

National Association of Teachers of Singing
Oklahoma District
2018 District Business Meeting
April 14, 2018
Oklahoma Baptist University
Kelly Holst, presiding
Kristin Griffeath, recording secretary

- I. Welcome and announcements
 - A. Meeting called to order at approximately 1:23 p.m.
 - i. Introduction of New Members
 - ii. Recognition OK NATS Members with 2017 Texoma winners, 2017 NSA Finalists and Winners
 - iii. Autumn West, 2018 NATS Intern
 - B. Thank yous
 - i. OBU Team: Louima Lilite, Steve and Rebecca
 - ii. Christian Morren, Auditions Chair and MACU
 - ii. Becky Ambrosini and Tracey Gregg-Boothby, audition Chairs-Elect
 - ii. Rob Glaubitz, Web Master
 - iii. April Golliver, Nominations Chair
 - iv. Kristin Griffeath, Recording Secretary
 - v. Kristin Griffeath, Winners' Recital Chair and OK NATS at the Capitol organizer
 - C. Announcements
 - i. 2018 Texoma NATS - November 7-10 at Baylor University in Waco, TX
 - ii. It IS a SOTY year
 - iii. Artist Series Applications are historically due June 1
 - iv. Hall Johnson will continue
 - v. OK NATS Student Auditions and Conference: April 13, 2019 at the University of Oklahoma
 - vi. National NATS Conference: June 22-26 in Las Vegas
 - vii. NATS Participation numbers are steady
- II. Old Business
 - A. Motion to approve minutes from 2017 moved by Catherine McDaniel, Barbara DeMaio seconded, approved
 - B. New expanded MT repertoire (including film musicals, revue, or song cycle)
 - C. New Member Award (review of purpose and parameters):
 - i. \$116
 - ii. Deadline Nov. 1st/Notification of Award (Dec. 15)/Reimbursement: Jan. 15th
 - iii. Terms, Sample application
 - D. Revised Bylaws (emailed to members in March),

- i. Summary of Article IV Officers changes, questions
- ii. Summary of Article VII – Dues and Assessments changes: (\$20), questions and comments.
- iii. Open comments and questions about Bylaws
 - a. Discussion of opening the governing body meetings to members and role of the board
 - b. Rob Glaubitz motioned to amend Article V, Meetings: “The chapter shall be informed of the meeting location, agenda, and time at least twenty-one days in advance. Chapter members may attend the meeting with one week of notice.”
 - c. Motion to approve amended Bylaws by Les Flannigan, seconded by Jeffrey Ambrosini, motion passed
- E. Advanced MT Category update
- F. Introduction of Judith Raiford, Treasurer

III. New Business

- A. Governor’s Report, Louima Lulite
 - i. Attended District Governors’ Council Session in Waco, TX
 - ii. Excited about this position, to build “Connection.” Governor’s Vision: Let’s make a difference here in OK and in the world.
- B. Treasurer’s Report, Judith Raiford

2018 REVENUE	
2017 Balance Forward	+\$3081.08
2018 Fees Collected	+\$2849.00
TOTAL	+\$6,930.08

2018 EXPENSES	
AuditionWare/NATS Admin Fees	-\$573.00
Piano Tuning	-\$480.00
Hospitality and Lunch Expenses	-\$732.52
Deluxe Checks	-\$11.97
TOTAL	-\$1797.49

PROJECTED EXPENSES (pending)	
Contribution to NATS Foundation	-\$1000.00
TEXOMA Hospitality	-\$75.00
New Member Award	-\$116.00
West Intern Support	-\$200.00
Student Awards	(est.) -\$1800.00
Balance after all projected expenses	(est.) \$1941.59

- C. Proposed Expenses (summarized above)
 - i. Motion to approve – Jeffrey Picon, motion approved
- D. Raising Student Awards
 - i. Current Costs
 - a. 1st: (20 x \$40) = \$800
 - b. 2nd: (20 x \$30) = \$600
 - c. 3rd: (20 x \$20) = \$400
 - d. TOTAL: \$1800
 - ii. Option 1: Raise all awards by approximately 25%
 - a. 1st: (20 x \$50) = \$1000
 - b. 2nd: (20 x \$37.50) = \$750
 - c. 3rd: (20 x \$25) = \$500
 - d. TOTAL: \$2250
 - iii. Option 2 (modified):
 - a. 1st: (20 X \$50) = \$1000
 - b. 2nd: (20 x \$35) = \$700
 - c. 3rd: (20 x \$25) = \$500
 - d. TOTAL: \$2200
 - iv. Revenue Options
 - a. Current teacher registration fees (40 teachers x \$15) = \$600
 - b. Chapter fees (in place of registration fees @ 40 x \$20)= \$800
 - c. Chapter fees (in place of registration fees @ 40 x \$25)= \$1000
 - d. Chapter fees (in place of registration fees @ 40 x \$30) = \$1200
 - v. Discussion of increasing student awards
 - a. Potential goal: \$100 for first place, \$75, \$50 for third
 - b. Look at a sustainable model for funding the awards
 - c. Charged the governing body with developing a plan
 - d. Offering meaningful opportunities to “Friends of the Arts” to serve on a Board help fund these endeavors (using the Endowment model)
- E. Officer elections:
 - i. President: Jeremy Blackwood
 - ii. VP Workshops: Autumn West
 - iii. Secretary: Kristin Griffeath
 - iv. Already installed or appointed officers include: Treasurer: Judith Raiford; VP Auditions: Becky Ambrosini and Tracey Gregg-Boothby; Webmaster: Rob Glaubitz; Past President; President: Kelly Holst; Governor: Louima Lilite
 - v. VP Molly Johnson motioned and Brady McElligott seconded
 - a. The whole slate of officers has been approved

F. Items from the floor?

i. Preliminary round to serve as final round – discussion.

- a. Discussions of how this changes the role of the first round (making it competitive, how it impact judging – judges would know in advance)
- b. If the composite score was less than 90, the student would not be placed.
- c. Prior policy: If there was only 1 person, they could receive 1st place, if there were 2 or more, they could sing in the finals.
- d. There are four categories this year with three or fewer singers
- e. Singers may benefit from singing in a second round
- f. Summary: Feel most comfortable continuing as we have (See iii. above)

G. Announcements:

- i. Call of Judges at 3:00 - Be there!
- ii. Thank yous to and from Kelly Holst

H. Motion to adjourn by Rebeccah Beaucourt, Louima Lilite seconds, meeting adjourns at 2:30 PM