

**MASTA Spring Board Meeting**  
**Saturday, May 13, 2010**  
**Executive Board: 10:00 a.m.**  
**Full Board: 11:00 a.m.**  
**Dalton Center, WMU**  
**Kalamazoo, MI**

- I. **Call to Order** (Kotchenruther/Dittmar): at 10:10 a.m. Members present: Larry Dittmar, Diane Winder, Wendy Stuart, Lynn Brosnan, Gabriel Villasurda, Steve Reed, Linda Trotter, and David Reed.
- II. **Minutes** (Stuart)- **Minutes from the January meeting passed with a motion from S. Reed, which was seconded by Villasurda.**
- III. **Treasurer's Report** (R. Reed): No detailed financial report.  
There are many changes to the signees on accounts. Requested members of the board will need to fill out and return necessary forms. Both attachments to the email sent to the board (copy of each will be included in the Secretary's permanent records) were reviewed and discussed during the meeting. **S. Reed made a motion to approve the written minutes taken from this meeting to verify our discussion of information sent by R. Reed. Winder seconded the motion, which passed.** Brosnan and R. Reed will meet to transfer all Treasurer's information. The balance is lower than normal at the current time.
- IV. **President's Report** (Kotchenruther): No report.
- V. **Member-at-Large Report (Flower)**: No report.
- VI. **Past President Report (S. Reed)**: Reed has been trying to come up with more ways to get Student Chapters involved with MASTA.
- VII. **President Elect Report (Dittmar)**: Dittmar wished to congratulate Mark Kotchenruther for the excellent work he did during his two years as President of MASTA. Congratulations as well to the newly elected officers: Diane Winder, President-Elect, Linda Trotter, Secretary, Lynn Brosnan, Treasurer, and Gabriel Villasurda, Member-at-Large. He would also like to recognize Ellen Boyer, Jed Fritzmeier and Wendy Tenney for running for office. Thanks to Past-President, Kevin Miller, for handling the election process. He encourages all members to pull together during these difficult times and concludes by saying that "We simply MUST BE SUCCESSFUL."
- VIII. **Project Director Reports**
  - A. **Chamber Music Festival** (Kearney-Looman): No report.
  - C. **Michigan Music Conference** (Palmieri/Rosin): There will be a similar number of sessions as in the past at the conference. We don't know the performing groups at this point.
  - D. **Membership** (Trotter): There are 343 active members (15 dual, 202 professional, 51 senior, and 75 student memberships).

**E. Newsletter** (Dapprich): It appears that the newsletter will complete the fiscal year with at least the desired 5% surplus. **The S. Reed made a motion to approve Budget Proposal B, which was seconded by Brosnan. Proposal B passed.**

Dapprich welcomes the incoming board members and encourages them to submit their correct contact information to President Dittmar as soon as possible to be included in the summer edition of *MASTA Notes*.

**F. Northern Michigan Initiative** (Peterson): No report.

**G. Okemos Suzuki** (Rebeck): No report.

**H. Outreach/National Honors Orchestra** (DeRose): The board agreed with DeRose's recommendations regarding new Grant requests. **Villasurda moves not to approve the requests, seconded by S. Reed. The board agreed with the dispensing of camp scholarships, including the additional \$125 with a motion from Villasurda and second from Brosnan.** Andy Thompson of Clarkston and Jarryd Elias of Bloomfield Hills, represented Michigan in the National Honors Orchestra this past February. Both families sent supporting documents to be issued the \$500 scholarship that has been awarded to them by MASTA.

**I. Solo Competition** (Long): No report.

**J. String Camps** (Scott): The change in the sessions has had a good impact on registrations. Last year there were around 250 students registered for 3 sessions. This year there are around 300. Session III is down in enrollment, but there is no waitlist.

**K. Studio Teaching** (Koski): No report.

**M. Troy Suzuki Workshop** (Trainees): The Suzuki Workshop was cancelled due to low enrollment.

**N. Website** (Dapprich): Dapprich is considering a members-only section of our website. The discussion has been tabled until the board can talk more with Dapprich about his ideas and plans.

**O. Youth Arts Festival** (Winder): If MYA makes it through this year, things should be financially more stable. Steve Reed's St. Joseph string quartet is the featured MASTA string quartet. Discussion followed regarding sponsorship and the need for non-artist types (successful adults who were positively influenced by their participation in the arts) advocating for the arts.

**IX. Affiliate Reports:**

**A. Blue Lake Suzuki** (Kesler): No report.

**B. MSBOA Liaison** (D. Reed): There's a general meeting on June 5<sup>th</sup> and Reed would like to see a lot of string teachers present. The sites and repertoire are set for the Fall Mid-Level Clinics. October 16 in Portage and Bedford, October 23 South Haven, Chelsea, Bloomfield Hills, and Grosse Pointe. All State Excerpts-MSBOA is still resisting the string committee's request to use orchestral excerpts instead of etudes, but we're still working on it. We don't yet know conductors or repertoire for the All- State Orchestras. Amy Marr will be organizing an Alt-Styles Festival in November at MSU for individuals and groups.

**C. M. Suzuki Liaison** (Arnold):

**X. Old Business:**

**XI. New Business:**

A. Dittmar will be going to Kenya to work with the music school.

**XI. Adjournment** (Kotchenruther/Dittmar): 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Wendy Stuart