

**INDIANA MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION**  
**Annual Meeting of the Association**  
**Goshen, Indiana**  
**October 1, 2016**

**MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

- a. IMTA President Christina Whitlock called the meeting to order at 12:44 p.m. on October 1, 2016.
- b. Last year's meeting minutes were approved upon a Motion made by Christina Whitlock, seconded by Margy Roby.

**II. RECOGNITIONS**

- a. President Whitlock recognized the following:
  - i. **Conference chairs:** Beverly Lapp, Matthew Hill; committee members Juliana Lockman and Paula Laskowski
  - ii. **Outgoing chairs:** Cheryl Everett (Keyboard Ensemble Concert), Julianne Miranda (Wellness), Jorge Muniz (MTNA Composition Competition), Christina Whitlock (Advertising), Melissa Willis (Independent Music Teachers Forum)
  - iii. **Incoming board members:** Jason Allen (Advertising), Becky Baker (Independent Music Teachers Forum), Sally Eppert (Keyboard Ensemble Concert), James Helton (MTNA Composition Competition), Abigail Huston (Wellness)
  - iv. **Local Association Presidents** in attendance: Nancy Cooper (Northeast Indiana MTA), Karin Hartman (Goshen-Elkhart MTA), Margy Roby (Wabash Valley MTA), Linda Witchie (South Bend Area MTA)

**III. GREETINGS FROM MTNA**

- a. Christine Steiner, East Central Division Director
  - i. Christine remarked she was impressed with the attendance at our conference and the quality of our leadership.
  - ii. As ECD Director, she works directly with the state presidents. She meets with the presidents twice a year. She needs us to help with three things:
  - iii. A challenge has been issued for ECD states to increase their memberships by 1% for this year
  - iv. MTNA Division Performance Competitions will be held at Central Michigan State University on Sunday, January 15, 2017.
  - v. MTNA elections are coming up this year. Read the bios of the people running for office and please vote. Our own Karen Thickstun is running for MTNA President-Elect.
- b. Karen Thickstun, MTNA Vice President
  - i. The quality of this conference was on par with the caliber of the National Conference.

- ii. For those inspired by Karen Zorn's presentation on El Sistema earlier this morning, consider looking into the Music Link Foundation, which will be receiving the MTNA Achievement Award at the 2017 National Conference.
- iii. Karen has been working on membership this year.
- iv. MTNA is developing an e-festival to help those teachers in remote locations who sometimes feel underserved have difficulties making it to state events.
- v. The MTNA website is being re-designed, and will include a searchable teacher directory for all members.

#### **IV. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

- a. President Whitlock reported that the IMTA Board of Directors recommends the following candidates for elected office: Juliana Lockman as Executive Secretary/Treasurer for 2016-2018, and Paula Laskowski as Recording Secretary for 2016-2018. There were no additional nominations from the floor. Both candidates were elected by unanimous consent.

#### **V. REPORT OF THE TREASURER**

- a. President Whitlock presented the Treasurer's Report, compiled by Executive Secretary-Treasurer Juliana Lockman. IMTA finances remain in a positive state, and anyone interested in further details may contact Juliana.

#### **VI. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

- a. President Christina Whitlock expressed her gratitude to the Board of Directors for their commitment and fine work. She reported there are two collegiate chapters under formation, which would result in five collegiate chapters for the state of Indiana. She concluded by thanking everyone for celebrating the birth of her second daughter with her.

#### **VII. RECOGNITION OF MEMBERS**

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

**25 Years:** Cheryl Everett, Kimberly Jones, Starla Raley, Paul Roby, Clara Woolley

**30 Years:** Lois Clouse\*, Peggy Coppler, Sally Eppert, Lai Ping Ho\*, Juliana Lockman\*, Sylvia Scott, Irene Yockey

**35 Years:** Cheryl Beck

**40 Years:** Mary Lutz

**50 Years:** Margaret Strong, Eulalie Wilson

#### **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a. President Whitlock urged the membership to vote for Karen Thickstun, running for MTNA President-Elect, in February! Help spread the word by speaking with friends and colleagues from around the country.
- b. The 2017 National Conference is March 18-22 in Baltimore, MD. Register by December 5<sup>th</sup> to get the cheapest rate. Indiana members Karen Thickstun, Claudia Bossard and Christina Whitlock will be presenting sessions at the conference.
- c. The 2017 IMTA State Conference will be at Indiana Wesleyan University, September 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

- a. As there was no business to come before the members, the meeting was adjourned at 1:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paula Laskowski  
Recording Secretary