

Stevens Point Area MTA

Friday, April 12, 2013

PRESIDENT REPORT

1) MTNA NATIONAL NEWS

I attended the national conference in Anaheim, California, March 9-13th. This year's Pedagogy Saturday program offered five different tracks for attendees to mix and match sessions based on their interests. I was a clinician in a seminar entitled "It's All Your Business... For the Young Professional" which offered advice on topics related to establishing a business, professionalism and ethics, student retention ideas and taxes. Wisconsin had a state winner in the Junior Strings competition and a third place finisher in the Junior Piano category. MTNA Foundation Fund announced the recipients of the Teacher Enrichment Grant, and Louise Mann of Plymouth was awarded \$1,000. The Stevens Point Area MTA was also chosen as recipient of the 2013 Local Association grant (\$750.00). The 2014 MTNA Conference will take place March 22-26 in Chicago (at the Marriott Downtown). Coming soon for members will be travel discounts (Avis, Budget, Wyndham Group, Red Roof Inn, Motel 6), and discounts on office supplies (Office Depot) and prescription savings. This is in addition to discounts on instrument (Clarion), health, life, dental, auto and professional liability insurance.

2) WMTA STATE NEWS

WMTA held their first 'teleconference' board meeting in February. It was so much nicer to have a board meeting at home, instead of driving 100 miles! The state conference will be held November 7-8-9 in Appleton at the Paper Valley Hotel & Conference Center. Featured clinician this year will be Barry Green. There will be workshops held at this conference to educate our members regarding the new online audition program which is scheduled for launch in January 2014. The date was changed from the usual 'last weekend of October' after receiving comments from members who were unable to attend both the WSMA and WMTA conferences. We hope this is a viable alternative. The Executive Board unanimously approved that Carol Klose will be our 2014 Foundation Fellow—fundraising activities will take place at the state conference in November. WMTA's objective is to try and raise the initial \$1,000 for the fellow and have enough funds available to pay for Carol's children to attend the Gala and receive her award. The next meeting of the Administrative Council (which includes all local presidents & district chairs) will take place in Waunakee on June 7th. The Collegiate Study grant is available to any college students interested in summer study programs—visit the WMTA website for details (deadline is May 1st).

OLD BUSINESS

1) Young Music Stars Recital—unfortunately, due to low registrations (only 6 students), we had to cancel the winter recital. While I was at the MTNA conference, I spoke with a wonderful organization that I would like to propose to the Board that SPAMTA sponsor a benefit recital in 2014 for "Teaching Children Peace Through Music" [Shropshire Music Foundation) which provides free musical instruments and instruction to former child soldiers and refugees in some of the world's most war-torn places: Kosovo, Uganda, and Northern Ireland. It might be nice for our students to participate in an arts outreach recital benefit.

2) Robert Vandall Residency

At this point, SPAMTA has received the following: \$750 (MTNA—due to arrive May 1), \$100 (WMTA), \$100 (Aber Suzuki Center) and \$100.00 (Vivace collegiate chapter at UW-SP). I discussed

the program with Mr. Vandall and have reserved the lecture hall for the program. I have also been contacted by Alfred Publishing Company and they will be providing some advertising for us as well as a raffle prize. SPAMTA will need to purchase Mr. Vandall's roundtrip airfare and cover his lodging and meals (this will come out of the estimated \$1700.00 in expenses).

3) **Used Music Rummage Sale**— Thank you to all who contributed and to Julia Weiser who volunteered to be available for the day! SPAMTA raised over \$140.00 in this sale! We still have three crates of music left which we hope we can have another sale at the 2013 Fall Festival.

4) **SPAMTA/WMTA Upcoming Events**

- a) May 1st—Deadline for SPAMTA Scholarship applications (see our website to download forms)
- b) May 8th—Spring meeting, officer elections and deadline to enter your students in the Meet the Composer concert. Luncheon to follow at the Hilltop Pub & Grill
- c) May 11th—Badger Non-keyboard competition at UW-SP (postmark deadline: April 13th)
- d) May 18th—Badger Keyboard Competition at UW-Oshkosh (postmark deadline: April 13th)
- e) June 1st—Meet the Composer program
- f) June 7th—WMTA Administrative Council Meeting, Waunakee

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5) **OFFICER NOMINATIONS**—term of one year to commence at the close of the May 2013 meeting. The Executive Board is responsible for planning of programs and activities to be sponsored by SPAMTA. The board also can determine the appropriate fee to charge members and nonmembers.

- a) **President**—presides at meetings, appoints committees, represents the local at state board meetings, submits end of year report to state Local Association chair
- b) **Vice-President**—assumes the duties of the president in the absence of the president
- c) **Secretary**—takes minutes at all meetings and assures they are legal and preserved
- d) **Treasurer**—responsible for payment of all bills authorized by SPAMTA, to keep an itemized account of all receipts and disbursements, and present an official report to the Association upon request.

6) **NEXT MEETING—May 8th**

Respectfully submitted,

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