

Wisconsin NATS Chapter Meeting Minutes
November 5, 2016
Meeting and Luncheon held at UW-Milwaukee

ATTENDANCE:

John Gates- President
Melanie Cain- Vice President
Matthew Markham- Recording Secretary
Rachel Wood- Corresponding Secretary
Kenneth Pereira- Treasurer/Membership
Susan Bender- District Governor
Nathan Krueger- Member at Large/Auditions Coordinator
Jessica Timman Schwefel- Member at Large
Rachel Edie Warrick- Member at Large
Kathleen Otterson- North Central Regional Governor
Karen Brunssen- Guest Adjudicator/Master Teacher

Wendelin Lockett, Mimmi Fulmer, J. Adam Shelton, Susan Day, Patty Weis, Helen Ceci, Antonina Johnston, Anne Richie, Jennifer Conrad-Proulx, Jodi Ann Curtis, Ken Bozeman, Joanne Bozeman, Jim Doing, Diana Cataldi, Diane Foust, Marlee Sabo, Emily Davis, Joy K. Amel, Brian Leeper, Tanya Kruse Ruck, Ann Elise Schoenecker, Gregory Berg, Richard Sjoerdsma, Jeanette Thompson, Daniel Ellis, David Hoffman, Wendy Rowe, Tim Rebers, Kimberly Prins Moeller, Jillian Bruss, Christian Bester

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 11:30am

MINUTES:

The minutes were approved with no corrections.

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

PRESIDENT:

- John Gates began with welcoming and thanking Rachel Wood for joining the WI NATS Board as Corresponding Secretary. Tanya Kruse Ruck was then thanked for being a wonderful host for the 2016 WI NATS Student Auditions.
- Tanya Kruse Ruck formed a nominating committee for the next Member at Large. Ann Elise Schoenecker stepped up to serve and she was nominated, ballots were passed around for voting.
- John prompted the chapter members at each table to discuss several items related to the Student Auditions: in light of budget cuts across the state would other additional locations be possible for WI Student Auditions, dates, moving the format from a Friday/Saturday to a Saturday/Sunday format, the inclusion of non-classical categories including CCM, spring events that

might incorporate workshops for training of CCM categories. 15-minute table discussion followed.

- A chapter member from each table gave a synopsis of what was discussed.
- The overall consensus was that a Saturday/Sunday format seemed better. Issues relating to the CCM categories arose including logistics, lack of expertise to adjudicate such categories. A healthy and peaceful discussion followed and the overall consensus was that we were interested in having the National Office train us in this endeavor, and that we would welcome training from experts in those areas. Other items were raised such as discussions of host sites and whether or not we wanted to continue having a guest adjudicator present a masterclass. The idea was tossed around that UW-Stevens Point is centrally located and provides an ideal venue for such a large event. After much discussion, the general opinion was that we enjoyed having the event at different venues throughout the state each year.
- A motion was made to vote on the switch to a Saturday/Sunday WI NATS Student Auditions weekend. The motion was seconded but with an amendment to make it an Advisory Vote. With 1/3 of our chapter present, a quorum was present but we decided to conduct an online vote in the end.

VICE PRESIDENT:

- Melanie Cain spoke about “spring events” and briefly recapped the events from spring 2016.
- Mirroring the National Office, WI NATS would utilize Discretionary Funds in a similar fashion. The First Place Winners of the WI NATS would be reimbursed their registration fee if they go on to the Regional and then National Student Auditions round(s). An email will be sent to solicit those responses from First Place Winners. Discretionary Funds would also be used to support chapter members proposals for spring events between January 2017-December 2017.

TREASURER/MEMBERSHIP: (see attached report)

- Ken Pereira informed the chapter that we now have 111 members.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR:

- Susan Bender welcomed and announced the names of new WI Chapter members.
- On a national level the numbers of NATS members has dropped, but in WI are up.
- Susan encouraged us to reach out to our many high school teachers in the state, our alumni, and make personal connections in order to urge new teachers to join WI NATS.

AUDITIONS REPORT:

- Nathan Krueger announced that the 2017 WI NATS Student Auditions would be taking place at UW-Whitewater.

REGIONAL GOVERNOR REPORT:

- Kathy Otterson announced three items:
 - 1) NATS Intern Program deadline for applications was December 15, 2016. The event will be taking place in Canada on June 2-12, 2017.
 - 2) National Student Auditions: Kathy will send out information including dates, deadlines for submission to regional and national student audition rounds. The NATS summer workshop will be taking place in Boulder, Colorado in 2017.
 - 3) NATSAA: There has been a timeline change. Information will be forthcoming in early 2017. NATSAA would take place in October of 2017 and then the Finals would take place during the first weekend of the new year 2018 in NYC.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The 11th Annual Alexander Technique workshop at Viterbo will take place on July 24-29, 2017.
- An announcement was made as to how great it was to see so many at the National Conference in Chicago during July 2016.
- Ken Bozeman announced his Acoustics Pedagogy Seminar in Door County, which will take place on July 16-21, 2017.
- There is an opportunity for high school students to participate in a vocal competition at Viterbo (annual event each November) and it includes prize money.
- Mimmi Fulmer announced the release of her Nordic anthology.
- There was some issues raised regarding various items related to the WI NATS Student Auditions and certain protocol, but these items were tabled for the time being and will be discussed in the future.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 1:15pm

Respectfully submitted by Matthew Markham

