

VMTA Administrative Board Meeting
June 9, 2012
Westminster Canterbury of the Blue Ridge
Charlottesville, Virginia

Members present: Bittsy Hall, Peggy Schaaf, Carlton Monroe Dickerson, Lisa Moxley, Susan Atkins, Mun Lee Han, Gabriella Ryan, June Andrews, Barbara Moore, Corky Sablinsky, Sharon Stewart, Fay Barss, Phillip Patrick, Michele Carragan, Paul Rumrill, Cynthia Ramsey, Denise Adkins, Paulo Steinberg, Lori E. Piitz, Lois Broadwater, Kim Peachy, Samantha Luck, Yvette Lee, Tonya Menard, Belinda Stevens

Call to order: Gabriella Ryan called the meeting to order at 9:40 am. Belinda Stevens read the minutes from the October 27, 2011, Fall meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Reports:

President's Report: Gabriella Ryan represented VMTA at the Southern Division where we had 7 winners. She also represented us at the MTNA conference in New York where VMTA had 2 national winners.

The MTNA Leadership Conference was held at the National convention. The next MTNA Leadership Conference will be held September 2012, in Cincinnati.

There is a new MTNA Chopin prize which awards \$500 to Junior, \$1000 to Senior and \$1500 to Young Artist piano competition entrants. Details can be found on the MTNA website: www.mtna.org.

State chapters are losing members, so MTNA is asking local chapters to increase membership. Various ideas were shared for increasing membership: opening our studios to mentor Music majors, social media, advertising at local music stores, radio stations, and symphony and opera program books. Local chapters were asked to make this a priority and allocate funds to local membership drives. It was also noted that local chapters should have active web sites. Paul Rumrill will look into having a Youtube channel for competition winners and other events.

MTNA has rescinded the exclusion of non-piano teachers. As a result, we are asked to promote non-piano events and work for more non-piano membership.

All local chapter reports will be online at www.vmta.org. Links to each chapter's web site are also online.

President-Elect report. Next Fall's conference—*The Well-Rounded Music Teacher* – will be held November 8-11 at Shennandoah University in Winchester. Paulo Steinberg will be sending details via email.

IMTF. Samantha Luck will be moderating a session called, “What is your favorite method book, repertoire selection?” at the Fall Conference and would love to have our thoughts and experience to share at that workshop. Samantha is building a list of topics for future meetings and will be contacting local associations for input.

Membership: Denise Adkins reported the reinstating of 32 previous members, 6 transfers, 65 new. Present membership consists of 728 active 47 seniors 26 students. There is a decrease of 26 members. Total membership is 901.

Treasurer – Mun Lee Han reported that our current CD is \$4,202.58. Checking account holds \$22,894.10. Savings is \$12,003.25. Total: \$39,099.

Certification: 2011 end-of-year had 917 members, of which 118 were NCTM. Began new year with 720 members and 108 certified. 2 new certifications and 3 in process. VMTA rebates \$100 of \$200 fee. A rebate at the local level was also suggested.

Old Business. VMTA chairs that are still vacant: Advertising, Yearbook, Historian. President Gabriella Ryan requested that local chapters submit this information to their members and request volunteers. Job descriptions are online.

It was suggested that a new job for VMTA and Local Chapters to promote Publicity and new memberships. Samantha Luck will do research on this topic for the fall conference. Phillip Patrick volunteered to be the VMTA Yearbook Chair and was graciously accepted and thanked.

Tonya Menard is chairing a Theory Committee which includes Roma Scriven and Samuel Wellman to upgrade our theory tests to include the twentieth century idiom, and the last 100 years of music. She prepared a paper with details for questions to be added to each level of the VMTA Theory tests. The next step is to have access to the test and syllabus for the changes to be made, and to check copyright laws for music sample inclusion. A teacher education session is planned for the 2013 VMTA Conference. She is publishing an article in the *American Music Teacher* in which Virginia will be mentioned as the state in which this leading-edge material will be included.

New Business: Executive Committee moved that since the VMTA yearbook is already online, paper copies will only be mailed to members upon request. That motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Gabriella Ryan shared that the Mississippi MTA receives grants from State Arts Commission for State Conference. She is researching how VMTA can procure this as well.

Adjournment. A motion was made at 11:10 am to adjourn, was seconded and passed.