

SOUTH TEXAS NATS
SPRING BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA
SATURDAY, APRIL 10, 2021
8:30 AM
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Password: NATS

- I. Call to Order
 - a. Penny Hogan, President called the meeting to order
- II. Introductions
 - a. Rick Novak - Auditions Chair
 - b. Cynthia Longoria - Vice President of Auditions
 - c. Sean Taylor - Webmaster
 - d. HopeThacker - treasurer
 - e. Lainie Horwedel - secretary
 - f. Membership liaison - Michelle Hache
- III. Appointment of Parliamentarian
 - a. Linda Poetchke
- IV. Approval of Minutes
 - A. Fall 2020 Business Meeting
 - a. George Hogan - motioned and Blythe Cates seconded to accept the Fall 2020 minutes
 - b. Minutes were approved
- V. Introduction of New Members
 - a. Shayna Tayloe
 - b. Richard Trammell
- VI. Reports:
 - A. President Report – Penny Hogan
 1. Current membership totals - Membership totals are up!
 - a. 96 total active members
 - b. In this are 10 Associate Memberships, 1 Emeritus, 1 Affiliate, & 1 student membership
 2. Congratulations to all our South Texas NATS members who presented at TEXOMA either in Artist Series or Poster presentations. We always have great representation from our chapter.
 3. Congratulations to all our semi-finalists and finalists in the TEXOMA MT Auditions. We will have a list of all of those students and teachers soon. We will post it on the South Texas website and our facebook page.
 4. External Judges for Spring Auditions - I'd like to give a big thank you to our external judges for our Spring Auditions. Rick will introduce them later.

5. Fall business meeting will be held on Saturday, October 2, 2021 at Incarnate Word. We are hopeful we will be in person including our recital for our winners also taking place.
 6. Host site for Spring Auditions 2022 – Del Mar College in Corpus Christi
 - a. Date TBA
- B. Treasurer Report – Hope Thacker
- a. Balance as of October 3, 2020: \$9,621.74
 - b. Withdrawals: \$800.00 (fall workshop presenter)
 - c. Deposits: \$4681.00 (membership fees)
 - d. Current Balance: \$15,102. 74
 - e. Approval of report
 - i. Susan Olsan motioned to accept & Linda Poetschke Seconded
 - ii. Report was approved with no one abstaining
- C. Audition Chair Report – Richard Novak
- a. Thank you to the many people who worked to make this audition happen: Penny Hogan, Cynthia Longoria, Sean Taylor, Hope Thacker, Rebecca Coberly, Melinda Brou, Daniel Hunter-Holly, Brad Mills (AuditionWare),& all participating teachers and students!
 - b. Spring 2021 (Virtual)
 - i. 205 participants (over 700 videos)
 - ii. 45 teachers with students
 - iii. Approximately 12 students dropped out before the video deadline.
 - c. Spring 2020 (Texas State University)
 - i. 301 participants
 - ii. Competition cancelled due to Covid-19 Pandemic
 - d. Spring 2019 (Del Mar College)
 - i. 231 participants
 - e. Spring 2018 (University of Mary Hardin-Baylor)
 - i. 235 participants
 - f. Spring 2017 Texas State University
 - i. 305 participants
 - g. 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 – Michelle Haché
- a. STX Nats Expired Member contact: Feb 7-27th 2021

- b. 17 South Texas Chapter members who had not yet renewed their membership each received a text, in an effort to remind them that the March 1st deadline was approaching. In the communication, they were each asked if they plan/do not plan on reinstating membership by March 1st, or if they plan on moving out of the South Texas region within this academic year. By Thurs, Feb 11th, the entire list had been contacted. All but 5 responded.
- c. As of March 1st, we retained all but 10 members; 4 inactive members; 6 planned to allow their membership to expire. Here are our final numbers after the retention outreach effort that was done earlier this month:
- d. Retained/Renewed: (7 Total) Inactive: (4 Total) Expired: (6 Total)

VII. Old Business

- a. None

VIII. New Business

- A. Recommendation for Rick Novak and Cynthia Longoria to continue in current positions for one more year.
 - a. John Nix motioned to retain Rick & Cynthia for additional year in their positions and Lisa Clement seconded the motion.
 - b. Motion carried
- B. Cannot raise the cap at present due to the size of our hosting Universities/Colleges. Discussion for Fall Business Meeting.
- C. Aspiring Artist Award(s) for Summer 2021 (deadline)
 - a. application on website
- D. NATS Summer Workshop July 7-10, 2021. Online National screening begins April 9 for National Student Auditions.
- E. National Musical Theatre Competition. Deadline to apply is Sept. 15, 2021.
- F. NATSAA competition takes place every other year. Deadline to apply is Sept. 13, 2021. You can find all dates and info. on our National NATS website.
- G. Daniel Hunter-Holly - National Youtube Round Reimbursement
 - a. Application will be up on the website soon.
 - b. We will form a committee to find someone to take it over for Daniel Hunter-Holly.

IX. Adjourn

- a. Penny adjourned the meeting at 8:58 am