

National Association of Teachers of Singing
Oklahoma District
2013 Business Meeting Minutes
April 6, 2013
Mark McQuade, presiding
Elizabeth Johnson Knight, meeting secretary

- I. Welcome and announcements
 - a. Meeting called to order at approximately 1:10 p.m.
 - b. Future Texoma Regional NATS conference dates and locations
 - i. 2013: Baylor University, Waco, TX; November 7-9, 2013 (SOTY Preliminary held November 6)
 - ii. 2014: Lone Star College, Kingwood, TX; November 5-8. 2014
 - c. New Oklahoma District Governor, April Golliver
 - d. New Oklahoma District Auditions Chair, Christian Morren
 - e. Clifton Ware Masterclass held March 8, 2013, Oklahoma Baptist University
 - i. Over 50 in attendance
 - ii. 8 student singers from OBU, SOSU, ECU

- II. 2013 Participation
 - a. 172 student singers
 - b. 43 teachers
 - c. Participation slightly up from last year, and close to Governor's goal of 175-200 singers

III. 2013 Budget Report

2012 Ending Balance	+\$3261.78
Clifton Ware Masterclass Fee	- \$ 200.00
2013 Fees Collected	+\$3615.00
2013 Pre-conference Balance	+\$6676.78
AuditionWare Fees	- \$ 172.00
Auditions Chair Expenses	- \$ 185.55
Governor Expenses (est.)	- \$ 50.00
MACU Expenses (piano tuning)	-\$ 500.00
Hospitality & Lunch Expenses	- \$ 386.50
Contribution to NATS Found.	- \$ 500.00
TEXOMA Hospitality (est.)	- \$ 75.00
<u>Student Awards (est.)</u>	<u>- \$1340.00</u>
2013 Conf. Ending Balance (est.)	+\$3467.73

- IV. Old Business
 - a. Motion to approve 2012 Business Meeting minutes: Jan Mc Daniel
 - i. Second: Jeremy Blackwood
 - ii. Vote: motion carried

V. New Business

a. Donations

- i. Motion to give \$500 to the NATS Foundation: Frank Ragsdale
 1. Second: Jennifer McQuade
 2. Vote: Motion carried
- ii. Motion to give \$150 to Texoma Hospitality: Frank Ragsdale
 1. Second: Jan McDaniel
 2. Vote: Motion carried

b. Rules Changes

- i. Under current rules, winners in Young Men/Women II must compete the following year in Freshman Men/Women against collegiate singers.
 1. Motion that winners in these divisions may compete again in the high school divisions as long as they are age eligible; previous rules still apply to winners in Young Men/Women I: Jan McDaniel
 - a. Second: Melody Baggech
 - b. Vote: Motion carried
- ii. Under current rules, the minimum age for participation in Young Men/Women I is 15, while Texoma Region rules indicate a minimum age of 14.
 1. Motion to adjust minimum age to 14 to be consistent with Regional rule: Jan McDaniel
 - a. Second: Frank Ragsdale
 - b. Vote: Motion carried
- iii. Under current rules, the Adult division is competitive but includes both advanced singers who are beyond the age limit for the graduate division (30) and adult beginners/avocational singers. Should this category be changed in some way to allow for a non-competitive or “comments only” option?
 1. Motion to table discussion: Chuck Chapman
 - a. Second: Liz Knight
 - b. Vote: Motion carried
- iv. Current rules state “Winners will receive a certificate of award and a small cash award, as determined by the Governor.” However, certificates have not been awarded for many years.
 1. Motion to delete “a certificate of award” from rules: Ellen Wheeler
 - a. Second: Melody Baggech
 - b. Vote: Motion carried

c. Committee Report

- i. Rob Glaubitz reported on behalf of the committee that explored the possibility of adding Musical Theater to the Oklahoma District auditions. At this time, the arguments for and against the need for an MT category are:
 1. Pro
 - a. Students want it
 - b. Many other regions already do it
 - c. It would align us with the national NATS agenda

2. Con
 - a. MT majors have many other opportunities for performance and competition
 - b. An evaluation from a NATS teacher may not be legitimate, as we may not consider criteria on which these performers will be assessed in “real-world” situations (i.e., dance)
 - c. Comments from NATS teachers who reject CCM techniques may not be helpful
 - d. Participation levels are unknown
3. Motion to extend this committee and continue exploration of this idea: Kenneth Bohannon
 - a. Second: Brady McElligot
 - b. Vote: Motion carried
- d. In memoriam: Joyce Adams Curtis (read by Chuck Chapman)

VI. Closing reminders

- a. Auditions feedback should be directed to April Golliver
- b. The members thanked Mark McQuade for his service as District Governor
- c. Dates for upcoming OK District Conferences
 - i. April 12, 2014, Oklahoma City University
 - ii. April 11, 2015, University of Tulsa
- d. Meeting adjourned at approximately 2:00 p.m.