

Stevens Point Area MTA

Wednesday, September 12, 2012

PRESIDENT REPORT

1) SPAMTA Executive Board meeting June 7th

- a) The SPAMTA Exec board completed program planning and clarified guidelines for the establishment of the Julia Weiser music camp scholarship (piano student, need based) and a teacher enrichment grant (funding generated from Fall Festival proceeds). The SPAMTA Scholarship was renamed “Max Kopchinski” as well as revising the student application to include applicant’s participation in prior SPAMTA sponsored events. To generate increased revenue, the board approved a used music rummage sale to be held concurrent with the Fall Festival. Teachers are asked to pre-price their music (i.e., 50 cents, \$1.00 etc) and bring your donations on the morning of Nov. 17th.

2) WMTA June 8th Board meetings

Important items discussed at the state Administrative Council meeting were:

1. **Fall WMTA Conference**—Appleton at the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel, rooms are \$104/night until Sept. 27th. Fox Valley MTA members are also willing to provide accommodations in their homes. There is a one-day rate available. Master class will utilize Forrest Kinney’s pattern play series—students of different ages/abilities are needed for the master class. Contact co-chair, Tricia Marton @ tm@martonmusicstudio.com to sign up. There will be a Foundation Fund Silent Auction on Friday—to date we have received Milwaukee Bucks tickets, ‘Free Bread for a Year’ from Panera Bread, Mary Kay basket, a handcrafted beaded handbag (Shawano), Tundra Lodge overnight stay and Milwaukee Ballet tickets. The 2013 Foundation Fellow will be Carol Klose (Hal Leonard).
2. **Badger Non-keyboard** experienced a decrease in participation (50 entrants), but **Badger Keyboard** participation was higher than the past five years (609 entrants, 173 teachers participating—gross income \$12,240). **Badger Collegiate Performance Competition** was held on May 5th in Eau Claire with 8 entrants. Discussion at meetings to have teachers complete the judging forms for Badger Keyboard (similar to what Badger Non-keyboard does). Photos of all the winners were published in the August WMTA newsletter.
3. **District audition website** pilot was presented to the council; project slated to be launched in 2013. Students will have a set ID—regardless of district. Online capabilities include: repertoire review, district chairs will be able to do scheduling, submit reports to the state and order awards. Suggestions from the board were to solicit computer savvy members to help others log applications into the system. The proposal was unanimously approved by the council at a cost of \$12,000 annually and an additional \$1,000 annual stipend to oversee the audition part of the website and \$1,000 to upgrade servers. Effective in 2013, it will be mandatory that all audition applications must be submitted electronically. The Executive board also approved an increase in the stipend for adjudicators to \$75.00 per night hotel accommodations (travel over 55 miles) and mileage increase to .45/mile. Discussion also with WSMA about utilizing the WMTA trained adjudicators for their judging. WMTA and WSMA will collaborate and share judging lists. Another adjudicator training workshop is in discussion for 2013.
4. **Central Office**—there is a new phone number for our state office: 608-850-1033.

5. **MTNA Foundation Fund**—2013 Teacher Enrichment Grants are available through MTNA. The applications for all MTNA grants will be on the MTNA website (www.mtna.org) in September and the deadline for all applications will be January 4, 2013. Last year, 18 teachers received enrichment grants for advance study, attending a summer music institute, workshops and other educational programs.
6. **MTNA Membership**--Reminder to renew your MTNA membership--deadline to be eligible for WMTA Auditions is October 15th. WMTA and MTNA have Facebook pages. MTNA has a membership campaign "Involve~Inform~Inspire". Last spring, WMTA sent personalized letters to non-MTNA adjudicators thanking them for judging and encouraging membership in our organization. The board has been discussing various ways to recruit new members in Wisconsin.
7. **WMTA Virtuoso Competition** will take place at Lakeland College in Sheboygan on October 11-12 (this is for students in 11th & 12th grade).
8. **WMTA Grants**—Wisconsin had a winner in the MTNA Senior Voice Competition—Emily Pogorelc (student of Helen Ceci—Milwaukee). WMTA Awarded \$400.00 travel grant for Emily to participate (and win!) in the MTNA Competitions in New York City. WMTA awarded 11 college students with summer study grants (over \$2,000 in awards).

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9. On behalf of SPAMTA, I will be applying for grants from the following organizations: ¹MTNA Foundation, ²WMTA Local Association and ³Arts Alliance of Portage County to offset our costs for the Robert Vandall program.
10. Communication included the following: ¹discussion with Robert Vandall, Phillip Keveren (future programs); ²Marge Bengel @ MTNA (501c3 status); ³secured piano judges for Fall Festival; ⁴follow up with Mark Vach on the Barry Green program (MTNA-Vivace Collegiate Chapter); ⁵invitations sent to area LA members (Wausau, Fox Valley, Marshfield, Oshkosh) for our Barry Green workshop (and published article in the August WMTA Newsletter). ⁶Submitted calendar/officer list to Dorie Peterson (WMTA State LA Chair); ⁷compiled of list of 30 area 'non-members' which were sent prospective member packets and invited to a SPAMTA meeting. ⁸Contact with Elizabeth Aguilera, Executive Director at Arts Alliance of Portage County for additional networking opportunities within our community. SPAMTA is now listed on the organization directory for the Arts Alliance of Portage County and has been invited to serve on the Task Force to unify the voice of non-profits and the arts in Portage County. Kick off meeting is September 12 "Buzz around Town" 5:30 p.m. at Theatre@1800.
11. The SPAMTA website was updated with all forms for 2012-2013. I encourage you to 'Like' the SPAMTA Facebook page. I try to send out interesting links and news items on a semi-regular basis!

Thank you to all the outgoing and incoming officers for assisting with my smooth transition into the presidency. I look forward to working with (and for!) all of you in the upcoming year.

Respectfully submitted,

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