



Texas Music Teachers Association

General Assembly 1

Friday
June 21, 2019
Houston Hyatt Regency

Presentation of the Colors

The colors were presented by the Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council.

Star Spangled Banner

Matthew and Katarina Loudermilk performed a beautiful duet arrangement of the National Anthem.

Opening of the Convention

President Elect, Dr. Roy Wylie, NCTM welcomed everyone to the 2019 TMTA Convention. After a few words about the highlights of the upcoming weekend (including the Anderson and Roe Concert on Saturday evening), he encouraged all of us to “Broaden our Horizons”!

Opening of the General Session

Teresa Crawford, NCTM called the meeting to order at 9:11am. She welcomed everyone to the convention and introduced the special guests listed below.

Introduction of Special Guest

MTNA President - Martha Hilley, NTCM
Sharon Callahan – MTNA South Central Division Director

Appointment of FTC Compliance Officer

President Crawford appointed TMTA’s VPSA, Heather Rathnau, NCTM as the FTC Compliance Officer for the three General Sessions being held during the convention.

Approval of the Minutes from June 2018

The minutes from the General Sessions held at the 2018 TMTA Convention were approved by consensus.

New Directors

Teresa Crawford announced the results of the 2019 election of new directors to serve on the TMTA Board of Directors. They are Julie Arras and Michael Clark, NCTM.

New Member Drawing

A drawing was held prior to the start of the General Session of all the new TMTA Members attending convention. The prize is a free registration to the 2020 TMTA Convention in Houston. Tracy Cowden, NCTM was announced the winner!

Teacher of the Year

TMTA Teacher Recognition Chair, Linda Parr announced the winners of the 2019 TMTA Teaching Achievement Awards. The winners were:

Pre-Collegiate – Shearon Smith Horton, NCTM

Collegiate – Louis Sanchez

Teacher of the Year – Mary Loy

Introduction of Texas Distinguished Teacher

Vera Balaban of Plano MTA introduced one of their members, Fredrica Phillips. Plano MTA has honored Fredrica as a Texas Distinguished Teacher. Fredrica is a Past President of Plano MTA and has served TMTA for the past three years as an Officer. She served one year as VPBA-Elect, and two years as VPBA. A contribution of \$500 was made to the TMTA Trust Fund by Plano MTA in honor of Ms. Phillips.

Best of State Award

TMTA Best of State Chair, Shearon Horton, NCTM announced that Independent MTA was named the TMTA Best of State. She asked for members of Independent MTA to come up and IMTA President, Heather Rathnau, NCTM accepted the award on behalf of the Association.

Shearon encouraged every association to enter for next year's Best of State Award.

Collegiate Chapter of the Year

TMTA College Student Chapters Chair, Libby Vanatta, NCTM announced that the University of Houston was named the first ever Collegiate Chapter of the Year.

TMTEF Collegiate Award

TMTEF Head Trustee, Naulene Pittman presented the TMTEF Collegiate Award to Shawn Manley. Shawn grew up as a Student Affiliate and is currently attending Texas Christian University.

Introduction of MTNA Foundation Fellows

MTNA/TMTA Foundation Chair, Mary Loy announced that the TMTA Executive Board has nominated Rebecca Landreth, NCTM and Rick Valentine as MTNA Fellows for 2020. In order for them to be a MTNA Fellow, TMTA will donate \$750 per nominee and Mary asked that TMTA Members please donate to their funds on the MTNA Foundation website to raise the other \$750.

Ms. Loy also announced that there will be a Silent Auction in Booth 22. All proceeds will go to the MTNA Foundation fund.

Pinning of Newly Certified Teachers

Certification Director, Hsinyi Wang, NCTM introduced and pinned the newly certified members since June. The newly certified members were Julia Masters, NCTM, Austin MTA; Paula S. Wong, NCTM, Austin MTA; Michael G. Crocker, NCTM, Waco MTA; Joanna Evelyn Reeder, NCTM, Houston MTA; Todd E. Van Kekerix, NCTM, Houston MTA; Sarah Elizabeth Rybicki, NCTM, Katy MTA

Introduction of 50 Year Member

TMTA Immediate Past President, Rick Valentine honored 50-year members, Ann Maynard Bowman, Doris Lum Meyer, Harriet Motter, and Lyndol Taylor. Unfortunately, none of them could be in attendance.

Introduction of Keynote Speaker

Roy Wylie, NCTM introduced the Keynote Speaker, Dr. Todd Frazier. Dr. Frazier is the director of Houston Methodist Hospital's Center for Performing Arts Medicine. He gave an engaging presentation on the groundbreaking programs happening at Methodist Hospital.

Closing of the General Session

Teresa Crawford closed the first General Session of the convention at 11:00am.

General Session II

Opening of the General Session

TMTA President, Teresa Crawford, NCTM called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

President's Report

Teresa said her full report is available in the TMTA Board Reports available on the TMTA website. She did want to highlight two items on her report that stand out:

- Bimonthly Newsletter – Teresa started a bi-monthly newsletter sent via email to all members. She mentioned that this is “the place to find out what’s happening in TMTA”.
- Sexual Molestation Insurance – This has been a topic that has been coming up with other MTNA States Associations for the past few years. Many universities and institutions are now requiring associations to purchase sexual molestation insurance in order to rent their facilities for association events. The cost of this insurance is very high, and cost prohibitive for most local associations. MTNA can't provide a universal policy like it does for liability insurance because the laws vary from state to state.

Teresa mentioned that two of TMTA's local associations have been required to purchase this insurance in order to use the community college where they held their local events.

Teresa wrote the State Representatives for the county where the college is located. She was pleased to report that after that letter, the college decided to waive the requirement for the insurance.

President-Elect's Report

Roy Wylie, NCTM announced that the Anderson and Roe concert will take place this evening. He encouraged everyone to attend. He also announced that as of this meeting registration numbers were up from last year in Waco.

Roy took a moment to recognize the TMTA Office Staff, Abby Hehenberger and Christiana Clark for all the work they did to help prepare for this year's convention.

Roy also mentioned that the Guidebook App is available to everyone to download and use during the convention.

Financial Report

VPBA, Fredrica Phillips thanked Teresa Crawford, NCTM and her fellow TMTA Officers as well as TMTA Office Staff for all of their support over the past two years. She announced that TMTA will be in good hands as Spring Seals, NCTM will be taking over her position as VPBA this summer.

Fredrica said that TMTA has had an excellent year. As of Sept. 30 2018 TMTA had assets of \$518,514, and TMTEF had assets of \$843,325 for a total of total \$1,361,839. This is approximately \$60,000 higher than September 2017. She also announced that TMTEF has given student awards and travel grants. She has already written 300 checks for a total of \$49,500. She expects the total by the end of the convention to be over \$50,000. Fredrica said she was pleased to report that TMTA is financially healthy.

VPSA Report

Heather Rathnau, NCTM, told the membership they could see her entire report in the Board Reports on the TMTA Website. She wanted to let the membership know that student activities were down overall this year, even though there was more Local Association involvement. Student activities that did show an increase are All-Star Festival, Digital Keyboard Orchestra, and June Leonard Chamber Music/Ensemble Contest.

Heather also announced that the World of Music analysis answers have been put on the TMTA website to help teachers prepare their students.

Membership Report

Immediate Past President, Rick Valentine announced the final membership of TMTA for the 2018-2019 year was 2,040.

Memorial to Deceased Members

Immediate Past President, Rick Valentine read the names of TMTA members who passed away in the past year. After reading their names he asked the membership to take a moment of silence to honor each of these members.

The deceased members are:

Karen Haverlah - Austin District MTA
Anna Farrish - Denton MTA
Shu Hoa Pao - Houston MTA
Charlotte (Cappy) Pitman - Houston MTA
Irene Waters - East Texas MTA
Paula Stephenson - Dallas MTA

Trustee's Report

TMTEF Head Trustee, Sharon Callahan, announced that TMTEF gave fifteen Student Travel awards from the Ruth Pitts travel fund of \$700 each to students competing in the final round of the MTNA Competitions in Spokane, Washington. She also mentioned that the \$2000 TMTEF Collegiate Award was given to Shawn Manely.

Sharon encouraged members to make contributions to support these student awards. Sharon stated that although twenty-two associations donated to TMTEF, only 20 met the TMTEF Challenge (\$5 per member). The following associations were given a certificate: Abilene, Arlington, Austin District, Bay Area, Brenham Area, Conroe, Cypress Creek, El Paso, Garland, Grand Prairie, Houston, Independent, Kingwood-Humble, Metroplex, Mid-Cities, Midland, Plano, Richardson, San Angelo and Waco.

TMTA Trustee Report

TMTA Head Trustee, Lydia Bratcher, NCTM reported that the TMTEF Trustees were able to continue to support TMTA Members by providing financial support to Hurricane Harvey victims. They were able to give five grants totaling \$8,700. This was the remaining money in the Hurricane Harvey account.

Lydia also announced that on October 27, 2018, the Trustees sponsored the Teacher Enrichment Conference at Baylor University featuring Dr. Jane McGrath, from the University of Oklahoma. The conference was video recorded and can be accessed by TMTA members for a limited time later in the summer.

Introduction of Texas Teaching Fellow

TMTA Trustees, Lydia Bratcher, Janelle Schlaudt, and Andrea Warren presented two Texas Teaching Fellows.

Janis Parrish from Pearland MTA was nominated and funded by Pearland MTA. Janis has been teaching for over thirty years. She was a charter member of the Pearland MTA and the Pasadena MTA. She is also a member of the Bay Area MTA. She is a previous TMTA Teacher of the Year recipient. She continues to serve TMTA as a member of the Theory Committee where she is the Head Grader for level two. Janis is also the WOM Chair for Pearland MTA and an Ensemble Director.

Fredrica Phillips is a member of Plano MTA and Dallas MTA. She has served over the past three years as the TMTA VPBA-Elect, and the TMTA VPBA. As a TMTA Officer, she proved invaluable in handling the finances of the association. She is a Past President of Plano MTA and has served that association in many capacities. Plano MTA nominated and funded Fredrica's TMTA Fellow designation.

Lydia mentioned how fortunate TMTA is to have these fine women among our membership.

New College Faculty Recital

TMTA College Faculty Forum Chair, Chris Madden introduced the faculty members who are new to Texas colleges and universities that are performing today. Performers were: Tracy Cowden, NCTM, Sunyong Hwang, Brielle Frost, Kathryn Fouse, and Nataliya Sukhina.

Introduction of 2020 Commissioned Composer

MTNA/TMTA Commission Composer Chair, Jacob Clark introduced the 2019 TMTA Commissioned Composer, David Davies. The piece is titled "Love Bade Me Welcome". The membership enjoyed the premier which was performed by Nereida Garcia, Soprano; Rachel MacDonald, Viola; Alex MacDonald, Piano.

Closing of the General Session

Teresa Crawford, NCTM adjourned the General Session at 11:00 AM.

General Session III with Delegate Assembly

Opening of the General Session

TMTA President, Teresa Crawford, NCTM called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM.

Opening of the Delegate Assembly

Richard Fountain, NCTM called the Delegate Assembly to order at 3:32 PM.

Richard called for the seating of the Delegates to one side of the room.

Richard welcomed everyone and recognized the collegiate chapters who were present and participating in the Delegate Assembly.

Election of a Delegate Director

President Teresa Crawford asked for nominations from the Delegate Assembly. Wilford Glenn, NCTM nominated John Ford from Houston MTA, Barbie Butler nominated Ruth Parkinson from Kingwood/Humble MTA. Each candidate told the assembly a little about themselves and their experience. The winner was Ruth Parkinson.

Election of a member for the Nomination Committee

Carol Shar moved to allow the candidate who is not elected as director to serve as a nomination committee member.

Motion Passed

John Ford will serve on the Nominations and Elections Committee.

During the time while the votes were being tabulated, TMTA Director II, Stathia Orwig, NCTM directed the delegates to the website, Kahoots.it. This is a game site where she customized games related to music and TMTA facts. It was very entertaining.

Members Reports and Sharing

Richard asked if there were any Local Associations that wanted to share events that they had accomplished this year. Austin District mentioned they held a Certification Boot Camp. The group coached each other through the MTNA Certification process. The group has been meeting every other week

Closing of the Delegate Assembly

Richard Fountain, NCTM Closed the General Session at 4:23 PM.

Recognition of Service

TMTA President Teresa Crawford, NCTM recognized Fredrica Phillips for her service to TMTA as Vice President of Business Activities and as VPBA-Elect.

Installation of the Vice President for Business Activities

Janelle Schlautdt, NCTM recognized all of the TMTA Officers. She then installed Spring Seals, NCTM as the new Vice President of Business Activities.

Closing of the General Session and General Assembly

Teresa Adjourned the General Session at 4:42 PM.

Closing of the Convention

Roy Wylie, NCTM thanked Teresa Crawford, NCTM and the other TMTA Officers as well as the TMTA Office Staff for their input and support in planning this convention. He thanked all of the members for attending and "expanding their horizons". Roy also thanked all the members who worked throughout the year in the background to make the programs run smoothly throughout the year! He closed the 2019 TMTA Convention at 4:51 PM.