

# **South Texas Chapter NATS**

**Del Mar College, Corpus Christi, TX**

**April 6, 2019**

## **BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

*Respectfully submitted by Lainie Horwedel*

- I. Call to Order**
  - A. Orit called the meeting to order at 1:45 pm
- II. Introductions**
  - A. Introductions of officers
    1. President: Orit Eylon
    2. Vice President & Auditions Chair: Rebecca Coberly
    3. Vice President of Auditions/Auditions Chair In Training: Rick Novak
    4. Treasurer: Hope Thacker
    5. Secretary: Lainie Horwedel
    6. Webmaster: Sean Taylor
- III. Appointment of Parliamentarian**
  - A. Orit Eylon declared Linda Poetschke as Parliamentarian.
- IV. Approval of Minutes**
  - A. Fall 2018 meeting
    1. Blythe Cates made a MOTION to approve the Fall 2018 minutes. Kate Winchester seconded. Membership VOTED. Minutes APPROVED with no opposition
- V. Introduction of new members**
  - A. Lydia Beasley - San Antonio Private Teacher
  - B. Kate Winchester - Cedar Park High and Stiles Middle School
  - C. Jordan Lane Howell - UT San Antonio
- VI. Reports**
  - A. **President's report** (Orit Eylon) - President's Report – Orit Eylon submitted her report and timeline highlighting service chapter activities over the past year.
    1. Our current membership stands at 93 members Emeritus: 2 Associate:11 Joint: 2 Affiliate:1
    2. The NSA YouTube Round was a big success. Each winner was awarded prizes ranging from \$75-\$150. Orit thanked Daniel Hunter-Holly (Chair), Hope Thacker, George Hogan, and Cynthia Longoria for their hard work.
    3. Congratulations to NATS Members Guy Wilson and Michelle Haché for their student's success at the NSA finals at the NATS National Conference in Las Vegas.
    4. Thanks also to Diana Allan (VP of auditions) and John Nix (Poster Session Coordinator) at the National Conference.
    5. Thanks to John Nix(chair), David Dehner and Angela Irving for serving on the fall workshop committee to select our fall workshop presenter,

Matthew Edwards. Mr. Edwards gave a presentation on CCM crossover pedagogy. NATS discretionary fund awarded for maximum amount for his workshop.

6. The Aspiring Artist Award – Special thanks to Gary Mabry for chairing and judging. We were able to give Sarah Neely and Evan Jackson awards of \$750 each to attend their chosen Summer programs.
  7. NATS TEXOMA Artist Series Presenters for Texoma fall 2018 Conference and audition winners– several speakers from the South NATS chapters presented at TEXOMA this year.
    - a) Composer as Poet: Jacquelyn Matava, mezzo soprano, Carolyn True, piano
    - b) Belting: What We Need To Know to Train Young Female Voice: Blythe Cates, soprano
    - c) Deluxe: Classical Vocal Duo presents Lesser Known Gems of the Vocal Duet Repertoire: Crystal Jarell Johnson, soprano, Angela Malik, soprano, Elena Portnaya, piano
    - d) 17 students placed in Texoma NATS: 4 in First Place and 1st & 3rd place winners of South Texas Chapter.
  8. External Judges for Spring 2019: categories 11B, 12B, 13, and 14 (Senior and Advanced College, Women and Men).
    - a) Randy Umstead: Associate Professor of Voice, Charles W. Evans Chair in Voice and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at Baylor
    - b) Bronwen Forbay: soprano
    - c) David Small: Associate Professor of Music at the University of Texas at Austin
  9. Committees - Thanks to:
    - a) John Nix, Melinda Brou, and Rick Novak for help in nominating and selecting a Vice President of auditions for 2019-2021
    - b) Gary Mabry and Sean Taylor for setting up the aspiring artist award for 2019
    - c) Daniel Hunter Holly, Blythe Cates and David Dehner for setting up for the NSA YouTube round.
    - d) The entire board for all their work for our chapter.
  10. Host Sites needed for spring auditions in 2021 and 2022
    - a) We want to alternate geographic locations
  11. Fall Meeting - October 5, 2019 at Incarnate Word
- B. Treasurer's Report** (Hope Thacker)
1. Hope Thacker reported that our current balance is \$14,918.35. Member Dues and Student Registration since October totaled around \$6,589.00.
- C. Audition Chair's Report** (Rebecca Coberly)
1. Orit read Rebecca Coberly's report -
    - a) Rebecca Coberly reported that we had 247 students registered by the March 6th deadline and before judges' meeting cancellations today, began with 232 singers.

- b) Auditionware registration went relatively smoothly. Rebecca thanked Brad Mills for setting up the audition and troubleshooting. She also thanked Rick Novak for vetting the submitted repertoire and working with teachers to make changes.
- c) We have two competitors for the Outstanding Student Accompanist Award this year that will be judged by David Sutanto.
- d) The Alice Dutcher Thornton Certificate will be judged and awarded by our guest judges.
- e) Thanks to the tabulations crew: Rick Novak, Melinda Brou, Daniel Hunter-Holly, and Cynthia Longoria.
- f) Rebecca Coberly thanks the chapter for giving her the opportunity to be Vice President and Auditions Chair for the past two years and wishes her predecessor, Rick Novak good luck.

**D. Webmaster's update** (Sean Taylor)

- 1. Website went live this time last year
- 2. Members only password is Larynx
  - a) Info from fall meeting and presentation
  - b) Photo submissions for today will be posted here
  - c) Results from today will be posted here as well
  - d) Next year may post morning results on website to help afternoon run more smoothly
  - e) Form to submit any of your activities, research, performances, etc.
- 3. We have a closed facebook page as well for internal information.

**VII. Old Business**

**A. Honorarium Fee for outside judges for Spring Auditions**

- 1. It was suggested at the Fall meeting that the South NATS chapter needs to raise their honorarium rate because judges are traveling farther. At that same meeting, a motion was approved for an honorarium fee increase for outside Audition Judges from \$250 to \$300. Accompanying Judges will remain at \$150. Today's outside judges were paid the new amount.

**B. Distance Learning or conferencing software for fall workshop clinician**

- 1. We want to keep live presentations as part of our chapter for the fall meetings.
- 2. Linda Poetschke commented that with our solid balance we have enough money for these live presenters to come to us.
- 3. This discussion was tabled.

**VIII. New Business**

#### **A. Membership Liaison**

1. Renewal Season is a struggle until we hit February and members want to enter their students in competition.
2. For this reason Orit Eylon is proposing a Membership Liaison to encourage membership and membership renewal via email, etc.
3. Linda made a MOTION, seconded by Susan Wilson that we nominate someone. John Nix said we should check with Nationals to see what they advise.
4. Linda said as a former VP membership, that this is much needed and filters all the way up. This lifts the president load and allows her to collaborate and reach more people. Helps with retention as well as new membership.
5. If you are interested please speak with Orit after the meeting. Orit made a MOTION to create a membership Liaison position. Members VOTED and APPROVED. There was no opposition.

#### **B. Location and dates of Fall workshop and meeting**

1. October 5,2019 at Incarnate Word
2. Requirements for hosting the Fall meeting: Space for presentation, and small business meeting and fall honors recital space.

#### **C. Spring meeting/auditions 2019-2020**

1. Texas State: April 4,2020

#### **D. Nomination: Vice President of Auditions**

1. Orit called up John Nix, chair of nominating committee for this position. Rick Novak & Melinda Brou were also on the committee. Call for nominations was in January. They received 3 responses of which 2 remain.
2. Cynthia Longoria was recommended for nomination - professor at Del Mar College for 18 years.
3. Linda Poetschke made a MOTION, Gary Mabry Seconded. Members VOTED and the motion PASSED without opposition.

### **IX. Reminders/Announcements**

#### **A. NSA You Tube Round reimbursement**-deadline April 19 (note NSA deadline of April 12).

1. Gary Mabry, UTSA, assisted by Timothy Jones, UofH & Julianne Best, Baylor make up this committee.

#### **B. Aspiring Artist Award**-Deadline May 10

1. Dave Sadlier suggested that we move the deadline earlier in the future. Students need time to gather funds, etc.

2. Orit made a MOTION to move deadline to April 15th. Members VOTED. Motion PASSED without opposition.

C. **NATS Summer Workshop** June 27-29 at St. Olaf College

D. **NATSAA-NATS Artist Awards**- Linda Poetschke shared that Deadline is Sept. 8th for the NATSAA - NATS Artist Awards.

1. Angela Irving asked Linda to explain the difference between NATSAA & SOTY.
2. Linda explained that SOTY is TEXOMA only (offered annually, finals in TEXOMA) and NATSAA is part of the National Organization with finals to be held in New York at the National Winter Workshop.

**X. Adjourn**

- A. Orit called for a motion to close meeting. Blythe Cates made a MOTION to adjourn and John Nix seconded. Members VOTED and APPROVED without opposition.