



MMTA Spring Meeting

Zoom Video Conference Meeting

Sunday, February 21, 2021

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

In attendance: Hye-Jung Hong, Melissa Simons, Robert Carney, Jung Choi, Cristine Vitt, Erica Manzo (partial), Christopher Madden, Jason Hausback, Kyu Butler

Meeting called to order at 3:02pm

I. Approval of MMTA Board Meeting Minutes from November

Motion made to approve minutes by Robert Carney; Seconded by Chris Madden; Voted to approve as submitted

II. State Conference – MU

Peter Miyamoto joined the call at 3:30 to report and discuss. The last competition held at MU was in 2018 and he pushed hard to minimize costs. We ended up paying \$1200 for rental of facilities (not including hotel block, judging fees, etc), \$200 for piano moving, and \$500 for piano tuning and on-call tuning notice. Chris Vitt adds that we spent \$4000 on hotel block, and around \$600 on food. Unfortunately, now we are looking at closer to \$2000 for rental (instead of \$1200). If we choose to use MO Theatre (which we have done in the past), that is \$1500-2000/day and many extras will be charged.

Peter also reported that NATS is looking to use the MU facilities around the same time; however, the dates are up in the air due to Mem Union being booked. Also, Mem Union is not available for our first choice weekend (Nov 3-7). Peter put a hold on Nov 10-14 dates instead; however, opera scenes is also scheduled for that weekend, so we will have to work closely with them. Peter will report back after he learns more on March 2.

Other things to consider due to Covid: Right now, the practice rooms are restricted to 4-5 students to allow for contact tracing. How do we maintain safety protocols regarding use of practice rooms? What do we do to accommodate social distancing in the large registration space? Will we allow students to check music at the door? Will we allow audience members into competition rooms?

Executive Committee discussed how to handle the Guest Recital and whether a virtual master-class would be a good alternative. Hye-Jung mentioned the need to keep the scheduled guest artist informed of decisions. Committee also discussed whether or not it would be advantageous to do the pre-collegiate competition virtual and hold the others in person. Robert pointed out that the idea of a hybrid model will probably end up being less-financially stable.

Final decision was made to plan on an in-person conference. We will decide on dates after hearing from Peter on March 2 and revisit the discussion in June when we can better evaluate the extent to which Covid will affect moving forward.

III. Officer Positions Open – President Elect

Robert reported that he has been in touch with several options to fill this position, but has not been met with a positive response, so the search continues. Committee discussed three other options (Mia Hynes, Nathanael May, and Ayako Tsuruta). Robert will approach them about filling the position.

IV. Membership Drive this Spring

Erica reported that membership is down more than 10% (283 this year down from 346 last year). This is partly due to member retirement, but we need to find a way to reach out to and involve younger teachers and college students. Committee discussed using a keynote speaker at the conference or revisiting implementing a poster session. Robert reminded the committee that in the past, this has resulted in negligible interest. Perhaps we could reach out to teachers who might be able to commit multiple students to participating? Committee will follow-up with ideas to boost membership at June meeting.

V. Commissioned Composer Revision Committee

Robert will work on forming a committee to revise this process. Committee will be Robert, Jacob Gottlieb, and Chis Madden. They will work to create a proposal to submit via email to the Executive Committee.

Executive Committee decided that it would be beneficial to increase coordination between Jacob and Kyu in regards to securing judges. Chris Madden suggested that perhaps it would work to use one in-state judge and two out-of-state judges to minimize the potential for favoritism. This eliminates the option of using a past winner as the adjudicator in the following year. Jacob would be in charge of hiring judges but Kyu would receive record of these adjudicators.

VI. Officer Reports: (as needed)

a. President - Hye Jung Hong

Hye-Jung reported that she plans to attend the virtual National Conference at the end of March. All other report information is included in the above agenda.

b. Past President - Robert Carney

All report information is incorporated elsewhere in agenda.

c. Executive Secretary - Erica Manzo

Erica asked the Committee about the spring issue of NOTES. Usually March 15 is the deadline for article submission with a release in early April. Hye-Jung suggested delaying the deadline until April 1 with a release slightly later. The summer issue will discuss plans for the conference after our June board meeting.

Erica also reported that the MMTA computer is in need of being replaced. This can be purchased with both educator and non-profit discounts. Erica will make a request to Hye-Jung for approval and communicate with Chris Vitt for reimbursement.

d. Treasurer - Chris Vitt

Chris reported that although income is down, expenses are also down. See Treasurer's Report (**Appendix A**) and Profit/Loss Report (**Appendix B**).

Chris also reported that she had to complete an MTNA expense report. It would be helpful to have that conference information separated out from MMTA.

e. VP Auditions (Judging) - Kyu Butler

Kyu shared results of the MMTA District Auditions Poll sent to membership about district auditions. Overwhelmingly (almost 80%), respondents agree we should move to a pass/fail adjudication system. Committee discussed revising the district judging guidelines to only allow pass/fail. Robert Carney made a motion to adopt pass/fail process for district auditions; Christopher Madden seconded; Jason Hausback suggested amending language. Robert suggested using "I" and "II" ratings (I goes on to state, II does not; eliminate III, IV, V). Committee votes to approve.

Robert suggested sharing the poll results with the membership, especially once the changes are made to the judging guidelines. Hye-Jung also suggested writing an article for NOTES about the poll and results.

f. VP Auditions (Scheduling) - Jason Hausback

Jason reported that he has not yet asked state chairs if they are returning, but that this might be easier to do once we know the format of the fall competition.

District Audition deadline decisions need to be made soon (prior to the next meeting). These are usually complete by the 3rd weekend in September. The Executive Committee will make a decision in April via email.

Jason will also inquire about a hotel block in Columbia for the MU Fall Conference.

g. VP Publications and Public Relations/Webmaster - Jung Choi

Jung reported that she is having difficulty accessing the MMTA Facebook page because she does not have administrator privileges. Robert will contact the former Webmaster to transfer this to Jung.

Jung would like an updated list of the board members; Hye-Jung will send it on. Kyu mentioned that the local association board lists might also need reviewing. Jung will contact the local association presidents to update this information.

h. VP Local Associations and Student Chapters - Christopher Madden

Chris reported that we will wait to discuss the student luncheon until we know about the format of the fall conference. If the committee decides to move forward with a poster session, this will need to be advertised soon.

No matching grants have been received; Robert Carney made a motion to push the deadline to June 1 to see if any proposals are submitted once local associations know how Covid will affect the fall. Jason seconded; committee approves.

- i. Secretary - Melissa Loehnig Simons
N/A

VI. Next meeting will be in June. Hye-Jung will send a Doodle poll to schedule.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00pm

Appendix A: Treasurer's Report

MMTA Treasurer's Report February 19, 2021

Current Balances

Checking: \$14,867.54 (\$14,349.75 1 year ago)

Investments: \$42,459.22 (\$41,325.09 1 year ago)

Net Worth: \$57,326.76 (\$55,674.84 1 year ago)

Income	2021	2020	2019
Advertising	921.45	1890.00	(2515.00)
Auditions	26,566.37	32,221.92	(41,088.16)
Dues	3,399.50	1520.50	(2,422.50)
C Composer	600.00	750.0	(750.00)
<u>Sponsorship</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>110.00</u>	
Total Income	33,160.62	41,201.92	(\$49,680.16)

Expenses	2021	2020	2019
Auditions	13,302.69	18,348.26	(22,489.12)
Business	4823.43	4889.55	(\$4988.08)
Conference	0.00	3905.68	(3863.72)
Local Assoc Grant	0.00	1000.00	(1000.00)
<u>Total Payroll</u>	<u>10,256.33</u>	<u>9,565.34</u>	<u>(11,548.24)</u>
Total Expenses	28,438.70	35,870.00	43,939.41

Balance \$4721.92

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Appendix B: Profit-Loss Summary

May 1, 2020 - February 18, 2021

	TOTAL
Income	
Advertising Income	921.45
Auditions Income	10,211.94
District Auditions Income	2,234.49
MMTA Collegiate Honors Audition	507.94
MTNA Auditions Rebate	2,670.00
Pre-College Honors Auditions	10,942.00
Total Auditions Income	26,566.37
<u>Contributions</u>	
Dues Income	1,296.30
Total Contributions	1,296.30
Dues Income-MTNA	3,399.50
Miscellaneous Income	2.00
Pre-College Honors Auditions	975.00
Total Income	\$33,160.62
Gross Profit	\$33,160.62
Expenses	
<u>Auditions Expenses</u>	
District Auditions expenses	154.31
District Judges expenses	200.00
District Judges Fees	4,973.70
Total District Auditions Exp	5,328.01
State/National Auditions expenses	25.00
MMTA Judges Expenses	480.00
MMTA Judges fees	7,040.00
Prize Expenses	-170.32
Commissioned Composer Expense	600.00
Total Prize Expenses	429.68
Total State/National Auditions exp	7,974.68
Total Auditions Expense	13,302.69
Business Expenses	73.00
Accountant	1,125.00
Advertising	1,500.00
Insurance Expense	331.00
Internet reimbursement	400.00
Office Supplies	52.09
Officer Expenses	81.34
Officer conference travel	195.00
Total Officer Expenses	276.34

May 1, 2020 - February 18, 2021

	TOTAL
Postage	66.00
Website, Services, software	1,000.00
Total Business Expenses	4,823.43
Fines and Penalties	45.00
Government	11.25
<u>Payroll Expense</u>	
Company Tax	1,506.38
Payroll	8,749.95
Total Payroll Expense	10,256.33
Total Expenses	\$28,438.70
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$4,721.92
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