

MNSOTA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

submitted by Juli Vig, Secretary

The MNSOTA Annual Meeting was held Friday, August 10, 2013 at Hvidtsen Hall of Music, Concordia College, Moorhead, MN as part of MNSOTA's All-State Teachers Workshop. Board members present were Elizabeth Ericksen, Faith Farr, Deb Sittko, Connie Aiken, Kathryn Buccola and Juli Vig. Total members present: 28.

Greetings

Meeting called to order at 8:05 AM

Calendar of Events

President Liz Ericksen pointed out that the Calendar of Events sheet is in the red workshop folder. Liz brought attention to the membership, on the backside of the Events sheet, that the office of President-Elect is open. Information on how to nominate a colleague or yourself is listed.

Send MNSOTA All-State Workshop evaluations by email to: mnsotaevents@gmail.com

All-State Workshop 2014 will be August 7-9 at St. Benedict in St. Joseph with Bob Phillips as the clinician. Liz asked for the membership to think about topics and let the board know. It was also suggested that we ask Bob Phillips about topics that he would like to do.

Treasurer Report

Treasurer Natalie Kruger made a small balance sheet summary that was attached to the Calendar of Events. The Balance Sheet as of August 6, 2013 shows a checking/savings balance of \$33,038.37.

Student Membership Subsidy

This is available for new student members registering for ASTA membership between August 1 and October 31. Student members will also receive free admission to MNSOTA teacher clinics and workshops.

Fall Clinic Luncheon

Clinic and Luncheon is October 17 at the Capitol Hill Magnet School in St. Paul. The clinicians are Nancy Lokken who will speak on *Nurturing Independence in Student Learning* and Randy Sabien on *Western Swing*. Nomination deadline is September 27 for the awards.

Mary West Solo Competition

Mary Sorlie will be the coordinator of the competition. The competition is on November 3 at Augsburg College. Winner's Recital is November 17 at Lake Harriet United Methodist Church in Edina. Grand Prize Winner will perform with the Bloomington Symphony Orchestra on April 13 at 3 PM.

Fall String Camp

Fall String Camp takes place at Camp St. Croix. Students in Grades 6-8 participate in one of the three levels of orchestras. Deb Sittko is one of the conductors selected. Coordinator Kathryn Buccola is seeking suggestions for the other two conductors. More college interns are needed as well.

Middle Level Honors Orchestra

This event is for students in Grades 7-9 who are selected by an online audition to perform at the MMEA Convention. November 1 is the audition upload deadline and November 8 the application deadline. Dan Mollick is the coordinator. The position of coordinator for this event is open next year. Let the board know if you would like to submit your name or would like to suggest someone for this position.

Middle Level Orchestra Festival

This event features orchestras from Grades 6-9. There are three sites for the Tier One portion of the festival. Hopkins High School is on February 18, College of St. Benedict is February 28, and Mounds View High School is March 14. The Orchestras who earn a "Superior plus" by the judges at the Tier One festival will perform at the Tier 2 concert at Orchestra Hall in Minneapolis on March 31. Clinics featuring members of the Minnesota Orchestra as well as judges comments are included to participating orchestras.

SPCO Youth Chamber Music Competition

This competition is open to any instrument ensembles of 3-8 players. There are three levels in the competition. The first level includes comments by the judges with no prize money. The other two levels offer cash prizes to the winners. The top prize is \$1,000. There are three different sets of judges. The final judges are SPCO musicians. Application deadline and Auditions need to be uploaded by February 10. The Semifinal round is at the SPCO Center on February 22 and the Finals/Winner is on February 23 at 2 P.M. at the same location. This event is being run exclusively by Friends of the SPCO. MNSOTA is advertising this event. Ray Shows has been assisting in planning this event.

Eclectic Strings Day

McNally Smith College of Music in partnership with MNSOTA will be offering a workshop for middle school age students through adult on March 22. The clinicians will be Randy Sabien, Matt Turner, and Brian Wicklund. The fee is \$15 per student and lunch is included. There is a concert at the end of the day. If a teacher brings in 4 or more students, the teacher gets in free.

Certificate Program

Faith Farr is the board liaison for this program that was founded 10 years ago to be used as national benchmarks for programs affiliated with ASTA. Board would like someone to take this on.

Upper Midwest Camp

This non-audition camp is for grades 7-12. It takes place at the College of St. Benedict in St. Joseph on July 20-25. Tuition is \$320 not including room and board. Faculty include: Mary Horozaniecki and Jane Capistran, violin; Jim Bartsch, viola; Faith Farr and Lucia Magney, cello; Mark Kausch, bass; Mary Sorlie and David Arnott conductors; Karen Moon, chamber music coordinator. There is an intern program for college students to serve as section coaches and dorm resident assistants. †