

Dear Chapter Members,

A new school year is quickly coming to our doors! The executive board has been working hard this summer planning the following events for us this year.

**Fall Event and General Meeting: Sharing Through TED Talks (October 7th, 9am-Noon, PLU)**

This **free event** will feature short 3-10 minute talks on a wide variety of voice and teaching related topics. We all have a wealth of knowledge to share and I encourage you all to submit an idea to speak on no later than September 8th. For more event and submission information visit the following link, <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1a-NFLtKjw4jYu5J9dUW8FUrEQ1kL0VKgWdtFqgcPAL0/edit>

I encourage all to attend this event and the general meeting that follows at 11am as there will be some exciting conversations and decisions to be made regarding Tahoma Auditions in January.

**Northwest Regional Conference (October 27-19, Portland)**

This is the not to be missed event of the year! Our biennial regional conference will be held at Portland State University and the Courtyard Portland City Center. A wide variety of classes will be available to interest both classical and CCM teachers and singers. This will also be the weekend of the NATSAA competition. For more information, visit [www.nwnats.org](http://www.nwnats.org)

**Tahoma Chapter Student Auditions and General Meeting (January 27, 2018, UPS)**

Thank you to UPS for hosting another exciting year of Student Auditions. Registration will open in mid-November for this event. Make sure that you revisit the revised 2018 handbook as the National Office has slightly relaxed some of the rules.

**Tahoma Scholarship Competition (February 26, 2018 - Pending Confirmation, Highline)**

**Tahoma Chapter Spring Fling, Recital, and General Meeting (April 21, 2018 - Pending Confirmation, Highline)**

As we enter into another year, I want us all to consider how we can be involved in **our** chapter. Even if you are short on time there are many ways to be active; offer to help set up or take down an event, help get the word out for the Fall talks (better yet, give a talk), send a student to auditions or the scholarship competition, bring a snack items for student auditions. We want you here and active! Colleagues and camaraderie are some of the greatest gifts we receive from NATS and this happens when we get involved!

I look forward to seeing all of you this year!

Warm Regards,

Leischen Moore, Tahoma Chapter President