



**OREGON MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION
MINUTES FOR THE PORTLAND DISTRICT MEETING
May 28, 2014 | Portland Piano Company | Portland**

CALL TO ORDER President Deborah Cleaver called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

MINUTES Recording Secretary Susan Todd provided the members with minutes from the January 22, 2014 meeting. Minutes were approved.

REPORTS

Treasurer Cindy Peterson-Peart's report is attached, reflecting \$14,173.96 in checking and \$10,039.68. Expenses to come will be our Music Link and Foundation donations. The 2013-14 budget and budget summary are attached. The district took in almost \$6K more in syllabus income than last year, bringing us back to a normal range. The Waller Trio from Willamette sent a thank-you note for the Portland District travel grant they received to help with their travel expenses for the MTNA National Competition in Chicago.

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

President Deborah Cleaver said she is honored to be in the position. The focus of her presidency will be encouraging volunteerism, especially encouraging new people to volunteer and helping them find ways to volunteer. To help with this, Deborah plans on having each current chair create a folder detailing the job requirements. She is also an advocate for self-education and plans to dedicate a corner of the Maestro to a Book Review column, notices of educational opportunities, and promoting member performances.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

State President-Elect Cindy Peterson-Peart reminded members of the 2014 OMTA Conference, set for Newport, August 8-10. Registration will open soon, and the hotel is nearly sold out. The 2015 conference will be held in June in Welches on Mt. Hood.

Syllabus—the East Side chair, Charlotte Laughlin was injured in a bicycle accident. Alice will send her a card. Cherise da Cunha wrote in that 1,357 students participated in spring syllabus, and that Ramona and Jeff Goddard's Leggiero registration program was very helpful. Deborah pointed out that ANY problems with registering through Leggiero should be referred to the event chair, NOT Ramona. She encouraged members to get computer help from family, students, or their local library.

ESMAR Extended Study of Musicianship and Repertoire – Jan Mittelstaedt reported that five students participated this year, students of Lori Martinson, Barbara Musolf, Jan Mittelstaedt. Jill Timmons was the adjudicator and gave each student a 90-minute assessment. ESMAR Introduces new skills such as harmonization from a lead-line, transposition, playing by ear and music history, new routines for scales and a new chord progression. Five pieces, three from memory. Jan introduced the new Portland District ESMAR chair, Lori Martinson. Lori announced the upcoming final recital for this year's group on June 3 at Portland Piano and encouraged members to attend. Those interested in participating are encouraged to contact Lori early in the year to learn about the requirements of the program.

The Super Focus Group will need a new chair if it is to continue.

FESTIVALS

Ensemble Festival- Fen Fang Tsao reported the January, 2014 festival had 133 students of 22 teachers participate, with 89 winners and 44 Honorable Mentions. Next year's festival will be January 24, 2015, a one day festival, piano and string adjudicators.

Contemporary Festival- Deborah Cleaver reported the event was successful despite the snow-storm, which forced quite a bit of rescheduling. Portland Piano was very gracious. 172 students, up from last year.

Composition Celebration-Dan Brugh is chair for 2015 and is looking for a co-chair, preferably a newer member.

Trula Whelan Concerto Competition- Dr. Marjorie Janove reported enjoying her first year as chair, and that it was a very valuable experience. There were 37 string and piano applicants and 28 participated in the three recitals. A grant has been received to make up the extra expense of the concerto competition

Romantic Festival- Irene Huang reported that after her fourth year as chair, she would like to step down so she can devote more time to her triplets, who will be high-school sophomores. Volunteers needed. The Leggiero program makes running the festival much easier. Deborah suggested chairs be limited to four-year terms, with an incoming chair working alongside for the last year of the term.

MEMBERSHIP

Alona Maizlin reported there were not many new members this term, and all new ones will be introduced in September. Alona encouraged teachers and students to attend the festivals to make it more of an event, encourage students to invite friends and family to attend. Carol Lindell-Ross advocated making a requirement for an adult to accompany, and for retirees to be encouraged to volunteer.

Proposed by-law change—Susan Todd reported that the Executive Committee recommends that Article V, Section 2 be amended to so that elections are held in even numbered years. This will better align with the state leadership terms and will allow Deborah Cleaver to have just over two years as president, instead of over three years in office, as Patricia Scordato had to step down mid-term for health reasons. The change below (from odd to even years) was moved, seconded and passed.

ARTICLE V – ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 2. Election

The election of officers shall be held biennially at the regular May meeting in ~~odd~~ **even**-numbered years. Officers shall be elected by ballot, except in the event of only one nominee for an office in which case the presiding officer may declare the nominee elected by acclamation.

2014-2016 Executive Committee Election and Installation led by Deborah Cleaver, President and Patricia Scordato, Immediate Past President.

The following officers, recommended by the Nominating Committee, were elected by acclamation. Deborah presented a flower arrangement and spa certificate to Patricia in appreciation for her service.

President Elect: Irene Huang

Treasurer: Cindy Peterson-Peart

Recording Secretary: Susan Todd

Corresponding Secretary: Alice Lyle

FURTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Susan Todd announced that the OMTA Honors Committee had approved the recommendation that Dorothy Fahlman, NCTM, be designated as the 2015 Oregon MTNA Fellow nominee. Dorothy was given a flower arrangement in honor of the occasion.

Claudia Hegberg reported that 13 students are participating in the Level X recital on June 3, and asked members to encourage more students to participate.

Dan Brugh and Dianne Davies announced that the In Good Hands Concert will be held Thursday, July 10, 4:00 (note time change) at Portland Piano Company. The 2015 IGH concert will be held in conjunction with the Portland Piano International summer festival.

Special Thanks to the Portland Piano Company for hosting our meeting, and to Barbara Berg for arranging today's refreshments.

The meeting was recessed for refreshments at 9:50.

PROGRAM

Dr. Julia Lee introduced Sasha Starceвич, who gave a Master Class for the program.

These minutes were prepared by Recording Secretary Susan Todd.