

Activities since the June, 2011, Executive Board Meeting:

- Reviewed minutes from the Summer Executive Board (EB) meetings
- Prepared newsletter articles
- Responded to emails requesting advisement from numerous EB members
- Consulted with the 2011 Conference Chair, Anne McLean, and Conference Advisor, Adrienne LeBlanc
- Consulted with Composition Commissioning Chair, Joan Mank, regarding FSMTA's 2011 commissioned composition
- Updated the state portal on the MTNA website
- Developed a formal job description for the position of webmaster with Webmaster, Amy Turon, and Past President, Martha Stubbs
- Prepared agenda and email memos regarding the November, 2011 EB meetings
- Prepared agendas for the three General Sessions for the 2011 state conference
- Composed a Welcome Letter for the 2011 state conference program book
- Included President-Elect, Adrienne LeBlanc, in emails and duties of the President the past year to assist her in a smooth transition for her tenure beginning at this conference
- 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. Debby held a similar position with NCMTA
- Assigned a timeline for information to be submitted to the Webmaster by the President, President-Elect, Vice President for District and Local Associations, and the Apprentice Judging Chair. These timelines are to be included in the respective Manual of Procedures
- 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
- 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

- 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
- Developed a professional relationship between FSMTA and the Chopin Foundation of the U.S. This was done through communication with Jadwiga Viga 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 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. I will be meeting with Jadwiga and Founder/President Lady Blanka A. Rosenstiel at the MTNA conference in New York City in March

MTNA BOARD COMPETITION DECISION DATA

Florida: FOR	Florida: OPPOSED	STATE MTA: FOR	STATE MTA: OPPOSED
4	11	1 Minnesota	23 Alaska California Colorado Connecticut Georgia Hawaii Idaho Illinois Indiana Kentucky Louisiana Michigan Mississippi Missouri Nebraska North Carolina Oregon Pennsylvania South Carolina Utah Vermont Virginia Washington

Of the 23 states that have publicly opposed the MTNA Board competition decision, most of them have written official letters of protest from their state Boards asking the MTNA Board to rescind their decision at their upcoming Board meeting in December.

A SPAC (State Presidents Advisory Council) conference call meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 27th, at 9:00 p.m. E.T. regarding the MTNA Board decision to eliminate competitions. 44 state Presidents have responded with their intention to participate in Kathleen Theisen's (SPAC Chair) call for a meeting. 1 state has declined. Then President Adrienne LeBlanc will top off her Thanksgiving holidays by participating in the conference call meeting.