

Wisconsin NATS Chapter Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2020, Virtual

ATTENDANCE:

Board members: Melanie Cain, Rachel Warrick, Matthew Markham, Susan Bender, Thomas Weis, Ann Schoenecker, Rachel Wood, Jessica Schwefel,

Also: Nathan Krueger, Kathy Otterson, Dan Johnson Wilmot, Joy Amel, Diane Foust, Karen Leigh-Post, Tanya Kruse, Collen Brodes, Daniel Ellis, Anna Hersey, Elena Batman, Gregory Berg, J. Adam Shelton, Estelí Gomez, John T Gates, Brian Leeper, Mimmi Fulmer.

Board members not in attendance - Ken Pereira

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:36 pm.

MINUTES: Melanie Cain motioned, and Brian Leeper seconded.

Unanimously approved.

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

PRESIDENT:

Melanie Cain began with welcoming everyone and thanking Nathan Krueger in a special way. Be sure that you are visiting the national office website for the resources available.

VICE PRESIDENT:

- There is not much to share since no events have been held this year. Reminder to everyone that grants are available. Thank you.

TREASURER/MEMBERSHIP: (see attached reports)

- Matthew Markham shared current numbers on budget and membership.

\$400 was given to the North Central Regional finalists from our chapter.

CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY:

Rachel Woods is the outgoing secretary.

Email addresses and contacts need to be updated with national NATS for ease of communication.

New updates can be sent with options for posting on Facebook page and submissions for chapter email (strictly for NATS business) and Wi state website.

AUDITIONS REPORT:

- Nathan thanked everyone for participating. Change includes good qualities and created other issues. Thank you to Susan Bender for checking repertoire and communication. Thank you to Rachel Wood. Thank you to the auditions committee for being a sounding board, setting things up, and helping with decisions. Thank you for everyone who checked videos. Semi-final judging is finishing tonight, and tallying and finals will be announced tomorrow. Guest judges will finish the judging. Thank you for the recommendations. Guest judges will be presenting virtually, and links will be shared. Permission will be requested to record and upload them onto the website for a limited time.

STATE GOVERNOR:

Rachel Wood has begun serving as State Governor.

Dan Johnson Wilmot retired from Viterbo and has been granted Emeritus status.

Many members have been active with presentations and workshops, book publishing, and more. National auditions had multiple WI students again this past year.

NATS summer program auditions includes multiple auditions where students can be considered. NATS Winter Workshop is upcoming. 2021 Art Song Auditions and 2021 Pedagogy Award is also upcoming. 2021 is a NATSAA year.

Rachel would like to set up a recruitment committee to assist in events and ideas to further the recruitment of chapter members.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR:

- Nothing

REGIONAL GOVERNOR REPORT:

National is accepting donations to help members who are in financial hardship cover the cost of dues.

Bob Bryan is the fundraising director with the national office.

NEW BUSINESS:

Thank you to Jessica Schwefel, Ken Pereira, and Ann Schoenecker, who have finished their terms as At-Large members. New members will be voted in. A survey was sent out to the membership.

Jim Doing asked how schools might be doing Opera Workshop and Scenes next spring. Members shared their thoughts, including Nathan Krueger, Melanie Cain, and Ken Pereira, and Matthew Markham. Other ideas were shared via posted messages to the chat. Jim Doing asked that we consider increasing the awards this year. Discussion followed with most members recommending against the increase. The board will discuss the possibility of future increases. Suggestion was also made to support

collaborative pianists in times of hardship. More ideas can be sent to the board for consideration and discussion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Sarah Meredith announced the 10th Czech/Slovak competition will be held either in the fall 2021 or the following spring, 2022.

Ken Pereira thanked the board for all the work.

Next November, the entire board will need to be updated and voted upon.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:51 p.m.

Minutes respectively submitted by: Thomas Weis, Recording Secretary Wisconsin Chapter – National Association of Teachers of Singing