.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

MTNA National Conference -- March 28-April 1, 2009, in Atlanta Georgia

FSMTA Competitive Events Day -- May 8-9, 2009, at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton

FSMTA/FSMTF Executive Board meetings -- June 10 and 13, 2009

FSMTA State Conference -- June 10-13, 2009, in Tallahassee

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.