

**MUSIC TEACHERS NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**New York, NY
March 23 and March 28, 2012**

MINUTES

ATTENDEES

Present

President Benjamin Caton, President-elect Kenneth Christensen, Immediate Past President Ann Gipson, Vice President Rebecca Johnson, Secretary-Treasurer Celinda Hallbauer, Executive Director and CEO Gary Ingle (ex officio without vote), Diane Birr (Eastern Division) Marianne Bryan (West Central Division), Amy Rose Immerman (East Central Division), Ethel Iwasaki (Southwest Division), Charles Jones (South Central Division), Peter Mack (Northwest Division) and Richard Scott (Southern Division).

Staff Present

Senior Deputy Executive Director Marge Bengel and Deputy Executive Director and COO Brian Shepard

CALL TO ORDER

President Benjamin Caton called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on March 23, 2012.

MINUTES

The minutes of the December 2011 meeting were approved with several corrections.

REPORTS

National Officer Reports

Written reports were received from the following National Officers: President Benjamin Caton, President-elect Kenneth Christensen, Immediate Past President Ann Gipson, Vice President Rebecca Johnson, and Secretary-Treasurer Celinda Hallbauer.

Executive Director Gary Ingle led a review of the financial reports. The February 28, 2012 financial reports were the most recent reports available. Assets of MTNA are \$3,487,431.79 with liabilities of \$65,100.28, and income of \$2,241,430.76 with expenses of \$1,121,071.93.

Unrestricted long-term investments are \$743,183.14. The Foundation Fund Endowment Account has assets of \$806,308.52 and the McHose Trust has assets of \$586,044.70

Division Directors

Written reports from all seven Division Directors were reviewed: East Central (Amy Immerman), Eastern (Diane Birr), Northwest (Peter Mack), South Central (Charles Jones), Southern (Richard Scott), Southwest (Ethel Iwasaki) and West Central (Marianne Bryan).

Executive Director

A written report was received from Executive Director & CEO Gary Ingle. He updated the Board on the status of the request by the Ohio Attorney General's office for documents and reports from MTNA and the MTNA response. The request was generated as a result of two "anonymous" complaints filed online. He, the MTNA staff, and the MTNA attorney have provided all of the materials requested by the Attorney General. No decision has been communicated by the time of the Board meeting.

Standing Committees

Written reports were received from the Nominating Committee (Ann Gipson), Finance Committee (Celinda Hallbauer), State Presidents Advisory Council (Kathleen Theisen), 2012 Conference Planning Committee (Rebecca Johnson), Membership Committee (Sigrid Luther), *AMT* Editorial Committee (James Litzelman) Composer Commissioning Program (Ann Witherspoon), 2012 Pedagogy Saturday Committee (Peter Mack), National Group Piano/Piano Pedagogy Forum (Courtney Crappell), Partnership Review Committee (Kenneth Christensen) and MTNA E-Journal Editorial Committee.

There were no reports from the Development Committee (Brian Chung) and the Exhibitor Committee.

Special Committees

Report of the Ad Hoc Committee to Review the Process of the Evaluation of the MTNA Executive Director/CEO (Ann Gipson, chair) was received. The committee recommended no changes in the current Executive Director/CEO evaluation.

The meeting was recessed at Noon

The meeting was reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

BUSINESS

2013 Conference Planning Committee

Motion (Charles Jones) and second (Ann Gipson) to ratify the following appointments:

**John Holloway (IA)
Ginger Hwalek (ME)
Sue Field (CA)
Scott Price (SC)**

PASSED (Unanimous)

2013 Pedagogy Saturday Committee

Motion (Kenneth Christensen) and second (Charles Jones) to ratify the following appointments:

**Jazz/Popular
Bradley Sowash (OH), chair**

**Students with Special Needs
Scott Price (SC), co-chair
Beth Bauer (IL), co-chair**

**Recreational Music Making
Brenda Dillon (TX), chair
Emily Book McGree
Nan Baker Richerson (KY)**

PASSED (Unanimous)

Bylaws Task Force

Motion (Kenneth Christensen) and second (Richard Scott) to ratify the following appointments:

**Celinda Hallbauer (TX), chair
Phyllis Pieffer (WA)
Sharon Townsend (CA)
Debra Ronning (PA)
Kathleen Murray (MN)**

PASSED (One Abstention)

One For All Committee

Motion (Charles Jones) and second (Celinda Hallbauer) to ratify the following appointments:

**Wayne Gibson (GA), chair Voice
Bonnie Blanchard (WA) Winds**

Scott Conklin (IA)	Strings
George Litterest (MA)	Tech/Piano
Marianne Bryan (MN)	Collaborative/Certification
Lezlee Bishop (UT)	Membership chair/Piano
Kevin LaManna (IL)	Social Media, Social Raise, Inc.

PASSED (One Abstention)

Competitions Task Force

Motion (Amy Immerman) and second (Ethel Iwasaki) to ratify the following appointments:

Ingrid Clarfield (NJ), chair	Piano
Peter Mack (WA)	Piano
Ann Harrell (MO)	Voice
Sharon Lebsack (MS)	Winds
Sara Johnson (NC)	Strings
Linda Stump (CO)	Competitions Committee
Jeanne Grealish (NM)	Competitions Committee
James Norden (WI)	Competitions Committee
Chris Goldston (IL)	Competitions Committee

PASSED (Unanimous)

AMT Editorial Committee

Motion (Charles Jones) and second (Diane Birr) to ratify the following appointment:

Nan Baker Richerson (KY)

PASSED (Unanimous)

National Competition Committee

Motion (Charles Jones) and second (Diane Birr) to ratify the following appointment as Junior Competition Coordinator:

Jacqueline Herbein (PA)

PASSED (Unanimous)

Oxford University Press

The Board discussed a proposal from the Oxford University Press to offer MTNA members 20% off on titles in its Music List of books.

Motion (Rebecca Johnson) and second (Marianne Bryan) that the Board accept the proposal from Oxford University Press.

PASSED (Unanimous)

The Board requested that a “click here” button appear on the front page of the website for membership discounts.

Berklee College of Music

The Board discussed a proposal from the Berklee College of Music to offer MTNA members a unique discount on its online courses.

Motion (Diane Birr) and second (Rebecca Johnson) to table this proposal until Berklee College of Music can clarify what is meant by unique discount for our members.

PASSED

Summit for MTNA Leadership

The Board discussed several issues and problems related to the current Summit for MTNA Leadership. MTNA state leadership also has indicated its desire to have the Summit returned to a separate event held in September in Cincinnati each year.

Motion (Amy Immerman) and second (Marianne Bryan) to direct the Finance Committee to study the financial implications in the reinstatement of the Summit in Cincinnati in September of each year and to bring a recommendation to the Board in July 2012.

PASSED (Unanimous)

The meeting was recessed at 3:00 p.m. on March 23.

The meeting reconvened at 9:15 a.m. on March 28.

President Caton called the meeting to order and recognized Linda Gerstle of *From the Top*. Ms. Gerstle thanked MTNA for its long-time support of From the Top and informed the Board of a new FTT program in leadership development.

Motion (Amy Immerman) and second (Charles Jones) to take from the table the Berklee Music proposal.

PASSED (Unanimous)

Berklee had clarified its unique discount to be 20%.

Motion (Ann Gipson) and second (Richard Scott) to accept the Berklee Music Proposal offering MTNA members a 20% discount on its online courses.

PASSED (Unanimous)

Recognition of Outgoing Officers

Motion and second that the Board express its profound gratitude and appreciation to the following Board Directors for their service to the association as Board members for 2010-2012:

Diane Birr	Director from Eastern Division
Marianne Fleming Bryan	Director from West Central Division
Amy Rose Immerman	Director from East Central Division
Ethel Iwasaki	Director from Southwest Division
Charles Jones	Director from South Central Division
Peter Mack	Director from Northwest Division
Richard Scott	Director from Southern Division

PASSED

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m. on March 28, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Celinda Hallbauer, NCTM
Secretary-Treasurer