



ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION

Spokane, Washington

March 19, 2019

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The Annual Meeting of the MTNA Association was held at the Spokane Convention Center in Spokane, Washington on March 19, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 1:02 P.M. by MTNA President Scott McBride Smith.

RECOGNITIONS

After welcoming the members in attendance, President Smith introduced the MTNA Board of Directors:

National Officers: President-elect Martha Hilley, Vice President Peter Mack, Secretary-Treasurer Debra Florian, and Executive Director & CEO Gary Ingle.

Division Directors: East Central Division, Janice Razaq; Eastern Division, Nanette Solomon; Northwest Division, Cindy Peterson-Peart; South Central Division, Sharon Callahan; Southern Division, Diane Blanchard; Southwest Division, Geri Gibbs; and West Central Division, Jill Hanrahan.

He then recognized the MTNA Past Presidents who were in attendance: Phyllis Pieffer (2003–2005), Gail Berenson (2007–2009), Ken Christensen (2013–2015) and Rebecca Johnson (2015–2017).

President Smith introduced MTNA China President Wu Bin, who brought greetings from the members of MTNA China. His remarks were translated by Jie Bu, Executive Director of MTNA China and an active MTNA member.

APPOINTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARIAN

President Smith appointed MTNA National Past-President Phyllis Pieffer to serve as parliamentarian for the meeting.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion to adopt the agenda as distributed was made by Celinda Hallbauer and seconded by Jill Hanrahan. The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the MTNA Annual Meeting of the Association held on March 20, 2018, in Lake Buena Vista, Florida were distributed. There were no additions or corrections. The minutes were approved.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

President Smith gave the Report of the MTNA National President. He summarized a few of the major accomplishments from the past two years and previewed some of the issues that will be confronted by the Board of Directors. He emphasized the changing needs of today's members and encouraged the leadership to ensure a contemporary mission, especially one that is meaningful to young teachers. He challenged everyone to think outside of the box. He concluded by thanking the membership for the opportunity to serve as MTNA President for the 2017–2019 biennium.

There were no questions from the membership and the Report of the President was filed.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

President Smith recognized Secretary-Treasurer Debra Florian, for the MTNA Treasurer's Report.

Secretary-Treasurer Florian reported that the purpose of the Treasurer's Report at the MTNA Annual Meeting is twofold: (1) to maintain member confidence and support in the MTNA Board of Directors' oversight of the association's finances, and (2) to make the members aware of the current financial status of the association. From a financial perspective, the financial condition of MTNA is strong and stable. The Board oversees the annual audit and adopts policies that govern the management of investments. The staff manages the day-to-day operations and prepares and presents accurate and complete financial information to the Board and Finance Committee.

Secretary-Treasurer Florian reported that the most recent Annual Audit of MTNA's finances was for FY 2018 (July 1, 2017–June 30, 2018). The audit was performed by the firm Clark Schaefer Hackett in Cincinnati, Ohio. The auditors' letter, the auditors' report, and the consolidated financial statements from FY 2017 and FY 2018 were distributed to the membership. As of June 30, 2018, the consolidated assets for MTNA (which includes MTNA, MTNA Certification, and MTNA FOUNDATION FUND) were \$5,184,792.00 which represents a 2.7 percent increase over last year. The auditor's letter included the statement: "In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of Music Teachers National Association, Inc. as of June 30, 2018 and 2017, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America."

She concluded by thanking the association for the privilege and honor to serve the association as Secretary-Treasurer.

There were no questions from the membership, and the Report of the Treasurer was filed.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & CEO

President Smith recognized Dr. Gary Ingle for the Report of the MTNA Executive Director & CEO.

Dr. Ingle's report focused on the Consent Decree with the Federal Trade Commission, which commenced on April 3, 2014. At that time, the Federal Trade Commission approved a settlement with MTNA that resolved several antitrust claims made by the FTC against MTNA. Specifically, the FTC believed that a prohibition in MTNA's Code of Ethics against members soliciting students of other music teachers violated antitrust laws. The FTC also alleged that several state and local music teacher associations affiliated with MTNA had ethical and other restrictions on members that violated antitrust laws.

Rather than engaging in a protracted legal battle with the FTC, MTNA negotiated a settlement with the FTC. In the settlement, the term of which is twenty years, MTNA agreed to undertake a set of actions to assist it and its Affiliates to avoid anticompetitive acts. The Decision and Order issued by the FTC on April 3, 2014, required MTNA to undertake 22 obligations intended to address the relationships between the association and our members as well as between our members and their colleagues.

On April 3, 2019, the Consent Order will have been in existence for five years. The five-year anniversary is important because it relieves MTNA of a large number of obligations, including the requirement to provide anti-trust training at the Annual Meeting, the filing of annual compliance reports with the FTC, and the distribution of the FTC Settlement Statement to all members. However, MTNA must continue to have an Antitrust Compliance Policy in place until 2034.

Dr. Ingle thanked the members for their patience, understanding, and support over the past five years. He said that MTNA is a better organization and music teaching is a better profession as a result of their conscientious compliance with the requirements of the FTC Consent Decree.

There were no questions from the membership, and the Report of the MTNA Executive Director & CEO was filed.

NATIONAL ELECTION RESULTS

President Smith again recognized Dr. Ingle, who serves as MTNA Teller. Dr. Ingle reported that the balloting deadline for the national Division Director-Elect elections was 3:00 P.M. ET on March 1, 2019. A total of 1,164 votes were tallied. The following candidates received a majority of the votes for their respective position and have been certified as newly elected MTNA National Officers for the 2019–2021 biennium:

President-elect: Karen Thickstun, Indiana
Vice President: Kevin Chance, Alabama
Secretary-Treasurer: Beth Klingenstein, North Dakota

President Smith declared them duly elected and encouraged the members to support and wish them well during their terms of office.

ASSOCIATION AWARDS PRESENTATION

President Smith presented awards recognizing three outstanding groups within MTNA:

MTNA Collegiate Chapter of the Year Award

The MTNA Collegiate Chapter of the Year Award is given to the MTNA collegiate chapter that demonstrates excellence in its chapter activities. Each MTNA state affiliate president was asked to nominate one outstanding collegiate chapter from within their state. These nominees were reviewed by a Selection Committee consisting of Collegiate Chapters Forum Chair Cindy Peterson-Peart, Collegiate Chapters Forum Chair-Elect Natalya Thran,

and Collegiate Piano Pedagogy Symposium Chair Katherine Chandler.

The recipient of the *2019 MTNA Collegiate Chapter of the Year Award* was the **Ohio University Collegiate Chapter**. The award was accepted by Elizabeth Jackson, chapter president, and several other members of the chapter.

Local Association of the Year Award

MTNA established the *Local Association of the Year Award* to recognize the MTNA local association that makes significant contributions to the music teaching profession through participation in MTNA national and state programs and through those established by the local itself. This year's recipient was selected by the MTNA Board of Directors from a group of seven finalists.

The recipient of the *2019 MTNA Local Association of the Year* was the **Central Oklahoma Music Teachers Association** in Oklahoma. The award was accepted by President Terri Hlubek.

MTNA State Affiliate of the Year Award

MTNA established the *MTNA State Affiliate of the Year Award* for the outstanding MTNA state affiliate that has excelled in fulfilling its mission to its members throughout the state, to the music teaching profession, and to the public at large. This year's recipient was selected by the MTNA Board of Directors from a group of seven finalists.

The recipient of the *2019 MTNA State Affiliate of the Year Award* was the **Utah Music Teachers Association**. The award was accepted by Laurisa Cope, president of the Utah Music Teachers Association.

LEADERSHIP SERVICE RECOGNITIONS

President Smith remarked that MTNA has been ably served by several individuals who are completing their terms in national office. Each has made significant contributions to MTNA and were recognized for their dedicated and devoted service:

From MTNA:

Nicholas Phillips, 2019 Conference Planning Committee Chair

Brian Chung, Development Committee Chair

From the MTNA Certification Program:

Tim Shook, 2017–2019 National Certification Commission Chair

Ann Fernandez, 2017–2019 National Certification Commissioner, Northwest Division

Terri Hlubek, 2017–2019 National Certification Commissioner, South Central Division

Lisa Studtmann, 2017–2019 National Certification Commissioner, West Central Division

Laura Amoriello, 2017–2019 National Certification Commissioner, Eastern Division

BUSINESS

There was no business to come before the membership.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Smith announced the next Annual Meeting of the Membership will be on March 24, 2020, in Chicago, Illinois.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:53 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Florian, NCTM

Secretary-Treasurer