

Collegiate Chapters Forum Meeting

Christopher Hahn opened the meeting at 2:15.

Dr. Hahn introduced The Collegiate Chapter of the year, from Oklahoma University. The chapter officers presented information on their goals and activities.

Goal #1: Foster collaborative relationships

Students attended their local chapter meetings and events

Goal #2: Provide professional opportunities

Provided low key performance opportunities for their members. Also offered presentations

Goal #3: Offer services to the university community

Pizza and piano night to help group piano students prepare for final exams

Goal #4: Projects beyond the university

Student essay contest, piano caroling, piano matchmaker (matching students in need with free pianos)

Flood Relief Project: Collaboration with 5 other Collegiate Chapters to provide flood relief in Louisiana. Proceeds from the fund raising efforts from the chapter went to the Louisiana State University Collegiate Chapter to flood relief. #playitforward

Dr. Hahn reported on figures for Collegiate Membership, which currently stands at 1,510, down a little from last year. Despite that, the numbers are trending up and have been for a few years.

Discussion was held about moving from collegiate membership to active membership and how to facilitate that transition. The expense of active membership for new graduates is a deterrent and was discussed. The option of a monthly payment plan was brought up. Developing a mentor system for recent graduates to connect them with established active members was also discussed, as was how to afford continuing education opportunities (like the MTNA National Conference) once the college is no longer providing it.

Information about the 2018 Collegiate Chapter Piano Pedagogy Symposium in Austin was announced.

A webinar for collegiate chapter members was discussed and topics were suggested.

Students were encouraged to join the MTNA Collegiate Chapter Facebook page.

How to start a collegiate chapter and how to maintain an active chapter was discussed. The idea of having a "testimonial" video on the MTNA website, made by collegiate chapter members, promoting collegiate chapters, was proposed. Ways to raise funds for chapter activities were

suggested. How to share ideas was discussed and chapter presidents will e-mail their ideas to Dr. Hahn so that he can then send out a compilation of ideas to all the chapters.