

2016 Oklahoma NATS Annual Business Meeting

Southern Nazarene University

April 9, 2016

April Golliver-Mohiuddin, presiding

Elizabeth Knight, recording secretary

- I. Announcements
 - A. 2016 Texoma Regional Conference to be held at West Texas A&M, Canyon, TX, November 2-5, 2015
 - B. Welcome new members
 1. Laura Cowan, Tulsa Community Chorus
 2. Mark McCrory, OU
 - C. Discussion
 1. Encouraging membership
 2. SNATS Chapters
 - D. Congratulations to Oklahoma teachers with Texoma Region winners
 - E. Kelly Holst to succeed April Golliver-Mohiuddin as Oklahoma governor
- II. Budget report
 - A. 2016 Conference ending balance of \$2723.46 was reported
 - B. It was pointed out that registration revenues have increased with the addition of musical theater competition categories
- III. Old business
 - A. Meeting officially called to order, April Golliver-Mohiuddin
 - B. Approval of minutes from 2015
 1. Move: Catherine McDaniel
 2. Second: Joel Burcham
 3. Approved
- IV. New business
 - A. Annual donations
 1. \$500 to NATS Foundation
 - a. Move: Kelly Holst
 - b. Second: Melody Baggech
 - c. Discussion: no preference was indicated as to whether funds from OK NATS be designated for specific use such as a memorial fund
 - d. Approved
 2. \$75 to Texoma NATS hospitality
 - a. Move: Molly Johnson
 - b. Second: Jeremy Blackwood
 - c. Approved
 - B. Members were reminded to update profiles on the national NATS website and to make sure they were listed as members of Oklahoma and Texoma chapters
 - C. Rules changes/updates

1. A number of changes were made to auditions regulations at the national level that state and regional chapters must follow
 - a. Category numbers
 - b. Repertoire requirements
 - i. College junior and senior divisions now require 4 selections instead of 3
 - ii. Graduate divisions now require 5 selections instead of 6 and the age limit is 22-30 with 4+ post high school years of study
 - c. College Senior categories
 - i. Fifth-year seniors must compete in senior category, even if have won division previously. Undergraduates with more than 5 years must compete in graduate.
 - d. Discussion/questions regarding rules changes
 - i. Rob Glaubitz asked for clarification of Musical Theater repertoire terminology "Off Broadway." Can any musical theater repertoire be used, or must we interpret this designation literally? No answer is known at this time.
 - ii. The possibility of subdividing Musical Theater categories at the state level was suggested and tabled to see if further growth of these categories warrants splitting them. There are not enough participants at present.
 - iii. Clarification of timing rules:
 - a.) Students should sing for entire time period and not be stopped earlier
 - b.) Schedules need to be adjusted to allow time in between contestants
 - c.) Time begins with student starts singing
 - iv. Joel Burcham asked for rationale for allowing 5th year seniors to compete as undergraduates, and whether teachers should have the option to move them up to graduate if appropriate age-wise. No definitive answer known.
 - v. Concerns were raised by many members about the rules changes being handed down by national with no input from regions. Kelly Holst pointed out that the rationale behind many of the rules changes is to streamline and make consistent state and regional competitions that now feed into national competition. Kim Josephson moved the April and Kelly continue to seek clarifications and ask that regional voices be heard at the national level and keep membership apprised of progress via email. Seconded: Jeremy Blackwood. Approved.
- D. Music Theater National Student Auditions. Chapter level auditions have no progression; students must enter the online audition. There is no entry fee.

- E. Hall Johnson Spiritual Category: \$200 award to be given at each national conference 2016-2036. Interested singers must apply via preliminary YouTube found. Ages 17-23.
 - F. NATSAA prelims and finals moving to Fall.
 - G. There is a possibility that the Texoma Artist Series will be themed going forward. Proposals would have to fit into the theme.
- V. In Memoriam:
 - A. Pam Sullivan died April 24, 2015. Molly Johnson read a statement from Pam's husband Steve.
 - B. Richard Anderson died in 2014. Kim Josephson made a statement in his honor.
- VI. Future Events
 - A. 2017 Oklahoma District NATS at Mid-America Christian University in Oklahoma City, April 7-8, 2017.
 - B. A host for the 2018 Oklahoma conference is still needed.
 - C. 54th National Conference at Marriott Magnificent Mile in Chicago, July 8-12, 2016.
- VII. Adjournment
 - A. Move: Barbara
 - B. Second: Melody
 - C. Approved. Meeting adjourned 2:00 p.m.