

INDIANA MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION
Annual Meeting of the Association
Vincennes, Indiana
September 26, 2015

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

IMTA President Rebecca Baker called the meeting to order at 12:40 p.m. on September 26, 2015.

RECOGNITIONS

President Baker recognized the following:

Conference chairs: Matthew Latta, Lisa Miller, Claudia Bossard; Christina Whitlock (advertising), Karen Thickstun (composer commissioning)

Outgoing officers: Amy Chaplin (First Vice President, Membership), Jennifer Munoz (Second Vice President, Local Associations)

Outgoing chairs: Christina Whitlock (advertising), Karen Taylor (education)

Incoming board members: Paula Laskowski (appointed to fill remaining term of Recording Secretary), Nancy Spahr (appointed as certification chair)

Local Association and Collegiate Chapter Presidents in attendance: Melissa Bethel (Greater Evansville MTA), Sally Eppert (Greater Indianapolis MTA), Nancy Spahr (North Central Indiana MTA), Nancy Cooper (Northeast Indiana MTA), Paula Laskowski (South Bend Area MTA), Margaret Roby (Wabash Valley MTA).

GREETINGS FROM MTNA

President Baker introduced MTNA Vice-President Karen Thickstun, who provided greetings from MTNA and spoke briefly about the value of MTNA membership.

REPORT OF THE BYLAWS REVISION COMMITTEE

President Baker recognized Karen Thickstun, chair of the Bylaws Revision committee. Thickstun thanked the members of the committee (Claudia Bossard, Rebecca Baker) and gave an overview of the goals of the revision:

- To combine the old Constitution and Bylaws into one document (current best practice for non-profit organizations),
- To remove language that more appropriately belongs in a Policies and Procedures Manual,
- To update certain practices (such as allowing for meetings via electronic means),
- To create a more flexible governing document,
- To be consistent with the recently revised MTNA Bylaws.

In accordance with the current Bylaws, the proposed revisions were submitted to the entire membership at least thirty days prior to the vote for approval (on June 17,

2015). The IMTA Board of Directors approved the revisions on June 6, 2015. Members were given the opportunity to ask questions or make comments. There were no questions or comments.

VOTE TO APPROVE UPDATED BYLAWS

President Baker asked for additional questions or comments from the membership. There were none. Baker then conducted the vote to approve the IMTA Bylaws, as distributed to the membership in June, and as recommended by the IMTA Board of Directors. The IMTA Bylaws were passed unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President Baker reported that the IMTA Board of Directors recommends the following candidates for elected office: Erica Ogdon as First Vice-President for 2015-17; Ellen Bulow as Second Vice-President for 2015-17; Amy Chaplin as President-elect for 2015-17. There were no additional nominations from the floor. All three candidates were elected by unanimous consent.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

President Baker recognized Executive Secretary-Treasurer Juliana Lockman, who presented the Treasurer's Report. Lockman reported that as of 9/25/15, IMTA current income is \$9,484.30; current expenses are \$8,704.58; and total assets are \$71, 275.42. She reported that IMTA is in a good financial situation, and anyone who wishes to see the books may contact her. There were no questions for the Executive Secretary-Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

President Rebecca Baker reported that all IMTA student activities are doing well, and expressed her gratitude to the chairs: Doug Sperry (AIM), DJ Smith (Hoosier Auditions), Caroline KyungA Ahn (Opus Festival), Cheryl Everett (Keyboard Ensemble). She noted that IMTA has three collegiate chapters.

RECOGNITION OF MEMBERS

President Baker and First Vice-President Amy Chaplin recognized individuals who have been members for 25+ years; each was presented with a special certificate. Several were in attendance (marked with *).

25 Years: Christina Eckstein, Cynthia Gribble, Robbi Singleton, Kaylene Souers, H. Jane Wilson, Linda Witchie

30 Years: Dawn Hopkins, Vicki King, Diane Rivera, Margaret Roby*

35 Years: Claudia Bossard, Anne Fiedler, Melanie Manges, Janet Palmberg*, Karen Shaw

40 Years: Annette Conklin, Waneta Follett

45 Years: Masson Robertson

President Baker introduced Wabash Valley MTA president Margaret Roby, who recognized Lois Clouse for 50 years of teaching and shared memories of her 90th birthday celebration, including a framed photo of the local association event that honored Lois for her achievements.

INDUCTION OF NEW PRESIDENT

Outgoing President Rebecca Baker introduced Christina Whitlock, incoming President for 2015-17 and “passed the gavel” to her. Baker shared remarks on her past three years as president. Whitlock presented Baker with an engraved clock to commemorate her term as president. Whitlock shared remarks about the future of IMTA.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no business to come before the members, the meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Thickstun, NCTM
Recording Secretary, ad hoc