

South Texas Chapter NATS
University of the Texas at San Antonio, San Antonio, TX
April 9, 2016
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

I. Call to Order

- A. Daniel Hunter-Holly called meeting to order at 1:43 pm.

II. Introductions

- A. **New Members** introduced themselves:
1. Amy Kelley from Dallas, teaches private studio.
 2. Jeffrey Seppala, joined the UTRGV faculty from Colorado and is also a NATS intern this summer.
 3. Jung-Hwan Jang from Seattle, teaching at Our Lady of the Lake.
- B. Dan Hunter-Holly introduced **Guest Judges** for finals (Senior and Advanced College Men & Women Categories):
1. Kathy McNeil, Associate Professor at Baylor University.
 2. David Brock, Associate Professor and Voice Division Chair at TCU.
 3. Barbara Hill Moore, Professor of Voice at SMU.

III. Appointment of Parliamentarian

- A. Linda Poetschke agreed to serve as Parliamentarian.

IV. Approval of Minutes from Fall 2015 Business Meeting

- A. Nicole Asel motioned to approve. Diana Allan seconded. Membership voted. Minutes approved.

V. Reports

- A. **Treasurer's Report:** Susan Olson reported that the chapter is still in great shape financially with not much movement since the fall and a balance of over \$11K. Use of PayPal for auditions registrations worked very well. Next year, we will also use online payment for lunch orders. Guy Wilson motioned to approve Treasurer's report. Motion was seconded. Membership voted. Report approved.
- B. **Audition Chair's Report:** Dan Hunter-Holly read highlights from Oliver Worthington's Report. The biggest change is that extending audition times to align with the national standards makes the scheduling more challenging.

VI. Old Business

- A. **Host School Goodwill Gesture:**

1. Constanza Roeder read the motion:

"The South Texas Chapter will make a \$500 donation to the music scholarship fund at the host school for spring auditions."

Motion was seconded. Discussion followed.

2. George Hogan suggested specifying a voice scholarship. Constanza made the amended motion:

"The South Texas Chapter will make a \$500 voice scholarship donation at the host school for spring auditions."

Amy Kelley seconded. Membership voted. Amended motion passed.

B. Proposal to Allow Proxy Judges:

1. Lisa Clement gave some background on the proposal for discussion, and read motion (Proposal C from Fall 2015 Meeting):

“NATS members must be available to adjudicate spring auditions.

1. Proxy judges are discouraged, but allowed if the active member (as defined by bylaws definition for quorum) finds it impossible to attend but wants his/her students to participate.

2. The NATS member is solely responsible for procuring the proxy judge. Any NATS member (in South Texas or any other district) may serve as proxy judge, provided the member does not enter students in the auditions. The Auditions Chair must approve the proxy judge. Request for proxy judge approval must be requested of the Auditions Chair on or before one week prior to the student registration deadline. A bio of the requested proxy judge must be provided upon request from the Audition Chair. If the proxy judge is approved but fails to adjudicate, the students of the NATS member will be disqualified.

3. The NATS member must pay a \$150 fee to utilize a proxy judge, payable on or before the student registration deadline. This money will not be used to compensate the proxy judge.

4. A NATS member may utilize a proxy judge no more than once every 3 years.

5. In extreme emergency situations (medical, family death, etc.) proxy judges are allowed without a penalty and the Auditions Chair may assist in procuring the proxy.”

George Hogan seconded. Discussion followed.

2. Point I: Discussed the difference between Point I and Point 5. Concern expressed that wording for Point I wording was too open. Dan Hunter-Holly explained the main reasons the membership decided on the more open wording of Point I at the fall ‘15 meeting:
 - a. Difficulty defining whether a performance was “noteworthy” enough to warrant use of a proxy judge.
 - b. The “noteworthy performance” wording placed too much responsibility on the Auditions Chair.
 - i. Lisa Clement noted that performance-specific wording did not allow for use of proxy judge in the event of a significant personal event (ex. family wedding).
3. Point II: No discussion.
4. Point III. Discussed why the \$150 fee could not be used to compensate the proxy judge. Dan Hunter-Holly explained that the fee was designed to discourage use of proxy judges. Members expressed desire to ensure the \$150 is used to benefit students and not cover general chapter expenses.
5. Point IV: No discussion.
6. Point V: Lisa Clement clarified that Point V has already been in practice, but needs to be documented in writing. Dan Hunter-Holly noted that Point V has been utilized very rarely.
 - a. Daniel Hunter-Holly re-read the motion. No amendments made. Membership voted. Motion passed with 45 in favor, 3 opposed and 1 abstaining.

VII. New Business

- A. **Fall 2016 Meeting:** Orit Eylon announced that she is expecting a baby in September. Thus, UIW cannot host the fall meeting.
 - 1. Dana Zenobi at Southwestern (Georgetown, TX) and Hope Thacker at TAMUCC have offered to host.
 - 2. Linda Poetschke made a motion to hold Fall 2016 meeting on October 1 at Southwestern University. Constanza Roeder seconded. Membership voted. Motion passed with 34 in favor, 7 opposed.
- B. **Spring 2017 Auditions:** Texas State University offered April 8. Lauren White Arthur motioned to hold the Spring '17 meeting on April 8 at Texas State University. Constanza Roeder seconded. Membership voted. Motion passed with a large majority in favor.
- C. **South Texas Chapter NATS Resource Network:** Dan Hunter-Holly proposed creating an internal database of specialty/expertise areas. Members could use this resource to ask each other for help and mentorship. John Nix suggested members self-identify one or two areas of expertise and provide a brief statement. Diana Allan suggested using Survey Monkey. Ken Williams noted that a database always needs someone to maintain it.
 - a. Linda Poetschke suggested forming a committee to work on the project. John Nix seconded. Membership voted. Motion passed.

VIII. Reminders/Announcements

- A. **National Conference:** July 8-12, 2016, Chicago. Dan Hunter-Holly is presenting on assessment techniques for the vocal studio with attention to accreditation standards. Michelle Hache is attending. Lauren White Arthur is attending as a Joan Frey Boytim Independent Studio Teacher scholar. John Nix is in charge of poster papers. Diana Allan is the new VP of national auditions.
- B. **Chapter Facebook Page:** Dan Hunter-Holly reminded membership that we have a Facebook page for members (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/natssouthtexas/>), which is a good way to stay in touch and announce news between meetings.
- C. **Aspiring Artist Summer Program Grant:** Gary Mabry will coordinate again. We have had a May 1 deadline. Gary explained the requirements. Dr. John Seesholtz at Colorado State University will co-adjudicate.

IX. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 2:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Dana Zenobi.