

**Tahoma Chapter NATS**  
**General Membership Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, January 5, 2021**  
**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), Jinshil Yi (Board Member), Holly Boaz, Brianna Kramer, Dan Colgan, Denise Daverso, Kerstin O'Shields, Nancy Bos, Marieke Schuurs, Laura Sheperd

**I. Call to Order**

President Ryan Bede called the meeting to order at 7:03 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 October 10, 2020 General Meeting Minutes (Fulkerson)**

It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2020 General Meeting.

**IV. Committee Reports**

**A. Auditions (Moore)**

- o Leischen Moore reported that the number of entrants will tell her the number of judges that will be needed. She is planning that each judge will adjudicate no more than 25 singers.
- o Tahoma Chapter has budgeted to bring in up to 12 extra judges if needed. Leischen has found plenty of Northwest region NATS members who would be willing to judge for us.
- o Holly Boaz noted that some judges for the Puget Sound Chapter auditions made negative comments on singers' appearance and choice of attire. Leischen Moore will address how judges should not comment on appearance and attire by including Tahoma Chapter's mission statement for the Auditions in the email to judges.
- o Laura Sheperd asked about how the CCM category should be judged. Leischen Moore said we will be using a judging rubric from Cal West.

**B. Scholarship (Cho)**

There will be one \$1,000 prize and one \$500 prize.

Deadline for applications and video submissions: February 7, 2021. Applications will include Two contrasting selections and a 500-word essay. Students may use their videos from the Chapter Auditions.

Auditions: February 21, 2021

Judges: Barry Johnson (PLU), Leischen Moore, and Linda McAllister (Schmidt Vocal Arts)

**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)**

There has not been much activity since the last meeting. We still need to pay Puget Sound Chapter for our part of the Matt Edwards workshop. Jan will email the Treasurer's Report to the Chapter members.

**VI. New Business**

**A. Nominations Committee**

Ryan Bede said we need volunteers for the nominations committee or to be on the Executive Board. The secretary position is open since Darcie Fulkerson is stepping down after three Years.

put on the Tahoma NATS website. Holly Boaz said we could put together a committee to

- B. **Book Club and Chapter Event with Dr. Triniece Robinson-Martin (Bede/Moore)**  
Ryan Bede will break the book "So You Want to Sing Gospel" into three sections to read then follow up with Zoom discussions. Nancy Bos volunteered to be the group facilitator and set up the discussion dates/times.
- C. **Schmidt Vocal Competition (Cho)**  
The competition will be in-person at Pacific Lutheran University on May 8, 2021. Encourage your students to apply early since there is a cap of 30 participants. Frederica von Stade will be one of the judges. Singers will perform two Classical songs for the competition.

**VII. Announcements**

- A. Regional/National Announcements
  1. NATS Virtual National Winter Workshop - January 8-10, 2021
  2. National Student Auditions online submission deadline: April 9, 2021
  3. NATS Chats on Sundays at 4:00 pm
  4. Northwest Regional Conference - October 22-24, 2021 (in-person if feasible) at Seattle Opera Center. Ryan Bede would like Tahoma Chapter members to help out.
  5. Marieke Schuurs said that NATSAA will probably be in-person. She will have more information later.
- C. Other Announcements from Members

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 pm. The next general meeting will be at the Spring Fling in March.

Respectfully submitted,

Darcie Fulkerson  
Tahoma Chapter NATS Executive Board Secretary  
January 5, 2021