

National Association of Teachers of Singing
Oklahoma District
2017 District Business Meeting
April 8, 2017
Mid-America Christian University
Oklahoma City, OK
Kelly Holst, presiding
Autumn West, recording secretary

I. Welcome and announcements

- a. Meeting called to order at approximately 1:23 p.m.
 - i. Introduction of New Members
 - ii. OK NATS Members with 2016 Texoma winners and 2017 YouTube competition Winners
- b. Thank yous
 - i. Christian Morren, Auditions Chair and MACU
 - ii. Rob Glaubitz, Web Master
 - iii. April Golliver, Past OK GOVerner
 - iv. Autumn West, Recording Secretary
 - v. Auditions Committee Members
- c. Announcements
 - i. 2017 Texoma NATS - November 8-11 at Texas A&M University in Commerce, TX
 1. NO SOTY this year
 2. NATSAA – Deadline to enter: September 5th 2017
 - ii. 2018 OK District NATS: April 13-14, 2018 at Oklahoma Baptist
 - iii. National MT Competition – Deadline to enter is September 15, 2017
 - iv. NATS Participation Numbers are up!

2. Old Business

- a. Motion to approve minutes from 2016 moved by Catherine McDaniel, approved
- b. Updating district affiliation with national.
 - i. Ensure that, when you renew your NATS membership, check the box for Oklahoma dues (\$0) to be registered with Oklahoma NATS
 - ii. Student Auditions and NSA
 1. Broadening requirements for MT to include any staged musical theater work. Should go through in July.
 2. Time limits: we can decide to shorten time limits to allow for preliminaries to be done before 1:00pm. Should we give charge to the auditions chair to make this decision? Are they consistent with Texoma region?
 - a. Kim Josephson moves that the Auditions Chair be given discretion as concerns high enrollment number to change the time limit to eight minutes when necessary. Motion seconded by Jeffrey Picon. Motion passed.
 3. Determining student category placement

- a. The age limit trumps everything else. Post-high school study includes any study after high school, including years of private study while not enrolled.
- b. Graduate student cannot move to 4th or 5th year study, though years of study may be moved into a more advanced category based on years of study.

3. New Business

a. Treasurer's Report

2017 REVENUE	
2016 Balance Forward	+\$2395.67
2017 Fees Collected	+\$3,989.59
TOTAL	+\$6,385.26

2017 EXPENSES	
AuditionWare Fees	-\$206.00
Piano Tuning	-\$900.00
Hospitality and Lunch Expenses	-\$412.90
Deluxe Checks	-\$54.18
Supplies	-\$11.20
Refund Student Fee	-\$15.00
Refund Account Opening	-\$30.00
TOTAL	-\$1629.20

PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Contribution to NATS Foundation	-\$500.00
TEXOMA Hospitality	-\$75.00
Student Awards	(est.) -\$1340.00
2014 Conf. Ending Balance	(est.) +\$3,651.18

b. Proposed Expenses

i. New Member Award

1. NATS membership fee to be paid for an Oklahoma resident joining NATS for the first time
2. Issued as a reimbursement
3. How would this new member be determined? Suggestions:
 - a. A simple application process
 - b. The first in person
 - c. A Drawing
4. Motion to have two members work with Kelly Holst on the idea of the New Member Award by Louima Lilite
 - a. Rebecca Ballinger
 - b. Tracy Gregg-Boothbe

- ii. \$500 donation to the NATS Foundation – moved by Catherine McDaniel, seconded by Melody Baggach and approved

- iii. \$75 contribution to 2017 Texoma NATS hospitality – moved by Jeffrey Picon, seconded and approved
 - iv. Increase student aware amounts? Award more than three awards? Guest master classes?
 - 1. Motion to award three places, regardless of tie.
 - 2. Agreement that we would like to raise the amount
- c. Need for new officers
 - i. Need for officers in addition to District Governor and Audition Chair
 - ii. We are the only chapter in the Texoma Region that does not have at least four officers.
 - iii. Inconsistences with NATS Guidelines and Current Practice
 - iv. Purpose of new officers/committee:
 - 1. Update bylaws to reflect current practices
 - 2. Create OK NATS Student Auditions procedures document
 - a. President
 - b. VP
 - c. Secretary/Treasurer
 - d. VP Auditions (Auditions Chair in training)
 - e. Board Members
 - f. Program Chair (works on guest master classes)
 - 3. Catherine McDaniel moves to hold nominations and vote via email for a Secretary/Treasurer, seconded by Jeffrey Picon.
 - 4. Committee – Melody Baggech, Tony Gonzalez, Laura Cowan, Jeremy Blackwood, Louima Lilite. Kelly Holst will chair.
- d. OK District Site pianist? Tabled.
- e. OK NATS Housekeeping
 - i. Laptop owned by NATS which is currently not being utilized. No objections to recycling or selling this item.
 - ii. Coffee urn owned by NATS which is currently not being utilized. No objections to recycling or selling this item.
- f. New category of Adult Musical Theater – can be competitive, but they need to understand that this category will not advance to the National level.
- g. Jeff Ambrosini moves to begin a competitive Advanced Musical Theater Category, roughly ages 23-30 years old for students with over 4 years training post-high school. Seconded by Lawana Newell.
- h. Meeting adjourned at 2:17 p.m.