



MMTA Summer Executive Board Meeting  
Zoom Video Conference Meeting  
Thursday June 29, 2023  
1 PM – 3 PM

*In Attendance: Jason Hausback, Erica Manzo, Ethan Stahl, Luke Carlson, Hye-Jung Hong, Christopher Madden (partial)*

*In Absentia: Melissa Simons, Christine Vitt, Hyunki Yoon*

*Meeting was called to order at 1:00pm.*

- I. Approval of MMTA Board Meeting Minutes from February  
*Motion made to approve minutes by Christopher Madden; seconded by Luke Carlson; voted to approve as submitted.*
  
- II. Officer Reports:
  - a. President – Jason Hausback  
*The state of Missouri was well-represented at the MTNA National Conference/Competition with five competitors. Jason hopes to encourage state membership to be more connected with conference. There are lots of things to apply for including nominations for Local Association of the Year, nominations for Student Chapter of the year, and innovation grants for teachers.*  
  
*The Kansas State Conference is at Washburn in Topeka Sept 22-23. Jason will check in to see what all is included in that conference and perhaps “recruit” for our conference sessions.*
  - b. President-Elect – Chris Madden  
*See item III on agenda.*
  - c. Past President – Hye-Jung Hong  
*No official report.*
  - d. Treasurer – Chris Vitt (via email at a later date)  
*Chris V was not able to attend and will send the Treasurer’s Report at a later date.*
  - e. VP Auditions – Hyunki Yoon/Chris Madden  
*See item III on agenda.*
  - f. VP Publications and Publicity – Ethan Stahl  
*Ethan has been making his way through publicity documentation and has noticed*

*some discrepancies. He will be contacting other Executive Committee members to clarify/tweak some of those details.*

*Discussion continues around having Executive Board members write articles and/or announcements. Jason mentions it might be nice to recognize teachers and length of membership/involvement in organization as a part of that. Hye-Jung mentions the possibility of also announcing 30yrs+ members at the guest artist recital.*

- g. VP Local Associations and Student Chapters – Vacant  
*Position is currently vacant as Chris Madden has moved to President-Elect and VP Auditions. Nomination made for Hye-Jung Hong to be the VP of Local Associations and Student Chapters by Chris Madden; nomination accepted by Hye-Jung; nomination approved by Executive Committee.*
- h. Composition/Commissioned Composer Chair – Luke Carlson  
*Luke will be sending out advertisements for upcoming year's student composition competition and Commissioned Composer in August.*  
  
*Luke will follow up with Ad-hoc committee discussed at February meeting (Chris and Hyunki) to discuss rules and winner guidelines before the August email goes out.*
- i. Secretary – Melissa Loehnig Simons  
*No official report.*
- j. Executive Secretary – Erica Manzo  
*See item IV on agenda.*

### III. 2023 State Conference

- a. Audition Deadlines  
*Deadline for districts is Sept 23-24. Every district currently has a chair except for St. Joseph. Most districts have been scheduled and Chris will continue to contact them about scheduling over the summer (with a deadline) so the dates can be published on the website and disseminated to the membership.*
- b. Hotel Block  
*Chris has been looking into using the Hampton Inn on Plaza (about a mile from UMKC). Once we reserve a block, we are responsible for paying for 80% of the block at rate of \$135/weeknight and \$155/weekend. Many judges are local, so we might not need as many rooms as past years. Jason will send past year hotel blocks to Chris for review. Chris will check to see how late we can reserve so we have the most accurate number for the hotel in terms of rooms needed (judges, chairs, board, etc)*
- c. Guest Artists  
*Chris is contacting various faculty/faculty ensembles at UMKC about doing a "collage" concert. If commissioned composer's piece is ready 4 weeks before,*

*then their piece will also be performed at this concert. Chris will contact performers to receive commitment before Luke reaches out to the composer.*

d. Call for Conference Workshops/Sessions

*In the hopes of including more “conference-like” sessions at the state conference/competition, Chris has reserved several classrooms. This could also include student poster sessions. Chris will work with Hye-Jung to put together a “call” to be sent out to the membership/included in NOTES. At this point, a committee for review is not necessary (hoping for 3-5 sessions this year as a starting point). Chris will include the call to Kansas teachers as well.*

IV. Notes: 3x yearly/positioned strategically

*Continuation of previous discussion settling on sending out NOTES three times a year starting after this current meeting: late-Nov (Fall), May (Spring) announcing next year’s auditions, and end of July (Summer). Erica suggests moving summer edition to late-August instead of July to help college advertisers. This works as long as district deadlines are posted on the website. Erica will continue to discuss this with Ethan.*

V. Matching Grant Applications

*MMAMTA received a matching grant during 2020 (Covid) and has not been able to use those funds for various reasons. They have asked if the funding is still available and how that fits in terms of the 2-year eligibility rotation. Executive Committee agrees on further extension (no vote needed since extension of funds was discussed at several prior meetings).*

*Deadline for proposals is August 31. Hye-Jung will put out call for matching grant proposals to Local Association Presidents and will edit the proposal form on the website. Jason mentions it would be nice to include an announcement of approved funding in NOTES.*

VI. New Business

a. Discussion on open-to-public MMTA auditions

*Teachers have expressed displeasure on both sides of this equation. On one occasion, the judges did not allow even the teachers in the room. If these remain open to the public (as they have been), then there should be a “code of conduct” regarding judges and teachers.*

*Since MTNA holds open auditions, Executive Committee agrees that keeping MMTA auditions open is appropriate. Adding simple “code of conduct” reminders to the Google Form used in the registration process with an “I have read and acknowledge these rules” checkbox would be the most efficient. Jason also suggests adding something to the rules that are sent to the District Chairs and judges. Since neither VP of Auditions is present, no official decision will be made. Jason will continue discussion with Hyunki and Chris.*

b. Website Updates

*Hye-Jung mentions that the Audition Chairs and Executive Board need to be updated. Jason suggests including photos of the board to make things more personable. Commissioned Composer information and past winners also need to*

*be updated. Any changes to by-laws and updated/current minutes need to be listed. Ethan suggests including a place on the website to showcase the student chapters. Jason suggests disabling the ability to click on “Auditions” under “Programs”, making it a requirement for someone to choose either “Pre-Collegiate Auditions” or “Collegiate Auditions” since there is some information discrepancy currently between the links.*

- c. Discussion on printed program/booklet for State Auditions  
*It’s been around 8 years since this was done and it cost around \$2,000 for 500 programs. Erica mentions that the problem is receiving information in enough time to get printed. Jason suggests that for archival purposes, it would be good to have record/collection of all of the programs included in the conference.*

*Luke suggests making a style guide/template that the Chairs could send out to organize the programs in a similar format. Once they are formatted, Ethan can compile them into one large PDF document available on the website. This will serve as programs for the conference as well as for archival purposes.*

## VII. Old Business

- a. Vacant Positions
  - i. VP Local Associations/Student Chapters  
*See item IIG on agenda.*
  - ii. MTNA/MMTA Chairs – filled  
*All positions are filled. Perry Mears, Angelo Manzo, and Dan and Jennifer are returning as Chairs.*
- b. Possible Bylaws Revision
  - i. New positions (webmaster)
  - ii. Provision to allow combining positions  
*Many people are currently doing this: Chris Madden (President-Elect/VP Auditions), Hye-Jung (Past President/VP Local Association and Student Chapters), Erica (Executive Secretary/Membership Chair). We will revisit when we have a quorum to vote.*
  - iii. Voting via email  
*According to Nationals, if this happens, the vote must be unanimous due to lack of possible discussion.*  
*Jason suggests making a committee to review the bylaws, any necessary changes being discussed, and the process for getting the changes through the membership.*
- c. State Dues Increase/Adjudication Rate Increase  
*Increasing state dues (\$5) would counter any adjudication rate increase. Jason will find the figures from the last meeting discussion and Executive Committee will revisit via email vote.*
- d. Updates to job descriptions in light of changes/technology  
*Jason suggests that it would be helpful to have descriptions/deadlines for each position available, possibly posted on the website for transparency purposes.*

*Jason requests that anyone in a current position should type up specific duties and important deadlines as they relate to their position.*

e. **DEI Initiative?**

*While not required, it might be nice to consider for our state. Hye-Jung suggests revisiting this at the November meeting with a possible committee.*

*Meeting adjourned at 3:12pm.*