

**Tahoma Chapter NATS
General Membership Meeting Minutes
Saturday, October 10, 2020
Virtual Meeting (Zoom)**

Attendees

Ryan Bede (President), Leischen Moore (Vice President for Auditions), Darcie Fulkerson (Secretary), Janine Dodd (Board Member), Jan Nelson (Treasurer), Soon Cho (Board Member), Holly Boaz, Daniel Wolfert, Brianna Kramer, Fran Reid, Dan Colgan

I. Call to Order

President Ryan Bede called the meeting to order at 1:07 pm.

II. Additions to Agenda (Bede)

Soon Cho asked to add information on the Schmidt Auditions at the end of the meeting. It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the Agenda.

III. Approval of January 25, 2020 General Meeting Minutes (Fulkerson)

It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2020 General Meeting.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Auditions (Moore)

- o Leischen Moore reported that the 2021 Auditions Handbook has been updated . Registration and videos will be due at 5:00 pm on January 16, 2021. Judging will be from January 21-31. Winners will be emailed and awards will be mailed. A CCM category has been added in High School, College, and Adults. There will be no live auditions this year due to Covid-19 restrictions. We want all participants to be safe. The entry fee for all categories will be \$25 (maximum of two categories). All teachers are expected to be available to judge. Judges will judge only for the allotted amount of time in each category (i.e. 8 minutes for high school categories). Read the Handbook for information on how to do the video recordings. The frame should be from the bottom of the fingertips to the top of the head. Darcie Fulkerson asked how copyright is being handled for YouTube uploads. Leischen Moore said YouTube has a copyright license and pays fees to ASCAP and other publishers.

B. Scholarship (Cho)

Soon Cho told us that Scholarship auditions will be virtual on Sunday afternoon, February 21, 2021. Application deadline is February 7, 2021. Two songs with a maximum time of eight minutes will be required. Students can use the same videos that they used for the Chapter Auditions. The maximum number of singers is capped at 20. Barry Johnson will be one of the three judges.

C. Spring Fling (Kramer)

Brianna Kramer said that the Spring Fling will be virtual. Participants will be Auditions winners and Scholarship winners only. Singers will be able to use the same videos that they used for the Chapter Auditions.

V. Treasurer's Report (Nelson)

- A. Proposal to Change Chapter Fiscal Year. Jan Nelson recommended that changing our fiscal year to match that of NATS National would make things easier. Discussion followed. It was moved, seconded and passed to change our fiscal year to January 1 - December 31.
- B. Judges Compensation Proposal. Jan Nelson said our chapter has the financial resources to compensate judges monetarily. Discussion followed. Leischen Moore said the preference is for NATS members to do the judging for chapter Auditions. Jan Nelson said that we would not touch any of the Scholarship funds. Compensating judges would only be for 2021. It was moved, seconded and passed to accept the judges compensation proposal.

VI. New Business

A. Diversity & Inclusion discussion/possible future events (Bede)

Janine Dodd said that adding the CCM category to the Auditions is a good step for inviting a more diverse group of people to our chapter. Soon Cho added that chapter teachers could volunteer our time to work with singers who can't afford lessons. Then those students could participate in Auditions. Dan Colgan asked if a diversity and inclusion statement could be put on the Tahoma NATS website. Holly Boaz said we could put together a committee to work on diversity/inclusion, and Janine Dodd added that the At-Large member of the Executive Board could be in charge of membership and diversity/inclusion. Fran Reid asked with the inclusion statement would be for?

- B. Collaboration with Puget Sound Chapter (2020-21 events). Ryan Bede said that Puget Sound Chapter is open to having our chapter work with them.
- C. 2021 NW Regional Conference hosted by Puget Sound Chapter (Seattle). We can help Puget Sound Chapter with the Regional Conference in Seattle.

VII. Announcements

- A. Ryan Bede announced that our next general meeting is January 5, 2021. It will be a virtual meeting (Zoom).
- B. Nationals Announcements
 - 1. NATS National Winter Workshop - January 8-10, 2021 (Virtual)
 - 2. NATS Intern Program - June 1-10, 2021 (Deadline 12/15/20)
 - 3. NATS Chats
- C. Other Announcements from Members. Fran Reid thanked the chapter for its support while she was recovering from Covid-19.
Leischen Moore said there are to be no added mics when recordings are made for Auditions. Internal mics only. This rule comes from NATS National.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Darcie Fulkerson
Tahoma Chapter NATS Executive Board Secretary
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