



**OREGON MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION
MINUTES FOR THE PORTLAND DISTRICT MEETING
September 25, 2013 | Portland Piano Company | Portland**

CALL TO ORDER President Patricia Scordato called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

MINUTES Recording Secretary Susan Todd provided the members with minutes from the May 22, 2013 meeting. Minutes were approved.

REPORTS

Treasurer Cindy Peterson-Peart's report is attached. Cindy included a summary report from each of the festivals. Good news—membership in Portland District is increasing. There were extra expenses for getting the Leggiero software registration program started and for an update of the district website. A pedal extender and large plant were purchased for Portland Piano Company, in celebration of their new space and in appreciation for use of their facilities for meetings and festivals. Cindy reminded members that \$100 grants are available for those who complete MTNA's national certification.

Corresponding Secretary Alice Lyle reported sending a total of eight cards since May. Her complete report is attached.

President Scordato noted upcoming 2014 meeting dates of January 22 and May 28. Alice Lyle volunteered to arrange refreshments for the January meeting, and Barbara Berg volunteered for May.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

State President-Elect Cindy Peterson-Peart announced the 2014 OMTA Conference, set for Newport, August 8-10. Program highlights include Conference artist Alejandro Cremaschi, Dorothy Yan teaching brain development, Kendal Sweeny from Spokane on Taubman technique and a cello and piano duo on collaborative music. There will be a social event at Newport aquarium and hotel reservations will open be announced soon.

MTNA NW Division Competition will be held January 10-12 at Reed College in Portland. Volunteers are needed, contact Cindy Peterson-Peart.

Susan Todd read Cherise da Cunha's syllabus report, noting that the Fall 2013 and Spring 2014 dates have been posted.

Linda Rodgers, chair, announced that the newly formed Super Focus Group will meet on Wednesday, October 23 at Portland Piano Company. Harold Gray will be the presenter. All are welcome. The next Super Focus Group meeting will be February 26, 2014, Business Practices for Piano Teachers – Advice from the Trenches!

FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

The Festivals Committee is working on an ethics policy. Irene Huang reminded members that teachers and students are not to contact judges, and teachers are not to indicate their connection to the student. Monitors can handle helping adjust the bench or handle other needs. Deborah Cleaver reported on the criteria asked of the judges. A question was raised about having "years of study" on the adjudication sheets, and it was decided this should be deleted.

FESTIVALS

Classical Festival-November 2-3 & 9-10, 2013 (Dr. Lilin Chen) Registration Deadline-October 4, 2013 Monitors can sign up after the program has been scheduled. Teachers are asked to accurately enter piece length and to be sure to make checks to OMTA-Portland. Adjudicators will be from outside Portland area.

Ensemble Festival-January 25, 2014 (Fen Fang Tsao). Registration Nov. 16-Dec. 16, send forms to Fen-Fang

Baroque Festival-February 1-2, 2014 (Evanee Knezevich), Deadline-January 3, 2014
Contemporary Festival-February 8-9 & 15-16 (Deborah Cleaver) Deadline-January 4, 2014
Composition Celebration-March 1, 2014 (Jennifer Wright) Deadline-February 1, 2014
Trula Whelan Concerto Competition-April 5, 2014 (Dr. Marjorie Janove) Deadline-March 7, 2014
Romantic Festival-April 25-27 & May 3-4 (Irene Huang) Deadline-March 28, 2014

MENTOR PROGRAM

Patti Duthie announced that Membership brunches for new members will be scheduled the week before the January and May meetings.

MEMBERSHIP

Alona Maizlin announced the district has thirteen new members since May, including one Provisional and one Student member. Alona introduced Theresa Silvera, Irena Burkett, Mary Kidd, David Martin, Ton Hung, and Phan Huong. Deborah Cleaver encouraged new members to volunteer to help with festivals.

FURTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dan Brugh announced that the In Good Hands concert will be held summer of 2014.

Hotel reservations are open for the March, 2014 MTNA Conference in Chicago.

Meeting Program for January 22, 2014 will be presented by Portland State University professor Dr. Bonnie Miksch, who will speak about how traditional roman numerical analysis is not enough.

President Scordato thanked Brenda Kell and Deborah Cleaver for their help with refreshments and adjourned the Business Meeting at 10:06 a.m.

PROGRAM

Dr. Julia Lee introduced Dr. Catherine Kautsky, who gave a creative and engaging program titled "Carnival Jests & Jinxes"

These minutes were prepared by Recording Secretary Susan Todd.