

Tahoma Chapter of NATS
General Membership Meeting Minutes
January 27, 2018, 12:00PM
Pacific Lutheran University

ATTENDEES

Leischen Moore (President), Denise Daverso (Past-President), Colin Briskey (Vice President of Auditions), Dawn Padula (Secretary), Paul Brassey (Treasurer), Janine Dodd (Board Member, Scholarships), Nancy Bos (NATS NW Regional Governor), Fran Reid, Troy Fisher, Erin Whitfield, Erin Guinup, Darcie Fulkerson, Angela McGam, Dennis Kruse, Daniel Wolfert, Darrell Born, Susan Trainer, Kerstin O'Shields, Holly Boaz, and Brianna Kramer.

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Leischen Moore called the meeting to order at 12:18PM.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Erin Guinup moved to approve the agenda, and Erin Whitfield seconded the motion. The agenda was approved as submitted.

III. APPROVAL OF GENERAL MEETING MINUTES (Dawn Padula)

Nancy Bos motioned to approve the minutes from the October 7, 2017 General Membership meeting and Troy Fisher seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as submitted.

IV. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT (Paul Brassey)

Paul Brassey read through the Treasurer's Report, starting with the balance sheet. The General Fund currently has \$9,928.90 and the Scholarship Fund has \$3,971.81. He commented that the Chapter accounts are flush at this time of the year since money has yet to be deducted for Auditions or Scholarships.

Brassey's report also contained sections detailing both Scholarship Fund and Audition income. He gave a comparison from revenue at this time last year, specifically noting that National NATS has shifted some aspects of the registration process from 2017. The most notable change is that because of how money for Auditions is moved around, total fees for Auditions to National has increased 93% from last year.

Bos asked why we raised our Auditions registration rates to \$25 this year. Brassey responded that we did this because we anticipated the fee increase from National and needed the funds to cover them.

Brassey reminded members to contact him for reimbursement forms for anything purchased for Auditions. Finally, he reminded teachers that winning students should cash reward checks as soon as possible.

Janine Dodd moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, and Colin Briskey seconded the motion. The Treasurer's Report was approved as submitted.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. STUDENT AUDITIONS (Colin Briskey)

Vice President of Auditions, Colin Briskey, gave an update of the day's proceeding thus far. His priority is to double-check scores and to post winners as soon as possible. He said that other priorities were printing certificates and filing judges comment sheets. He asked for help in the Tabulations Room from any Members who may have a spare moment.

B. SCHOLARSHIPS (Janine Dodd)

Janine Dodd announced that the Scholarship Auditions will take place February 11 at PLU's Lagerquist Hall. There are seven applicants and three judges: Dan Colgan, Soon Cho, and Jim Brown. Dodd recognized Holly Boaz as helping to facilitate the location. She encourages teachers to bring their students this year to make it more of an event and give the participants more of an audience. She also extended an invitation for Members in attendance to join the Scholarship Committee and judges for dinner, and to notify Brianna Kramer if they plan to do so.

Denise Daverso commented that she thinks Scholarship applicants should be able to sing all three songs they prepared. Dodd responded by stating that it was too late to change this policy for this year, but there are plans to revisit this request and other guidelines before next year's auditions (see below).

Boaz announced that there is a new Student NATS chapter at PLU, and their chapter will provide student monitors who will help out with the event.

C. SPRING FLING RECITAL (Brianna Kramer)

The Spring Fling Meeting/Recital will take place **April 21, Tacoma Community College Auditorium (10AM meeting, 11AM recital)**. Kramer announced that she would need any program submissions by April 14 in order to compile the program. Each teacher would be given 10 minutes in the recital.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. AUDIT (Brassey): Brassey announced that Centralia College will audit the Chapter's books in March via an auditing class supervised by a CPA.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE: Moore announced that regarding Executive Board elections in April, the Chapter will need a new Treasurer, Secretary and Vice President. She explained that Daverso will step off the Board as Past-President, so the Chapter needs a Vice President who will shadow her with the intention of becoming President when she steps off as President the subsequent year. Daverso will head up nominations committee. Darrell Born volunteered to help Daverso. Erin Whitfield asked about a timeline for when the committee will meet. Daverso responded that nominations will need to be in place by April 1 for them to be voted upon at the April 21 meeting.

- B. SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES COMMITTEE:** Moore read an e-mail from Erin Guinup pertaining to bias in Scholarship Audition requirements against utilizing Musical Theatre repertoire. Moore asked to form a committee to revisit the guidelines so that the requirements are more inclusive. Daniel Wolfert, Guinup, and Troy Fisher will comprise the committee. Moore noted that the meeting could take place via Skype or GoToMeeting, and that they should contact her to set up the latter, if desired.

- C. AUDITIONS REVIEW COMMITTEE:** Moore asked to form a committee regarding Auditions to review how auditions are working on the whole, and to discuss topics including utilizing staff accompanists for college auditions and advanced auditions. The latter discussion should also involve establishing a process by which to choose pianists and how to avoid bias when doing so. Fisher, Briskey, Dawn Padula, Dodd, and Ryan Bede will form this committee. Boaz will serve as an alternate.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. NEXT GENERAL MEETING, APRIL 21ST 10AM, TACOMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE AUDITORIUM**

- B. OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MEMBERS:** Moore read a thank you note written to the Chapter from Regional NATSAA Competition winner, Elizabeth Galafa. Daverso asked new members Danielle Wolfert, Dennis Kruse, and Angela McGam to introduce themselves to the Chapter. Fran Reid thanked the Chapter for the lovely wreath that was sent upon her husband's passing. The wreath wound up at the church for the Memorial Service for her husband where over 200 people attended.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Daverso moved to adjourn the meeting, and Reid seconded the motion. Moore adjourned the meeting at 12:47PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Padula, DMA
NATS Executive Board Secretary
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