



Letter from the President, Dianna Anderson

Greetings from Minot! I hope you have all had a productive fall and are rested and mentally prepared for the busy holiday season. Between attending student recitals and ensemble concerts, and participating in large holiday community music events, these weeks leading up to the end of the year are always filled with music.



This fall, NDMTA hosted our competitions live at Valley City State University. Thanks to the hard work of our teachers, we had many more competitors than normal, including the first composition entrants in a very long time. These competitions are a great way to motivate your students, and to provide an opportunity for a more high-stakes performance. Because entries are due in mid-September, be sure to start laying the groundwork for participation this spring.

As you begin to make your plans for the spring, be sure to include the MTNA national conference held in Minneapolis March 26-30. If you are unable to attend in person, virtual options will be available. I am very excited for this conference, as it is the first year since we have had a collegiate chapter in North Dakota that they will be able to attend the live conference. Seeing the concerts, competitions, exhibits, and presentations is a life changing experience, and I can't wait to experience this with our future music teachers.

Thank you for all that you do to further the profession in North Dakota, and Happy Holidays!

Dr. Dianna Anderson, NCTM

President, NDMTA

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Competitions Report

By Sue Nagel, Competition Chair

ND Competitions were held Saturday, October 23, 2021 at VCSU. We had 17 total entrants (usually it's 10-12)! Of these 17, there were 4 competitions: YA Piano, SR Piano, YA Woodwinds and YA Strings. Results are following:



Young Artist Woodwinds

Winner

- Rachel Dockter (2nd from left) Minot State University, student of Charles Young

Alternate

- Danica Rumney (2nd from right), Minot State University, student of Charles Young

Dr. Lindsey Wiehl from Valley City State University was the judge.

Young Artist Strings

Winner

- Julia Beck, Minot State University, student of Jon Rumney

Alternate

- Anthony Schreier, Minot State University, student of Jon Rumney

Laura Prokopyk, Bismarck State College, was the judge.



Young Artist Piano

Winner

- Emma Winje (right), NDSU, student of Tyler Wottrich

Alternate

- Julia Beck (left), Minot State University, student of Dianna Anderson

John LeTellier, Valley City State University, was the judge.

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Sr Piano

Winner

- Caleb Mendez (left), student of Nariaki Sugiura, UND

Alternate

- Kevin Vandal (right), student of Dianna Anderson, Minot State

John LeTellier, Valley City State University, was the judge.

ND will be represented by the above winners at Division, in addition to the following state representatives:

SR Composition~ Marcus Hart, student of Darcy Brandenburg, Fargo Davies

JR Composition~Vedant Srivastava, student of Tamara Bertram, Grand Forks

JR Strings~Katelyn Hur, student of Tamara Bertram, Grand Forks

SR Strings~Ainsley Boucher, student of Tamara Bertram, Grand Forks

SR Woodwinds~ Sophia Klee, Bismarck, student of Russell Peterson, Concordia College

Thank you to wonderful monitors, Vangie Parker and Michael Olson, and pro-collaborator, Dianna Anderson, who not only had 2 students performing, but also played for 7 programs!

VCSU will have their brand new, state of the art, music building open this spring, which will be a very exciting venue for the competitions.

Upcoming Events

2021 WCD Competitions

December

Video Performances

2022 MTNA Conference

March 26-30

Minneapolis, MN

2022 Popplers Music Competition

June 1

NDSU, Fargo, ND

2022 NDMTA Conference

June 1-3

NDSU, Fargo, ND

NDMTA Executive Board Meeting, October 30, 2021

President Dianna Anderson called the meeting to order. Roll call: Kathleen Johnson, Tamara Bertram, Jean Guenther, Anne Morris, Cheryl Dockter, Sue Nagel, Amy Mercer, Corinne Nustad, Dianna Anderson, Sheryl Kjelland.

The agenda was accepted as presented.

Officers' Reports:

Secretary:

Minutes from the June 2, Board Meeting were posted online. The minutes were accepted as posted.

Treasurer:

Michelle Kallod submitted our total assets at the end of the first quarter were \$47,804.28 (checking account balance of \$22,089.83, savings account balance of \$15,161.50, and Gate City Certificate of Deposit \$10,552.95.) First quarter income was \$4,816.82 and first quarter expense was \$24.70. Motion by Kathleen Johnson, seconded by Tamara Bertram to accept Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Vice-President/Commissioned Composer:

Tamara Bertram reported that she needs a phone number to contact Rene Clausen. He has agreed to be our commissioned composer but she needs to be in contact with him.

President:

Dianna Anderson reported that she attended the Summit Meeting virtually and that it was very good. Much discussion there was centering around diversity, equity, and inclusion and also about ways to increase membership.

Committees:

Conference:

Corinne Nustad said that Melody Bober has signed to be the presenter for the Conference. Also Excelsior Trio will do a concert at the Conference. Monies are yet to be agreed upon. Corinne is working on a budget. The schedule and registration form will be ready to be voted on at the January Board meeting.

Advertising:

Anne Morris has received \$1,750 in advertising money –just \$150 short of her \$1,900 goal.

Certification/Service to the Profession:

Amy Mercer will send out nomination requests to local associations for Service to the Profession nominees early next spring.

Competitions:

Sue Nagel reported that the state competitions at VCSU on October 23, 2021, went well. There were 17 total entrants. Next year's state competition will be held at VCSU.

Directory:

Michelle Schumacher reported that the Directory is at the printer.

Foundation:

Corinne Nustad reported that we are getting close to our goal. We are \$325 short of the \$1500 needed to name Lisa Schuler a Foundation Fellow.

Historian:

Jean Guenther is collecting information for the scrapbooks. She even took a screen shot today!

IMTF:

Sheryl Kjelland will discuss rotation of IMTF duties with Lisa Schuler and LAMTA. Minot is willing to join the rotation as well.

Membership:

Lisa Schuler reported that MTNA website shows 89 NDMTA members. She is hoping that will increase! GGFMTA had a very successful open meeting with Nariaki Sugiura encouraging membership.

Newsletter:

Due date for articles for the next newsletter is November 15.

Nominating:

Priscilla Keogh had nothing to report.

Popplers Competition:

This will be on Wednesday June 2, 2021 at NDMTA Conference in Fargo.

Rally:

New Rally supplies have come from Illinois and will be distributed soon.

Technology:
Kathleen Johnson reported that Popplers and Schmitt Music have sent money for web ads.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Conference 2023 will be in Dickinson.

Lisa Schuler contacted Dianna Anderson stating that the Edvard Grieg Society has contacted her wanting the NDMTA membership list to use to communicate with our members. Because their activities seem to fit into our requirements, Dianna Anderson will connect with the Edvard Grieg Society.

There was a discussion about increasing membership:

- It is important to get young teachers involved.
- It is important to get college music students involved.
- Let retired music teachers know that they are still valuable to NDMTA.
- Reach out to people who would benefit from being an NDMTA member.

There was a discussion about diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Many of us teach students with disabilities. Many teach students of color. We need to be sure that our competitions provide space for those people too.

Minnesota has a format called "Music Bridges" which provides room for various abilities. Corinne Nustad will forward that information on to Dianna Anderson.

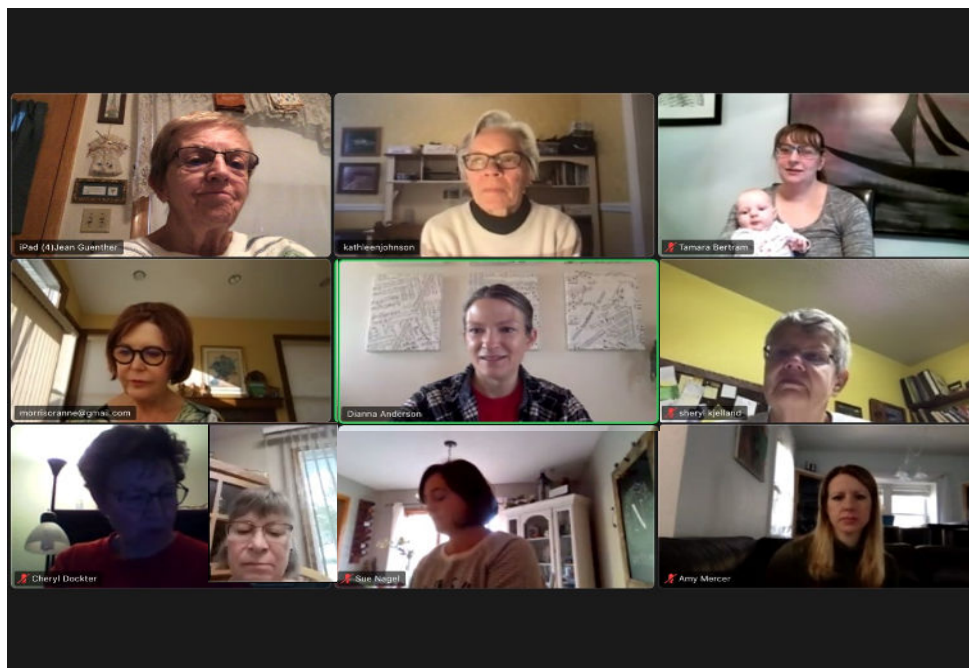
There was some discussion about how to get college music teachers to be an active part of NDMTA.

Motion to adjourn by Corinne Nustad. Seconded by Anne Morris.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheryl Kjelland



Update on 2022 Foundation Fellow, Lisa Schuler

Submitted by Vangie Johnson Parker, NDMTA Foundation Chair

As of November 16th, \$1,275.00 of our Foundation Fellow Fund goal of \$1500.00 has been met. We're almost there with \$225.00 left to go...we can do this! Please remember that Lisa has been a valued member of NDMTA for many years. Where would we be without members like her whose dedication and energy keep us such a strong state association? It is important that we honor her commitment to NDMTA at the 2022 MTNA Conference and donate to this very important Foundation Fellowship fund.



Lisa Rae Schuler is a NDMTA Certified Teacher of Music. She is married to Jeremy Schuler and has 3 children. She's a 1985 HS graduate from Langdon, North Dakota. She graduated from the University of North Dakota in 1989 with degrees in Elementary Education and Music. Lisa has taught piano and flute lessons in her home studio for 32 years and has taught pre-school music classes for 20 years. She is an accompanist for the Langdon Area High School, Langdon Community Musicals and Reviews, Missoula Children's Theatre, and she plays for weddings, funerals, and worship services at her church. She also played in an 8-piece band for over 20 years. Lisa adjudicates Music Rallies and Federation Festivals. Her students are involved in several recitals each year, the annual Music Rally, NDMTA

Competitions and some have gone on to earn college degrees in music.

She credits most of her success to her membership in MTNA, NDMTA, and the Langdon Area Music Teachers Association. She was a charter member of LAMTA in 1991. In 2003 Lisa applied for the MTNA Local Association of the Year Award on behalf of her local and they won the award! When she was state president in 2015, she applied for the MTNA State Affiliate Award on behalf of NDMTA and they won that award as well! Lisa loves promoting MTNA and being active at the local and state level. She has held all positions in her local association and at the state level she has been Secretary, Local Associations Chair, Vice President, President, Foundation Fellow Chair and she is currently the Membership Chair for NDMTA. Lisa is honored to be a 2022 Foundation Fellow Nominee and appreciates that funds raised in her name are going toward the MTNA Foundation.

You may give online via the MTNA website (be sure to request your donation to go directly to Lisa as Foundation Fellow nominee, or you can mail a check to MTNA. Please be sure to note Lisa Schuler in the memo section of your check).

MTNA website <https://www.mtnafoundation.org/contribute/contribute-now/>

or send your check to:

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It's not too early
to start preparations for

June 1, 2022



**See NDMTA Handbook
for rules**

Minot State University Collegiate Chapter Update

The MSU Collegiate Chapter of MTNA has had a busy fall. We hosted our 2nd annual MTNA Competitions Showcase Concert, featuring students from Minot State. After they performed, they were awarded a self-care goody bag to help them prepare for the competitions. We have continued to add to our Music Library for Diverse Voices, and are proud to say that many of our students and faculty have used scores from the collection. We hope to grow and promote the library in the community. We are making plans to attend the national conference in March, and have done some fund raising by selling refreshments at the symphony concerts to help with expenses.



The MTNA National Conference is coming to Minneapolis, MN on March 26-30! This conference is a wonderful opportunity to gain new ideas, fresh perspectives, renewed vigor for any piano teacher, regardless how many students you have. It is truly worth the time, money and effort to attend!

MTNA is also offering a virtual conference this year, if you prefer to have the convenience of a conference from the comfort of your own home.

Early registration deadline is February 1, 2022.

More details (including pricing, conference presenters) can be found on the MTNA website, https://www.mtna.org/Conference/Registration/Conference/Conference_Registration/Pricing.aspx?hkey=6898819c-fc14-4f86-821a-fcf703eb7905

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