

SOUTH TEXAS NATS
FALL BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA
SATURDAY, October 8, 2022
12:00 PM

- I. Call to Order
 - a. Rebecca Coberly, President called the meeting to order
- II. Introductions
 - a. Cynthia Longoria - Auditions Chair
 - b. Hope Thacker - Vice President of Auditions
 - c. Sean Taylor - Webmaster
 - d. Minkyung Lee- Treasurer
 - e. Blythe Cates - Secretary
 - f. Lily Guerrero – Membership liaison
- III. Appointment of Parliamentarian
 - a. Orit Eylon
- IV. Approval of Minutes
 - A. Spring 2022 Business Meeting
 - a. Melinda Brou - motioned and Susan Olsen seconded to accept the Spring 2022 minutes
 - b. Minutes were approved unanimously
- V. Introduction of New Members
 - a. Samantha Balboa
 - b. Natalie Cummings
- VI. Reports:
 - A. President Report – Rebecca Coberly
 - 1. Current membership totals - Membership totals are down
 - a. 85 total active members
 - b. In this are 12 Associate Memberships, 3 Emeritus, 1 Affiliate, & 2 Joint membership
 - 2. Thank you to the Aspiring Artist Summer Program Grant committee. Gary Mabry chaired the committee and recruited two external judges, Meryl Mantione (Ball State University) and Noel Archambeult (University of Delaware) to evaluate the applicants and determine the recipient. This year the full \$1,500 was awarded to Ashira Fronk (a student of Angela Irving) to attend Boston Conservatory at Berklee Vocal/Choral Summer Intensive.
 - 3. Four South Texas students were reimbursed for NSA submission fees via the NSA YouTube Round Reimbursement this year. Thank you to Ross Bernhardt (chair), Minkyung Lee, and Shayna Isaacs for serving as the committee for this reimbursement.
 - 4. The South Texas NATS officers met in August to assemble the necessary documents to make bank account adjustments and discuss logistics for the

Fall Meeting. Thank you to all the officers for your work over the summer to coordinate these changes and prepare today's event.

5. Host site for Spring Auditions 2022 – Austin Community College
 - a. April 1, 2023
- B. Treasurer Report – Hope Thacker
 - a. Established a new bank account with Chase on September 30, 2022.
 - i. The new account has a \$0 with a minimum of \$2,000 balance
 - ii. There is no charge for the first 20 checks and then they charge \$0.40 each
 - iii. Offers an online payment option
 - b. Balance in the new Chase account as of October 8, 2022: \$4,000
 - c. Balance in the old Broadway account: \$3,341
 - d. Withdrawals: \$2,200 for Fall workshop cost
 - e. Approval of report
 - i. Susan Olsen motioned to accept & Teri Olsen seconded
 - ii. Report was approved with no one abstaining
- C. Audition Chair Report – Cynthia Longoria
 - a. Thank you to all who helped with and attended the Spring 2022 student auditions. They were held at Del Mar College in Corpus Christi on April 9, 2022.
 - b. Spring 2022
 - i. 124 participants
 - ii. 27 teachers with students
 - iii. 39 of the 124 were high school students.
 - iv. Six students participated in more than one category and 20 students participated in the Musical Theater categories.
 - v. There has been a decline in the number of students participating in the last several years.
 - c. Spring 2021 (Virtual)
 - i. 205 participants (over 700 videos)
 - ii. 45 teachers with students
 - iii. Approximately 12 students dropped out before the video deadline.
 - d. Spring 2020 (Texas State University)
 - i. 301 participants
 - ii. Competition cancelled due to Covid-19 Pandemic
 - e. Spring 2019 (Del Mar College)
 - i. 231 participants
 - f. Spring 2018 (University of Mary Hardin-Baylor)
 - i. 235 participants
 - g. Spring 2017 Texas State University
 - i. 305 participants
 - h. Spring 2016 University of Texas- San Antonio
 - i. 320 participants

- D. Webmaster Update – Sean Taylor
 - a. Website up and running, and the chapter’s private Facebook group for latest news, reminders and announcements
 - b. Upcoming applications and information up to date
 - c. Members only page has video recordings and photos from last three years of fall workshops. Password: larynx Send us your photos! There is a submission form on that members only page or email it directly to Sean.
- E. Membership Liaison Report – Lily Guerrero
 - a. Membership numbers:
 - i. 67 Full members
 - ii. 12 Associate members
 - iii. 3 Emeritus Members
 - iv. 2 Joint Members
 - v. 1 Affiliate Member
 - b. This time last year we had 101 members. Please reach out to friends and colleagues who might be interested in joining STX NATS.
 - c. Membership renewal for 2023 begins October 1, 2022. Please don’t delay in renewing.
 - i. Payments for 2023 are due no later than January 31, 2023. After Feb 1st a \$10 late fee applies to all renewals.
 - ii. Members who do not renew their membership by March 1, 2023 will be deactivated and benefits are terminated.
- VII. Old Business
 - a. Update on Change to new Bank/Move to Electronic Payments.
 - i. Information came from Treasurer
- VIII. New Business
 - A. Texoma NATS Fellowship Program Update
 - a. After raising \$10,000, Melinda Brou and committee selected a final group of singers to interview and select.
 - b. The deadline for their decision making process is November 1, 2022.
 - B. NATS Giving Tuesdays Opportunity
 - a. Rebecca Coberly offered the opportunity for our chapter to participate in the National chapter’s Tuesday giving program.
 - b. After discussion among the chapter members it was decided that our immediate chapter is already giving with the Fellowship Program and we did not want to split our focus from that effort.
 - C. Auditions Process Improvement Committee
 - a. Rebecca Coberly opened the floor to ask members what we can improve regarding the Spring auditions and meeting.
 - b. There was discussion about:
 - i. Only usually centrally located schools
 - ii. Making a move to a hybrid program where we have only the semi-finalists and finalists in person, and the first round online
 - iii. And that it takes too long to gain the results

- c. This discussion led to the idea of forming a committee to try and solve some of these issues for the spring auditions.

IX. Reminders/Announcements

- a. The deadline to register for Texoma NATS is October 12, 2022

X. Adjourn

- a. Rebecca Coberly adjourned the meeting