

## 2022 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION

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Saturday, October 29, 2022  
GranTree Inn, Bozeman

With nineteen members present, President Laura Detrick called the annual meeting to order just after 9:00 a.m.

The Secretary's Minutes of the October 21, 2021 General Membership Meeting of the Association, as presented on page 37 in the Conference booklet and on page 43 of September 2022 *Montana Music News*, were approved.

Treasurer Carla Bell's report that "we took in more than we spent" drew applause. She noted a net annual revenue of \$5,777 at fiscal year-end on June 30, 2022. Maryruth Fallon's motion, seconded by Stephanie Stevens, that the Treasurer's Report be accepted was approved.

Membership Secretary Kim Peachy announced that as of October 20, 2022, MSMTA has 99 members.

Old Business. Steve Hesla and Judy O'Dell of the Legacy Fund committee support the recommendation of the Board to transfer the money held in MSMTA's Legacy Fund to the Joyce B. Andersen Endowment within the MTNA Foundation, initiated in memory of long-time Great Falls, Montana, piano teacher "for the purpose of supporting music programs for students, teachers and public education in the state of Montana and MTNA's Northwest Division." A motion by Diane Volkman, seconded by Marcy Holston, passed.

The proceeds of the raffle held at our annual conference have been contributed equally to the MSMTA travel grants fund (Reno, NV national conference in March, 2023) and the MTNA Foundation. A motion by Sharon Marble, seconded by Molly Morrison, that the portion previously sent to the MTNA Foundation be deposited more specifically into the Joyce B. Andersen Endowment of the MTNA Foundation passed.

On October 13, 2022, Sharon Marble and Margaret McGillvray completed a required two-year review of MSMTA financial records. In their review for the two fiscal years 7/1/20 to 6/30/21 and 7/1/21 to 6/30/22, they "found the records and reports neatly organized, making it easy to cross-check with monthly bank statement, quarterly portfolio statements and receipts. . . . Our compliments to Carla Bell for the accuracy of her bookkeeping, retention of receipts, detailed reports, and quick explanation to questions."

President Laura Detrick acknowledged local sponsors of the Bozeman conference and noted Alfred Publishing had supported the travel expenses of conference presenter Dennis Alexander.

The Internship Committee of Dorothy Beck Peterson, Diane Volkman and Margaret McGillvray have consulted with university faculty to develop a one-credit independent study for pedagogy students involved with MSMTA.

New Business. Accepting the recommendations of the Nominating Committee, President Elect Margery Whatley, Secretary Cassi Bak and Membership Secretary Kim Peachy were elected.

Dorothy Beck Peterson reported the MTNA competitions consisted of one composition and eighteen performances at two locations in Bozeman.

Deep discussion regarding the date for our next conference followed the report that "the Executive Board recommends moving annual conference to June, beginning in June 2024, not 2023." Support focused on how busy October is with competing conferences by MMEA and All-State events for teachers who could more easily leave their teaching studios in summer break time. The fall weather is unpredictable for travel distance across Montana. Among objections to a summer conference were that college students are away at summer jobs and unavailable to attend a conference. Piano camps in June and July might draw college faculty away from attending. With competitions remaining in the fall, conference attendance would suffer. It is financially advantageous to combine the two events.

Stephanie Stevens moved the Executive Board's recommendation be amended to the "first weekend of November" but later withdrew it; Laura Detrick suggested the last weekend in September while Steve Hesla observed students weren't yet ready for competitions then. Carla Bell proposed to table the motion of a June conference and send it back to the Executive Committee who by Zoom can look further into the implications of changing the time of year for the annual conference. The 2023 conference is presently scheduled for November 2-4, 2023.

The annual meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

- Charlene Loge, Secretary