



# FLORIDA STATE MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

AFFILIATED WITH MUSIC TEACHERS NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, INC.



**Executive Board Meetings:**  
**Thursday November 3, 2011, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.,**  
**and Sunday, November 6, 2011, 8:15 – 9:15 a.m.**  
**Hilton Daytona Beach Oceanfront Resort**  
*(Voting members listed in italics)*

**Call to Order**

*Marc Hebda*

The meeting was called to order at 1:06 PM, by FSMTA President Marc Hebda

**Roll Call by Signature**

*Mary Beth Purchase*

<i>Marc Hebda</i>	<i>Adrienne LeBlanc</i>	<i>Anna Fagan</i>	<i>Jo Plunkett</i>
<i>Denise Holmsley</i>	<i>Mary Seal</i>	<i>Tanya Brooks</i>	<i>Mary Beth Purchase</i>
<i>Al Rozier</i>	<i>Norma Mastrogiacom</i>	<i>Carolyn Troupin</i>	<i>Liz Kiebler</i>
<i>Charlaine Free</i>	<i>Zelda Jensen</i>	<i>Shirley Furry</i>	<i>Lesia Schulha</i>
<i>Becky Barlar</i>	<i>Helen Dingus</i>	<i>Maria Santilli</i>	<i>Paulette Kilts</i>
<i>Martha Stubbs</i>	<i>Joan Mank</i>	<i>Millicent Callobre</i>	<i>Charles Turon</i>
<i>Sonja Rozier</i>	<i>Leonard Mastrogiacom</i>	<i>Sue Colvert</i>	

**Approval of Minutes** of November 2011 Board Meetings were approved as written by recording Secretary *Mary Beth Purchase*

**Treasurer**

*Albert Rozier*

Electronically submitted.

- Mr. Rozier reported total assets \$85,955.25
- Mr. Rozier reported that the 5 year audit was done. The report shows that our membership is dropping and that will definitely affect our revenue.
- Mr. Rozier reported that we have had some discussion regarding members needing a debit card. This is due to the hardship posed to the member having to purchase items for FSMTA out of their own pocket.

**Suggestion was made by Al Rozier:**

If a member is performing work for FSMTA and incurring expenses that they can't afford to pay for out of their pocket, then we issue them a debit card not to exceed \$100 at a time. Individual members would apply to the treasurer for the card and can reapply when the first card is used up. It would still be necessary for the member to save receipts and account to the treasurer for all expenses. It would be emphasized that the

cards cannot be used for personal expenses. All members of the board would be notified of this new policy and they in turn would notify anyone working under them who might need the card.

After discussion, President Hebda requested that Mr. Rozier clarify the process of handling the cards and report back at the Summer Board Meeting.

## **Officers and Standing Committee Reports:**

**1. President** Elec. Submitted

*Marc Hebda*

Amongst other duties President Marc Hebda reported that he:

- Composed a letter of congratulations to the Upper Pinellas County MTA for achieving the anniversary of 40 years as a local chapter
- Was interviewed by phone by the Jacksonville Union Times for an article on adult students
- Revised the President's Manual of Procedures
- Accepted the resignations of Carol Payne, Composition Coordinator, and Wanda Louie, Junior Coordinator of the MTNA Student Competitive Events
- Appointed Debby Titlow (transfer from North Carolina MTA) to position of Composition Coordinator of the MTNA Student Competitive Events. Ms. Titlow held a similar position with NCMTA
- Appointed an ad hoc committee comprising of Mary Seal (incoming President-Elect), Lesia Schulha (incoming Vice President for FSMTA Student Competitive Events), and Denise Homsley (current and incoming Vice President for MTNA Student Competitive Events) to review FSMTA competitive events rules to consider those teachers using Skype to teach students from either out of district or out of state
- Developed a formal job description for the position of webmaster with Webmaster, Amy Turon, and Past President, Martha Stubbs
- Developed a professional relationship between FSMTA and the Chopin Foundation of the U.S. This was done through communication with Jadwiga Gewert, the Executive Director of the Chopin Foundation of the U.S. The Chopin Foundation has a relationship with MTNA and sponsors the Chopin prize (beginning with the 2012 MTNA competitions) which is a secondary prize within the MTNA piano competitions for the best Chopin performances in all three levels of the competitions. A link to the Chopin Foundation has been posted on the FSMTA website and a link to FSMTA has been posted on the Chopin Foundation website. In addition, Jadwiga Gewert is to send copies of the Chopin Foundation's magazine, *Polonaise*, to be distributed at this conference and Jadwiga has been included in the distribution list of *The Florida State Music Teacher*. Any

member may request to be added to the mailing list of the *Polonaise* by emailing their street address to [info@chopin.org](mailto:info@chopin.org), Mr. Hebda will be meeting with Jadwiga Gewert and Founder/President Lady Blanka A. Rosenstiel at the MTNA conference in New York City in March 2012.

- Composed an email sent to the FSMTA membership by Webmaster Amy Turon regarding the recent decision by the MTNA Board of Directors to discontinue woodwinds, brass, strings, and voice competitions effective with the 2013-2014 competitions, urging FSMTA members to act upon MTNA's invitation to voice their opinions. President Marc Hebda reported that 43 States were in opposition and 1 was in favor. The National Board will be convening to revisit the issue in December.
- Requested College Council Chair, Charles Turon, to compose and send an email to the non-pianist collegiate teachers of FSMTA to canvas their opinion on the value of the FSMTA competitive events, in particular to the FSMTA competitions being an incentive to maintain their membership

**Motion was made by Paulette Kilts:**

**"I move that FSMTA Executive Board go on record in opposition to the action of the MTNA Exec. Board discontinuing some MTNA competitions.**

**M/2/P**

#### 1a. Ethics

*Leonard Mastrogiacomo (PP)*

**Mr. Mastrogiacomo made the motion for an addition** to the Code of Ethics in the FSMTA By-laws Article XIX, Section 4, subsection g, which presently reads as follows:

*Teachers will not accept a student who is or has been studying the same subject with another teacher until relations with the previous teacher have been terminated and his/her just indebtedness paid in full.*

**The motion is to add the following sentence:**

**...It shall be the responsibility of the "new" teacher to contact the previous teacher to confirm that the above has been done'**

**M/2/P**

#### 1b. Parliamentarian

*Maria Santilli*

#### 1c. Composition Commissioning

*Joan Mank (PP)*

Joan Mank presented the names of two young composers for the honor of being named the FSMTA 2012 Commissioned Composer

Ms. Mank asked for clarification regarding the residency of the composer at the time of commissioning. MTNA doesn't make that requirement.

Also regarding a composer who composed for another state, would they be eligible for consideration. Discussion ensued.

#### 2. President-Elect

*Adrienne LeBlanc*

Electronically submitted

- **Motion:** I move that FSMTA approve \$50 to be spent on a Florida Pride Gift for the MTNA Foundation Drawing

**M/2/P**

**Motion:** I move that FSMTA approve the required fee for a table at the Foundation Gala at the National Conference.

**M/2/P**

Martha Stubbs, acting for the Ad Hoc committee for MTNA Florida Foundation Fellow recommended that Sue Bentley Colvert be nominated, citing her considerable contributions to the organization and community

**Motion:** Martha Stubbs moved that Sue Bentley Colvert be nominated for the MTNA Florida Foundation Fellow

**M/2/P**

**2a. 2011 Conference**

*Anne McLean*

Conference Chairman, Anne McLean made a few last minute announcements about the conference

**2b. 2012 Conference**

*Mary Beth Purchase*

It is with great pleasure that District VI invite the membership of FSMTA to join them in Deerfield Beach, Florida for the 78<sup>th</sup> Annual FSMTA State Conference. Please mark your calendars for November 1-4<sup>th</sup>, 2012. The conference hotel is the beautiful Hilton Deerfield Beach/Boca Raton, conveniently located directly off of I-95 and Hillsboro Beach Boulevard in Deerfield Beach, Florida.

We have secured a room rate of \$89.00 per night and complimentary parking and complimentary high speed internet in Guestrooms and Meeting Space. MTNA competitive events will take place at the same time. Further details will be included in the FSMTA Newsletter and online at [www.fmta.org](http://www.fmta.org).

**2c. Independent Music Teachers Forum**

*Rebecca Micha*

No report filed

**2d. Collaborative Performance Forum**

*Carolyn Bridger*

No report filed

**3. Vice President for Membership**

*Anna Fagan*

- Ms. Fagan reported that she changed the application for new and current members to include their websites in the directory

**3a. Provisional Membership**

*Charlaine Free*

**3b. College Council**

*Charles Turon (PP)*

Electronically submitted

- 4. Vice President for District and Local Associations** *Jo Plunkett*  
Electronically submitted
- 4a. Arts Awareness and Advocacy** *Sonja Rozier*  
Electronically submitted
- We were asked to strongly encourage our membership to register and then get out and vote in support of the arts in our community and schools.
- 4b. FSMTA Teacher Awards** *Michelle Snow*  
Electronically submitted
- Local affiliate of the year- Upper Pinellas County
- 4c. Taxation and Licensing** *Jan Khorsandian*  
Electronically submitted  
Form 990 must be filed by November 17<sup>th</sup>. E-postcard must be filed annually
- 4d. Collegiate Chapter Chair/VCCI** *Megan Walsh*  
No report filed
- 5. Vice President for MTNA Student Competitive Events** *Denise Homsley*  
Electronically submitted
- 5a. Chamber Music Coordinator** *Denise Homsley*  
Ms. Holmsley reported that she is still looking for a coordinator
- 5b. Composition Coordinator** *Debby Titlow*
- 5c. Junior Coordinator** *Denise Homsley*
- 5d. Senior Coordinator** *Mary Lou Krosnick*  
No report filed
- 5e. Young Artist Coordinator** *Leonard Mastrogiacomo (PP)*  
No report filed
- 6. Vice President for FSMTA Student Competitive Events** *Mary Seal*  
Electronically submitted
- Lesia Schulha, incoming VP for FSMTA Competitive events, has arranged for the 2012 events to be held at Hillsboro Community in Ybor City
  - Presented the findings of an ad-hoc committee, established by FSMTA President, Marc Hebda, regarding a teacher living in California and wanting to enter students in Florida Competitions

**Report of the ad hoc committee on FSMTA Competitive Events rules as of Nov. 3, 2011**

Background: A California music teacher, who is an MTNA member, also recently became a member of FSMTA because she is still teaching two of her former California students, who moved to Florida, via Skype. The reason for her joining FSMTA is so that these students may participate in FSMTA student activities, including competitions. FSMTA's rules regarding competitions were written a long time before technology such as Skype, which allows students to study with a teacher long-distance, existed. It is being used now, and calls some of our rules into question, primarily regarding teacher residence.

In order to focus attention on the issues raised, it may be useful to point out that there are three layers of competitive events within our FSMTA system– local, district/state, and national (MTNA):

- Local association activities and competitions, which vary widely within the state, are designed and administered by each local association, each one creating its own rules.
- MTNA sets the rules for the MTNA Competitive Events.
- Our concern is primarily with the FSMTA district and state events, whose regulations are set by the FSMTA executive board.

Some of the issues raised are:

- 1) How will local FSMTA teachers, who provide the organizational work which enables student activities to take place, feel about students of an out-of-state teacher participating in district and state events? Out-of-state teachers will not be making contributions in terms of helping to run an event.
- 2) Would charging a higher fee to the out of state member (as MTNA does for non-member teachers entering students into its competitions) be a possible solution? Possibly a different category of membership.
- 3) If we decided to let these students of the California teacher enter FSMTA competitions now, then would we immediately have to change all the wording in the rules and bylaws or could we do this on a "trial" basis?
- 4) What about reciprocity for FSMTA teachers who want to teach via Skype? Could our FL teachers who teach by Skype have their students be accepted into another state's competitions? Or be eligible to enter that state's version of Student Day? This would have to be explored.
- 5) Is the best interest of the student being served, especially the younger student, entering events where his or her teacher cannot be present?

Conclusion: The committee feels that FSMTA should address this issue carefully, and should try to find ways of adapting to new teaching technologies as they develop, while not alienating the majority of its members who do live and work here in Florida. Discussion needs to take place at the EB, and more research is required concerning other states' positions.

Respectfully submitted: Mary Griffin Seal, committee chairman  
Denise Homsley and Lesia Schulha

FSMTA President Marc Hebda stated that the committee's recommendation was more of a recommendation on how to proceed and asked that the Ad-hoc committee, comprised of Chairman Mary Seal, Lesia Schulha and Denise Holmsley keep working and stay on the committee and bring back to the Summer Executive Board in June 2012 specific recommendations. He also asked Tanya Brooks, Vice President for FSMTA Non-Competitive Events, and Anna Fagan, Vice President for Membership, to join this committee. Mr. Hebda suggested that all members put their opinions in writing and send them to the Ad-Hoc committee by April 1, 2012.

Mr. Hebda encouraged the committee to think of the student first when making a final recommendation.

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| <b>6a. Byrd Piano Ensemble</b><br>Electronically submitted   | <i>Norma Mastrogiacomo</i> |
| <b>6b. Community Service Awards</b><br>Electronically submitted  | <i>Martha Stubbs (PP)</i>  |
| <b>6c. Concerto Competition</b><br>No report filed   | <i>Kyung-Ae Gibson</i>     |
| <b>6d. Gray Perry-Young Collegiate Competition</b><br>Report given verbally  | <i>Norma Mastrogiacomo</i> |
| <b>6e. King College Music Education Scholarship Award</b><br>No report filed, but Paulette Kilts encouraged us to look carefully at the application. | <i>Kerri Turner</i>        |
| <b>6f. Pre-Collegiate Chamber Competition</b><br>Report submitted at meeting   | <i>Liz Kiebler</i>         |
| <b>6g. Pre-Collegiate/Collegiate Guitar Competition</b><br>No report filed   | <i>Mary McOwen</i>         |
| <b>7. Vice President for FSMTA Non-Competitive Events</b><br>Electronically submitted  | <i>Tanya Brooks</i>        |
| <b>7a. Apprentice Judging</b><br>No activity reported  | <i>Carmen Cuenca</i>       |
| <b>7b. Assistant/Certificates</b><br>Filed separately  | <i>Betsy Randolph</i>      |

**7c. Student Handbook Revision**

Betsy Randolph

**7d. Theory**

No chairman appointed, no report

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\*Meeting halted at this point to reconvene at 9:00 PM to listen to recordings of two potential commissioned composers. The meeting ended at approximately 10:00 PM

\*Meeting resumed at 8:20 AM Sunday, November 6, 2011

**8. Recording Secretary**

Electronically submitted

*Mary Beth Purchase*

**8a. Archives/History**

*Tammy Davis*

**9. Corresponding Secretary**

Electronically submitted

*Lisa Leonard*

**10. District 1 President**

*Emilie Bova*

**11. District 2 President**

Electronically submitted

*Norma Mastrogiacomo*

**12. District 3 President**

*Carolyn Troupin*

**13. District 4 President**

Report presented

*Liz Kiebler*

**14. District 5 President**

Report passed out at meeting

*Charlaine Free*

**15. District 6 President**

Electronically submitted

*Zelda Jensen*

**16. District 7 President**

Electronically submitted

*Candace Sundby*

**17. District 8 President**

Electronically submitted

*Lesia Schulha*

**18. District 9 President**

Electronically submitted

*Becky Barlar*

**19. Editor**

Electronically submitted

*Becky Barlar*

**19a. Manual of Procedures**

*Zelda Jensen*

Ms. Jensen reported that since her June 2011 the following updates have been made to the following:

- A1 FSMTA President
- B FSMTA President Elect
- B 14 Nominating Committee Chair
- D 7 Teacher Awards Chair
- F 1 VP FSMTA Competitive Events
- G 1 VP FSMTA Non-Competitive Events
- G 4 Apprentice Judging Chair
- G 4 VP Non-Competitive Events Assistant and Handbook Chair  
are deleted
- G 5 Certificates Chair
- G 7 Theory Chair
- G 9 State Medals Chair
- K 1 Certification Board Chair
- O 1 FSMTF President
- P 1 FSMTF Treasurer

Ms. Jensen reported that a manual of Procedures for Kings College Music Education Scholarship Award is underway. Ms. Jensen thanked Amy Turon for posting editable documents on the website.

**19b. Webmaster**

Electronically submitted

Amy Turon

**20. Certification**

Electronically submitted

Helen Dingus

**21. Constitution and Bylaws Revision Chair**

No Report

Maria Santilli

**22. Immediate Past President**

Electronically submitted

Paulette Kilts (PP)

**22a. Nominating Committee**

Ms. Kilts expressed her thanks you to the nominating committee.  
Ms Kilts announced the 2011-2013 slate of officers again.

Paulette Kilts (PP)

**Unfinished Business: None**

**New Business:**

MTNA Board decision regarding competitions: On behalf of the FSMTA Executive Board, President Hebda asked incoming President LeBlanc to compose a letter to the MTNA Board of Directors expressing FSMTA's

disagreement with the MTNA Board decision to eliminate certain competitions beginning with the 2013-2014 competition season.

**Upcoming Events:**

Southern Division Competitions, January 13-16, 2012, Mississippi College, Clinton, MS

MTNA National Conference, March 24-28, 2012, New York, NY

Executive Board Meetings, June 9, 2012, Cabot Lodge, Gainesville

**President –Elect Adrienne LeBlanc** welcomed new board members and passed out the new roster of the 2011-2013 FSMTA Executive Board. She asked for corrections to be made to the one being passed around.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 AM by President Marc Hebda.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Beth Purchase  
Recording Secretary