

**Florida State Music Teachers Association
2011 State Conference
First General Session**

**Hilton Daytona Beach
Daytona Beach, Florida**

**Friday, Nov 4, 2011
11:00-12:30 p.m.**

FSMTA President Marc Hebda introduced the Daytona State College Popular Vocal Ensemble. This talented group sang four musical selections for our enjoyment.

FSMTA President, Marc Hebda called the meeting to order at 11:20 am.

Welcome

Anne McLean, Conference Chair

We were warmly welcomed to this 77th Annual State Conference by Conference Chair, Anne McLean and were reminded of all the wonderful offerings available to attendees this weekend. Anne McLean thanked Dr. Rose Grace, FSMTA President Marc Hebda and FSMTA President-Elect Adrienne LeBlanc for their invaluable help.

Response from FSMTA

Adrienne LeBlanc

President-Elect Adrienne LeBlanc, on behalf of the officers of the executive board, committee chairmen, and all the FSMTA members, thanked Anne McLean and her entire committee from Districts V and IX for their dedication and hard work in preparing for this 77th Annual State Conference. She remarked that she knows how busy music teachers are and that we, the membership of FSMTA, truly understand just what was given up to accomplish this monumental task of sharing the exciting conference of ***Better Together! Stretching the Limits of Collaboration***

Reading of the Minutes:

Mary Beth Purchase

The minutes of the Third General Session of the 2010 Conference, November 6, 2010 were read by Recording Secretary, Mary Beth Purchase. The minutes were approved as read.

Recognition of Presidents

Marc Hebda

FSMTA President Marc Hebda had the past FSMTA Presidents, District Presidents and Local Presidents to stand for recognition.

Introduction of Parliamentarian

Marc Hebda

Marc Hebda introduced FSMTA Parliamentarian Maria Santilli.

Officers Reports

President

President 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
 - 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
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- 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

FSMTA president, Marc Hebda 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. He also asked Tanya Brooks (current and incoming Vice President for FSMTA Non-Competitive Events) and Anna Fagan (current and incoming 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
 - 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 sent 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. Mr. Hebda will be meeting with Jadwiga and Founder/President Lady Blanka A. Rosenstiel at the MTNA conference in New York City in March

- 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

Treasurer

Al Rozier

Mr. Rozier reported that as of June 30, 2011, our assets total \$77,800.

That was split between a checking account and two investment accounts that are with Charles Schwab.

We took in as income, \$39,960.35 and our expenses totaled \$35,234.72. He mentioned that most of our income is from dues and that membership is declining. He asked us to encourage our membership to bring in additional members.

Mr. Rozier reported that the 5 year audit that took place confirmed that our bookkeeping system accurately reflects our income and expenses and that we are in compliance with government regulations.

President- Elect

Adrienne LeBlanc

Adrienne LeBlanc asked the membership to visit the MTNA Foundation Booth and make a contribution so that Florida can be represented this year by honoring one of our outstanding members. To further educate the membership, Ms. LeBlanc reported on the activities of the Foundation. During the past decade, \$770,000 has been received.

A large amount of that money has been distributed to students and teachers. The Foundation nurtures the creation, performance, study and teaching of music in so many ways.

Student competitions award students for their excellence in performance and composition. A composer is honored every year as the Distinguished Composer of the Year.

Several different awards honor teachers, including the MTNA Achievement award, the Distinguished Service Award, the Frances Clark Keyboard Pedagogy Award and the MTNA Teacher of the Year Award. Authors can receive award for an outstanding contribution when writing for The American Music Teacher Magazine.

There are also Teacher Enrichment Grants available, as well as a special grant to assist a newly established teacher in developing their studio. There is a Collegiate Chapter of the Year award. Grants are also available to enhance Local association's programs affecting teachers, their students, as well as the community. For this State Conference, President-Elect LeBlanc contacted music publishers for donations for a drawing. Several responded and as a result, donations will be collected and a drawing held to give away the donated music.

Ms. LeBlanc reported that at the last board meeting in June, she was asked to serve on a committee formed to advise the executive board on the criteria recommended to select a person to honor as a Florida Fellow. Martha Stubbs and Mary Seal were also appointed to be on this committee.

Adrienne LeBlanc reminded the membership to visit the MTNA Foundation Booth and to make a contribution so that Florida can be represented this year by honoring one of our outstanding members.

This year the board has nominated Sue Colvert to be our Florida Fellow.

Finally, Ms. LeBlanc congratulated Marc Hebda on being nominated to run for the office of Southern Division Director-Elect and encouraged our membership to give him our vote and give him the kind of support that he constantly gives all of us.

Vice-President of Membership

Anna Fagan

Anna Fagan reported that at the end of the 2010-2011 membership year, FSMTA had 801 members. Since July 2011 (the beginning of our current membership year) we have had 59 new members join, and 683 renewals, bringing our current member totals for 2011-2012 to 742.

She encouraged us to renew early and to encourage prospects for membership. Mentors are needed for prospective and Provisional Members.

Corresponding Secretary

Lisa Leonard

Electronically submitted

Vice-President of District and Local Associations

Jo Plunkett

Vice-President of District and Local Associations, Jo Plunkett had the FSMTA District and Local Presidents to stand, again, for recognition, thanking them for their support and cooperation throughout this past year. She reported that in addition to the items mentioned in her written report, she arranged the District and Local Presidents Luncheon and Meeting at this conference.

Introduction of Guest Speaker

Marc Hebda

FSMTA President, Marc Hebda introduced our guest speaker, Alvin Davis: 2012 Florida Department of Education/Macy's Teacher of the Year.

Mr. Davis has been an educator for 11 years, Miramar High School Band Director. Mr. Davis began by thanking Dan Kilts for setting the mood with his prayer last night at the Gala.

In regards to learning, he reminded us that technology is very important today, there is an important place for it. He encouraged us to embrace it and practice it.

He has 400 students in his program and about 150 students in afterschool programs. His focus is Academics first, Discipline second, and then Music! Mr. Davis counsels his former students through college. He makes an effort to reach out to them from wherever he is. Mr. Davis stressed that we need to be vocal advocates for arts and education as a whole. And, to get out and vote!

* At this point in the meeting, President Marc Hebda paused the meeting to encourage the membership to go out into the hallway for the presentation of the Cypress Creek Celebration Energy Group, a local group of school children. They were excellent.

The meeting was reconvened at 12:51 by FSMTA President Marc Hebda

Award Presentation

Jo Plunkett

Jo Plunkett presented the Local Association of the Year award to Upper Pinellas Music Teachers Association for the 2nd time. This year's award is coinciding with their association's 40th anniversary. They are to be commended for being a shining example of an organization that goes above and beyond the norm in areas such as programs for students, their community, and member education and support.

Unfinished Business

Marc Hebda

There was no unfinished business

New Business

Parliamentarian, Maria Santilli made a 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.

Our 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.

If adopted, subsection g will read 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. It shall be the responsibility of the "new" teacher to contact the previous teacher to confirm that the above has been done.

This will be brought for a vote tomorrow at the Second General Session.

Presentation of Slate of FSMTA Officers

Paulette Kilts

Paulette Kilts presented the 2011-2013 slate of officers with election taking place during the Second General Session Saturday, November 5. The newly elected officers will be installed at the Third General Session on Sunday, November 6, 2011. Outgoing FSMTA President Marc Hebda will preside at the installation.

Photos and bios were published in the October/November issue of the "Florida Music Teacher".

President-elect - Mary Seal *District 7*
Vice-President (VP) for Membership - Anna Fagan - (2nd term) *District 5*
VP for District/Local Associations - Jo Plunkett - (2nd term) *District 4*
VP for MTNA competitive events - Denise Homsley (2nd term) *District 4*
VP for FSMTA competitive events - Lesia Schulha *District 8*
VP for FSMTA non-competitive events - Tanya Brooks *District 2*
Recording Secretary - Karen Schaefer *District 3*
Corresponding Secretary - Lisa Leonard (2nd term) *District 6*
FSMT Association Treasurer - Al Rozier *District 7*
FSMT Foundation Treasurer - Sheron White *District 9*

Paulette Kilts thanked members of the nominating committee for their service during the 2009-2011 terms. They were: Martha Stubbs, Adrienne LeBlanc, Carolyn Troupin, Duncan MacMillan/Becky Barlar, Kerri Turner and Rhonda Danielson.

President Marc Hebda entertained nominations from the floor. There were none. This slate of officers will be elected tomorrow at the Second General Session

The meeting was adjourned at 1:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Beth Purchase
Recording Secretary