

**South Texas Chapter NATS**  
Del Mar College, Corpus Christi, TX  
April 9, 2022  
Business Meeting Agenda

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Appointment of Parliamentarian – Orit Eylon agreed to serve as Parliamentarian**
- III. **Appoint a temporary Secretary to take minutes – Shayna Tayloe volunteered**
- IV. **Introductions**
  - A. **Outstanding Accompanist Award Judge – see Rick Novak’s report**
  - B. **Final Round External Judges – Rick Novak’s report**
  - C. **New Members Introduce themselves**
    - **Carissa Reyes**
    - **Susan Gouthro**
- V. **Approval of Minutes from Fall 2021 Meeting**
  - **Motion by Angela Irving**
  - **Seconded by Daveda Karanas**
- VI. **Reports**

**President’s report: Penny Hogan**

  - **Thanked Del Mar College for their beautiful facilities and hosting our spring NATS auditions and business meeting.**
  - **Thanked Cynthia Longoria, Raphael Rada and their students for all their hard work and preparation.**
  - **Thank you to the new officer slate committee: Richard Novak, Crystal Jerrell Johnson, Rebecca Coberly removed herself after she was nominated for the new slate of officers as President. Penny Hogan stepped in to serve as the 3<sup>rd</sup> committee member. Richard Novak was chair.**
  - **Special thanks to George Hogan for helping out in the tabulation room as well as taking on extra judging assignments.**
  - **An executive decision was made to increase our external judges’ remuneration to \$500 due to rising costs.**
  - **Penny thanked the chapter for their wonderful support during a very different time while serving as President for the chapter. The two-year term was served virtually on Zoom and virtual auditions. The spring auditions were a welcome end to my term and to be back face to face and hear our students live and to see each other again!**

**Treasurer's report: Hope Thacker**

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**Spring 2022 Financial Report**

- **Balance October 2021: \$10,059.74**
- **Current balance \$14,158.74**
- **Deposits: \$4129.00**
  - **(Membership fees and student audition fees)**
- **Withdrawals: -\$30.00**
  - **(Student award money)**
- **Projected immediate withdrawals:**
  - **\$1600 Judges fees;**
  - **\$600 food;**
  - **\$500 hospitality fee;**
  - **+/- \$1500 Student Award money**

**Vice President and Auditions Chair report: Rick Novak**

- At close of registration, we had 142 Singers, 19 pianists, and 27 members. 129 Singers, 18 pianists, and 26 members.
- We have 2 student pianists entered in the student accompanist competition
- Due to a medical exemption, we have one member not able to join us/adjudicate today. Thank you, George Hogan, for being a proxy judge in his place. We also have a few substitute judges who answered our plea for help. Thank you to Madeleine Munro, Carissa Reyes, Melinda Brou, & Susan Gouthro. Also, 2 of our external judges assisted with adjudicating the morning sessions (not ideal, but this was the only way to have 3 judges in each room AND have a minimum number of officers in the tabs room.) Thank you, Deborah Popham and Cheryl Lindquist for judging morning sessions AND finals for us. I also want to thank Paul Erickson for serving as our student accompanist judge! Thank you to our officers who judged the morning sessions!)
- It is very important in future years to let the VP/Auditions Chair know as SOON AS YOU HAVE A STUDENT DROP OUT. We had several cancellations after we ran the AuditionWare Scheduler. I know that sometimes late cancellations are unavoidable. That said, several teachers contacted me after we ran the scheduler and said, "Oops, I forgot to let you know that I had several students drop out last week." So, please let us know as soon as you know a student has canceled.
- It has been an honor to serve as your Vice President/Auditions Chair for the past 3 years. As you know, the spring auditions were cancelled my first year due to Covid-19. Last year, to have spring auditions, we went online and pulled-off virtual auditions! So, this is my first, and last year, serving as VP/Auditions Chair for LIVE auditions. I could not have done anything without the incredible team of officers around me. Special thanks to: Penny Hogan (President), Cynthia Longoria (VP/Assistant Auditions Chair, Sean Taylor (Webmaster), Hope Thacker (treasurer), Melinda Brou, Daniel Hunter-Holly, and Rebecca Coberly (former VP/Auditions Chair). You all went above and beyond to assist me! I am grateful for all your help.

**Web Master report: Sean Taylor – no report due to illness**

**Membership Liaison report: Lily Guerrero**

- Total members - 83
- 65 Full Members
- 12 Associate Members
- 2 Joint Members
- 1 Affiliate Member
- 3 Emeritus Members

**VII. Old Business: None**

**VIII. New Business: Items for Discussion**

**A. Fall Business Meeting UIW on 10/8/22 - approved**

- Motion by Becky Walker
- Seconded by Terri Johnson

**B. Spring Business Meeting & Auditions at ACC – April 1, 2023 – approved**

- Motion by Angela Irving
- Seconded by Lauren White

**C. Spring 2022 Elections New Officers – vote**

- Yay – 26
- Nay - 0

**D. Discuss moving our Spring Auditions/Business Meeting to an earlier month**

- Discussion was tabled; may appoint committee at a later date to explore

**E. Move to electronic payments – approval to explore changing to a new bank**

- Motion by George Hogan
- Seconded by Daveda Karanas

**IX. Reminders/Announcements**

**A. Fall Meeting Proposal Review – New President, Rebecca Coberly, will be organizing a committee**

**B. Aspiring Artist Grant – Information will be forthcoming!**

**X. Adjourn**

- Motion by Carissa Reyes
- Seconded by George Hogan