



A Message from your President:

I am looking forward to attending the MTNA conference in March and our NDMTA conference in June. I seem to learn so much every time I attend a conference! I would love to see record numbers at the state conference. It is a wonderful time to network with each other, share ideas, grow as professionals, and have fun!

I would like to give a HUGE thank you to Kathleen Johnson, our technology chair. Kathleen has spent many hours working with Heidi Leben to recreate our NDMTA website. She has spent countless hours studying other state websites and identifying our needs to come up with a website that best fits our organization. The site will be available soon and I can't wait to see it. It will be much easier to keep updated and to access for important information.

We recently had our January NDMTA board meeting and I want to thank all the members of the board who attended for their hard work and dedication. From that board meeting came a few issues that I hope you all will give some consideration:

- First, the Constitution and By Laws are in need of some fine-tuning. Your local association president has a copy of the changes I proposed. There certainly may be other changes that you wish to propose. Please review the constitution/by laws and the suggestions for change and get back to me with any thoughts you have. We will be voting on changes in our June meetings.
- Second, we successfully put wording in our directory to keep others from using our membership list for advertising or solicitations without permission. We now need to think of wording for our webpage (the wording may need to be a bit different). We also need to discuss a policy for our newsletter – some articles border on advertisements, and we just need to have further discussion on this in June. If you have feelings about this, please share them with a board member.
- We had a discussion about state certification. I am on the schedule for the state conference to give a presentation on the new process for MTNA certification, but I have been asked to expand the presentation and discuss state certification as well. At present, our state certification seems to be harder than the new national certification! It may be time to either redo the state expectations or to eliminate state certification altogether (taking care to continue state certification for all those who have already attained it). I hope you will all come to the presentation so that we can all be well informed about the two types of certification as we make plans for the future.

Many thanks to all who are doing so much to help make my job easier. NDMTA is a truly special organization and it is a true honor to serve as president.

Beth Gigante Klingenstein

Karen Okerlund Selected as 2014 Foundation Fellow

Karen Okerlund of Fargo has been selected to be our 2014 Foundation Fellow nominee. Karen grew up in Sheyenne, ND and as a young child studied piano with her aunt, who was a concert pianist, and her mother who was one of the best musicians she has known. Karen received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Music with a piano emphasis from Concordia College, Moorhead, MN and continued in graduate school at the University of Colorado, Greeley. After graduate school she also studied piano at MacPhail School of Music, and trained in Kindermusik at Princeton, NJ and St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN. She furthered her study of piano pedagogy at piano clinics and national and state MTA conferences.



Karen is an active member of FMMTA and has held numerous offices, given several presentations and received the North Dakota Teacher of the Year in 2007. She is the chairperson of Guild and Festival in the Fargo-Moorhead area. Karen has served as adjudicator at Festivals, Rally, and also at Minnesota and South Dakota Festivals and competitions.

Many of Karen's students have participated in Rallies, National Guild, Federated Music Clubs Festival and the NDMTA and MTNA competitions. She has had many winners in the FMMTA scholarship competitions and the NDMTA competitions. Karen's basic philosophy of teaching piano is to have each student grow and flourish into the best musician that they can be – and most of all to love music and be able to use their skills all of their lives.

Karen has two daughters: One is accomplished in music and one is accomplished in athletics, both of which take the same discipline. Kristin is the coach-accompanist at the Vienna State Opera Company and teaches at the Vienna Conservatory in Vienna, Austria. Kari is in sports fitness (personal trainer) and helps people get in tune with their body, mind and soul.

Karen's nomination has been sent to the MTNA and with the raising of \$1000 she will be honored as a MTNA Foundation Fellow at the 2014 MTNA National Conference in Chicago, Illinois, March 22-26th. Contributions can be made three ways:

1. With credit card online at mtnafoundation.org and writing "Karen Okerlund" on the "fellow" blank.
2. If you prefer not to use your credit card and would rather write a check to send in, a pdf contribution form can be downloaded and printed from the same site with a place to designate the 'fellow' you are honoring with your contribution.
3. You may also write a check made out to MTNA Foundation with Karen's name in the memo part of the check and send to Kathy Bresee, our state treasurer who will mail it in for you. Members and nonmembers can contribute.

Please remember to note Karen's name when you contribute so that your contribution will be allocated to her fellowship. All of the money raised goes to the MTNA Foundation. We all can benefit from grants from this foundation and for more information on what the MTNA Foundation supports and how you and/or your local association can benefit, go to the mtnafoundation.org web site.

If you have any questions, I'd be happy to help you.

Kathleen Johnson, NDMTA Foundation Chair
kathleen@utma.com

Please send future newsletter articles to editor:
jessicalynjust@hotmail.com
Deadline for May newsletter articles is May 10.

NODAK Competitions

It is that time of year to persuade (*to make somebody believe something, especially by giving good reasons for doing so*) your students to give that extra push to high standard performance and participate in the NODAK Competitions. Registration is accepted through May 13th of 2013. The Handbook, page 29, lists the requirements. The registration form is on the new website and included with this newsletter.

The NDMTA Board, at its January meeting, moved to increase the awards for NODAK this year. The Elementary winner will receive \$50, the Junior High \$85, the Senior High \$100, the Collegiate \$135. The registration fees are same as last year: Elementary and Junior High \$30, Senior High \$35, the Collegiate \$40. The rewards of preparing for a competition are priceless.

NODAK Competition is booked at the NDSU Reineke Fine Arts Center on June 19, 2013. Rehearsals will be in the morning and the competitions in the afternoon. The recital of winners will be the evening of June 19. The number of contestants has fluctuated over the years. Most recently there were four performers at Grand Forks and nine at Bismarck. With those small numbers, every contestant performed in the winner's recital. That possibility exists if numbers are small. If many students participate, we shall confine recital performance to the winners.

It would be thrilling to have to schedule rehearsals a day early to accommodate all the NODAK entries.

Submitted by Arlene Gray, NODAK Chair

NDMTA Website Update

Kathleen Johnson, Technology Chair

All of the information needed to create our new website has been sent into Heidi Leben, the webmaster and we will soon have our new website in place. It will be completely different from our old site as you will see pictures and updated information. It is hard to describe without a picture but here are a few details of what to expect.

There will be six headings at the top: Home, About Us, Programs, Events, Member Resources, Find A Teacher. The member log in will be in the right hand top corner and clicking on this link and logging in will give members access to the complete NDMTA membership list.

The "Home" page is what will open when you go to the web site. There will be a slide show of pictures of NDMTA members in music activities, a welcome from the NDMTA and information about teacher and student opportunities as members of NDMTA/MTNA. At the bottom of the page will be room for advertising logos.

Under "About Us" are six different pages:

1. News events, Newsletter, picture, dates to remember, current announcements etc. This page is maintained by the NDMTA
2. Leadership: This page has the names and emails of board members and pictures of each one – we update this page ourselves.
3. Local Associations: A note about each local association with names of contact persons and meeting times if available.
4. Membership: The benefits of membership, dues, how to join with a link to the MTNA membership page and also a link to renew your membership online, and an email link to NDMTA membership chair, Amy Mercer.

5. History: Will be taken from the old web site.
6. 25 Year Members: list to 2012

Programs:

1. IMTF Lending Library: The list of CDs and DVDs available and email link to contact person, Jeanette Berntson.
2. Music Rally: Information about Music Rally with a link to AIM Publications to order Rally Syllabus, Teacher's Guide, Student Workbooks, an email link to Rally Chair, Sheryl Kjelland for information.
3. Commissioned Composer: Information about the reason for the program and our history of involvement in it with a link to the MTNA web page for information on how to become a Commissioned Composer and email link to the CC Chair, Lisa Schuler. Past CCs and the title of their pieces also listed.
4. MTNA Foundation Fund/NDMTA Foundation Fellow Program: Information about the beneficial programs for the independent music teacher that are supported by the Foundation and other programs it supports. There is a link to the MTNA Foundation page and the NDMTA Foundation Chair's email.
5. Teacher of the Year: Information about, email link to NDMTA TOY Chair, Lynda Pearson, and list of past NDMTA Teacher of the Year recipients.
6. Teacher Certification: Information of the value of the NDMTA Teacher Certification Program, the certification levels, and email link to the NDMTA Chair, Lynda Pearson. Information about MTNA certification and link to the MTNA certification page.

Events:

1. Conferences: This page will contain the information about the NDMTA conference with a PDF to download for registration. We will be maintaining this page ourselves. Places of past NDMTA conferences will be listed. There will also be a link to the MTNA main page to find information about the national conference.
2. Music Competitions: Information about the NODAK competition with categories and ages. A PDF application form will be available to download and there is an email link to the NODAK chair, Arlene Gray. MTNA performance competitions information will be available i.e. where it is held in this state and a link to the MTNA competitions webpage for dates, categories, requirements, applications, fees etc. There will also be a link to the state MTNA competitions chair, Sue Nagel, for additional information.

Member Resources:

1. NDMTA Handbook/Directory: what it is and whom it includes, but no listing of members on this page – members need to log in to see the list of members. There is a link to the advertising chair, Carma Kulish's email and a link to the Handbook/Directory editor, Michelle Schumacher's email. Included on this page will be NDMTA Constitution and Bylaws in PDF format for members to download and print.
2. Quick Links: MusicLink information with link to their website; NDMTA member teacher webpages; and music teacher resources which is a list of links to websites that offer free material such as work sheets, and other teaching materials to download.

Find a Teacher:

This is as it was before – a place where anyone can find a music teacher except it will be done by using city name (not zip codes). The change from zip codes (as on our old web site) to city name is to insure that all teachers within a city can be identified. Our larger cities have multiple zip codes and this can cause unfairness in the search for teachers.

So, there it is! It is a lot to wade through and in my need to be brief may be a little hard to understand, but I hope this gives you a little idea of what is to come. Things that will need to be done immediately when the web site is up, are the uploading of the summer conference information, and dates we need to know. One other thing that will need to be done is the uploading of pictures of our board members – so I will need to have all of the current board members send me a picture of themselves to put beside their name. Don't worry about the size as I can crop the picture and edit it to fit. So if any of the board members get this far is this long news article, please send me a picture of yourself.

The web site should be up sometime this month (I hope). Heidi Leben, the webmaster, has been tremendously patient with me as I kept tweeking the plan for the site, but it is now finalized and she is working on it. I am very excited and I know the NDMTA members will find it so much more useful – the place to go to for NDMTA information.

NORTH DAKOTA MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION
Affiliated with Music Teachers National Association

State Conference
June 19-21, 2013
Reineke Hall, NDSU,
Fargo, ND

Song Bird of the Prairie

Networking *Workshops*
Friends & Food *Performances*
Silent Auction

2013 NDMTA CONFERENCE
“Song Bird of the Prairie”
SCHEDULE

Wednesday June 19, 2013

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| 9:00 am – 4:00 pm | NODAK Competition rehearsals and auditions NDSU Music Building |
| 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm | Registration, NDSU - Reineke Fine Arts Bldg. |
| 4:00 pm | Board Meeting at Marlins Restaurant, 3500 12 th Ave. N. Fargo, ND
Supper on your own |
| 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm | Registration |
| 7:00 pm | Official Opening in Beckwith Recital Hall – Announce Question Box
NODAK Winner’s Recital and Commissioned Composer Concert |

Thursday, June 20, 2013

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| 8:30 am | Registration, NDSU – Reineke Fine Arts Bldg. |
| 9:00 am – 10:15 am | Session I – “Solving the Mysteries of Pedaling”, Bob Groves
Beckwith Recital Hall |
| 10:15 am – 10:45 am | Break – Silent Auction, Mingle with vendors, Refreshments, Question box |
| 10:45 am – 12:00 pm | Session II – Certification, Beth Klingenstein
Beckwith Recital Hall |
| 12:30 pm – 1:45 pm | IMTF Luncheon , “ common ground ...from a seed to a symphony”, Build your own Picnic
Reineke Lobby |
| 2:00pm – 3:00 pm | Session III – Business Meeting in Beckwith |
| 3:00 pm – 3:30 pm | Break – Silent Auction, Vendors, Refreshments |
| 3:30 pm – 4:45 pm | Session IV – Group Lessons and Composer Camps, Mary Leaf
Beckwith Recital Hall |
| 5:45 pm – 7:00 pm | Banquet – Lobby of Reineke |
| 7:30 pm | Concert in Beckwith Hall – Great Plains Trio, Reception following Recital |

Friday, June 21, 2013

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| 8:30 am | Registration – Reineke Fine Arts -- we will be picking up the question box |
| 9:00 am – 10:15 am | Session V –“How to Memorize It, Perform It & Retain It”, Bob Groves
Beckwith Recital Hall |
| 10:15 am – 10:45 am | Break – Last bids on Silent Auction, Refreshments |
| 10:45 am – 12:00 pm | Announcements, evaluation, winners of Silent Auction – Beckwith
Session VI – Panel with all 3 speakers to answer all of your questions. |

Song Bird of the Prairie
June 19-21, 2013
Reineke Fine Arts - NDSU, Fargo, ND
Registration Form

Name _____ Phone _____
 Address _____ Email _____
 _____ Member: Y N

Registration (includes workshop sessions, 1 evening concert ticket, and NODAK competitions)

	<u>Non-Member</u>	<u>Member</u>
Full Conference	\$100	\$80
Thursday Only	\$60	\$50
Friday Only	\$50	\$40
First Time Attendance, <u>full conference</u> only	\$50	\$40
Student, <u>full conference</u> only	\$40	\$30
Late Registration (postmarked after May 24)	\$15	\$15

Meals

June 19, Wed. Board meeting supper, Marlins, 3500 12 th Ave., N, Fargo	On your own
June 20, Thursday IMTF Lunch & Program, Festival Hall Lobby (build your own picnic) Workshop: common ground..."from a seed to a symphony!"	\$10
June 20, Thursday banquet supper, Festival Hall Lobby (parmesan crusted chicken breast) List any dietary restrictions _____	\$17

Additional Evening Concert tickets: Open to the Public and Guests with tickets

Wednesday, NODAK winners recital and _____ @ \$5 each = _____
 Commissioned Composer Concert, 7:00 PM (qty.)

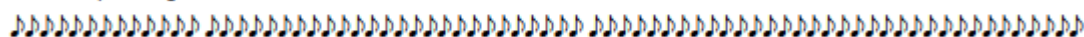
Thursday, Great Plains Trio Concert, 7:30 PM _____ @ \$5 each = _____
 (qty.)

TOTAL REGISTRATION ENCLOSED

Mail form and check payable to NDMTA before May 24th to
 Michelle Kallod
 668 17th Ave E.
 West Fargo, ND 58078
 701-235-8517

TOTAL Enclosed \$ _____

Requests for refunds must be submitted in writing & postmarked no later than May 24th to Michelle Kallod.
 A processing fee of \$15.00 will be assessed for all refunds.



Motel reservations must be made in advance. Rooms are being held under MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION.

Prices listed do not include tax.

<u>Location</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Deadline to hold</u>
Days Inn & Suites	1507 19 th Ave N	701-232-0000	\$77	June 6
Candlewood Suites	1831 NDSU Research Park Dr.	701-499-7381	\$94 - 1 queen \$104-2 beds	June 6
Homewood Suites	2012 16 th St. N.	701-235-3150	\$124-2 beds \$149-1 King & pull out bed	May 29
Super 8	1101 38 th St. N.	701-281-2109	\$62.96-1 King \$71.96-2 queens	HAS NOT BEEN RESERVED



NODAK Music Competitions

(Non-advancing NDMTA State Competition)

Official Application Form

(Rules are in the NDMTA Directory)

Entrant Information

(Do not use a pencil)

Name _____ Male _____ Female _____

Mailing Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Telephone _____ E-mail address _____ Age as of Sept 1st _____

Name of Parent or Guardian _____

Home Town Newspaper & Address

Student Fee:

(circle one)

Elementary	\$30.00(ages 8-11)
Junior High	\$30.00(ages 12-14)
High School	\$35.00(ages 15-18)
Collegiate	\$40.00(ages 19-26)

Teacher Information

Name _____ Dues paid on _____ Membership number _____

Mailing Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ E-mail Address _____

Name of Accompanist _____

Do you have students entered in other categories? _____ yes, give names & level on attached sheet.

Area entering (piano, woodwinds, brass, strings, etc.) _____

Repertoire for Competition Performance

This repertoire program must include title and number of each movement, tempo markings, and the composer's full name. *Please type the complete program on a separate sheet of paper and attach to the Official Application Form. **You must have a total of the time also.***

<u>Example:</u>	<u>Composition</u>	<u>Composer</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Period</u>
	Sonata No. 1 in g minor, BWV 1001	J.S. Bach	I. Adagio (4:17) IV. Presto (2:48) Total 7:05	Baroque

Competition Agreement It is the responsibility of the teacher and the entrant to abide by the rules applicable to the NODAK Music Competitions. **This form will be returned if there are any omissions or inaccuracies.** The undersigned verify that the information submitted on this application form is complete and accurate and that the teacher paid state and national dues on or before Sept. 1st, of this year. Unmemorized programs requires two (2) copies of the music.

Signature of Entrant

Signature of Teacher

Mail your completed NODAK Application Form with a **check payable to NDMTA** with the correct amount for the student's level of competition to: Arlene Gray, 4525 Camden Loop, Bismarck, ND 58503

E-mail address: ae6gray@gmail.com Phone: 701-250-0860.

This official Application Form must be postmarked on or before May 13, 2013.

Competition Date: June 19, 2013, Reineke Fine Arts Center, NDSU, Fargo

EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES

January 26th, 2013

President Beth Gigante-Klingenstein called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken with the following people attending: Beth Klingenstein, Ann Holmen, Lisa Schuler, Kathy Bresee, Carma Kulish, Cheryl Dockter, Mary Schneider, Arlene Gray, Warren Granfor, Lynda Pearson, Kathleen Johnson, Ellen Croy, Ann Morris, Sheryl Kjelland, Jeanette Berntson, Kathryn Greene, Mary Jane Halverson.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

Secretary Report: President Beth Klingenstein summarized the minutes from the Oct. 6, 2012 IVN meeting. Correction made to the certification chairperson's report of the following: It was not a survey to be conducted but a discussion. After corrections: Carma Kulish made a motion to accept the amended minutes: seconded by Sheryl Kjelland. Motion passed.

President Report: President Beth Klingenstein has formalized statements on the use of our contact list and conducted an email vote regarding this matter. She and Sue Nagel arranged and attended the state competitions held at VCSU. As president, she helped UV MTA with their application materials for local association of the year. In addition, President Beth wrote a support letter and edited materials for Darla Sheldon's Teacher of the Year application.

Reservations were placed for her attendance at the National MTNA Conference in California.

A contract was created, mailed, and received signed by the Great Plains Trio. Additionally, Pres. Beth wrote a report for West Central Division meeting in Kansas.

President Beth has been in communication with the 2013 conference chairs concerning the conference, VP Lisa Schuler, and Treas. Kathy Bresee concerning various NDMTA details; and with Kathleen Johnson concerning the NDMTA web page.

The state Constitution and By Laws have been thoughtfully reviewed, with possible corrections indicated. These were then emailed to the NDMTA board for review. Any possible changes will need to be discussed and addressed in June.

As president, she continues participating in the planning of the 2014 Dickinson Conference. One of these details being the date. No signed contract with guest clinician Mary Sallee is possible, until the 2014 conference date is finalized. Therefore, we need to confirm that date asap.

Vice President Report: Lisa Schuler submitted her report as follows: First: She contacted the IVN people concerning our problems with the October 2012 meeting. As a result, the Jan. 26th meeting is being conducted as an audio conference. Lisa would like feedback from the participants upon conclusion of this event. Second: She researched grants for help to defray conference costs, however a signed contract from Mary Sallee is necessary before proceeding with the grant deadline of Nov. 1, 2013. Third: She and the Treasurer (Kathy Bresee) have visited concerning the OCT. IVN billing. Fourth: She has contacted the 2013 commissioned composer and forwarded his wishes to the FM MTA hosting the conference. Fifth: For the future, Lisa will continue to finalize travel plans to the national conference and assist the president.

Treasurer Report: Kathy Bresee reported:

Quarter #2 Oct.-Dec 2012

Total Assets \$30,531.72.

Income:

1. Membership	(\$430)
2. Rally	(\$390)
3. MTNA Competitions Rebate	(\$665)
4. Directory ads	(\$650)
Total Income:	\$2135.56.

Expenses (\$2538.05)

Balance (checking) **\$10,987.19.**

Pending Expenses were also provided totaling \$1632.19.

Kathy reported that we had another IRS issue occur, but which was resolved. She attended the MTNA competitions and paid the winners their travel grant funds. She expressed concerns regarding prompt submission of bills, and the need for correct payment information. She is still waiting for the directory postage bill from Michelle. Finally, she would like a decision regarding auditing of the 2011-2012 books. Discussion was conducted pertaining to this, and Sheryl Kjellund will help with the audit.

As treasurer, Kathy B. opened for discussion the topic of web page payment. Kathleen Johnson stated that this should come from the general fund i.e. checking account versus savings at this point in time.

Carma Kulish made an amended motion: When our CD comes due in March if the CD rate is more than a 5% increase, the treasurer may then transfer \$3000 from savings to the CD, otherwise it will remain as it is currently. Lynda Pearson seconded this and the motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MTNA Competitions: Beth reported that 10 students attended West Central Division Competition in Kansas, with 2 placing. The first is Carolyn Braus, Young Artist Woodwind, under the direction of Mr. Matt Patnode receiving honorable mention and second is Erik Anderson, the alternate winner in the Senior Woodwind category under Dr. Adam Estes.

At this point, President Beth made two new NDMTA board appointments. The first being: the Competition Chairperson and the second being: Conference Chair. This individual will be selected by the local hosting the conference.

Commissioned Composer: The vice president has been in contact with the Commissioned Composer and has relayed Mr. Halstenson's needs to the host local (FMMTA). VP Lisa Schuler extended a big thank you to Mary Leaf for great efforts last year.

Advertising: Carma Kulish has finished putting the updated contact list of potential advertisers together. She will be in contact with President Klingenstein to formulate an informational letter, which will be in ready by March. Additionally, she and Kathleen Johnson will have links in place for the NDMTA webpage.

Certification: Chair Lynda Pearson submitted the application by Darla Sheldon for TEACHER OF THE YEAR online. She then informed the board that 2 members are up for renewal. Lynda explained that state certification may be phased out, moving to only national certification. However at

this juncture, those few members that are only state certified will be allowed to follow through to their conclusion. Discussion then commenced, with the conclusion being: that at the 2013 Conference President Beth will, during her presentation, discuss this matter and the new MTA certification requirements.

Following at the Business meeting this will be presented again for discussion.

Directory: Editor, Michelle Schumaker finished and mailed out the 2013 directory to the members and advertisers.

Foundation: Past President Kathleen Johnson gave the following report: Eileen Geske is now a Foundation Fellow and Karen Okerlund has accepted the invitation for 2014. Beth encouraged Kathleen to secure Karen's bio and picture ASAP for the February newsletter. We will need candidates for the 2015 Foundation Fellow. Each local is to present a name to Pres. Beth before June so this will be on the agenda.

Historian: NO Report.

IMTF: Jeanette Berntsen stated that the UVMTA local received a bid price of \$248.30 by Midwest Duplication (Grand Forks) for putting 9 tapes to CD and 11 Videos to 6 DVD's. Jeanette made an amended motion to accept the bid price of \$248.30 from Midwest Duplication for conversion of the 9 tapes and 11 videos: with the total cost not to exceed \$300.00. Carma Kulish then seconded followed by passage. Kathy Bresee then mentioned a reminder of our tax exempt status.

Membership: President Beth read Membership Chair, Amy Mercer's report that our membership currently is at 116, with 4 new members, 1 new collegiate, 4 reinstated, 1 transfer and 1 status change. Beth commented on the fact that our MTNA reports show that our membership is currently down by 10% and that we need to work on our membership numbers.

Newsletter: Beth read Jessica Just's report stating that she published the newsletter in November and is currently preparing our February letter.

NODAK: Arlene updated the 2013 registration forms, and forwarded this to Kathleen Johnson for website usage. She will be submitting an article and the registration form for the Feb. newsletter. Additionally, a letter promoting this competition will also be in the newsletter. Arlene feels that the NODAK awards need to be increased and would like to secure outside source funding. The general consensus is that we, as teachers need to promote this competition better. A general board discussion followed in these areas; encouraging more students to participate by teachers, and possibly finding a sponsor.

Arlen Gray made a motion for the following increases: \$50 elementary: \$85 Junior High School, \$100 Senior High School, and \$135 Collegiate for a period of 2 years. This fee schedule will then be re-evaluated. Mary Leaf provided the second. Vote passed narrowly with 3 abstentions and 3 no votes.

Rally: As rally chair: Sheryl received rally materials from Illinois, thusly distributed these to LAMTA for their Nov. rally. She plans to send materials to FMMTA and UV MTA for their April rallies. Kathleen Johnson mentioned that we will have a link on our website that will allow direct purchase of the Illinois materials.

Technology: Chair Kathleen Johnson gave the following report.

Since our October meeting when we voted on redoing the NDMTA website, I have been in contact with Heidi Leben re our concerns about making the website more user friendly and useful to the NDMTA membership.

This has resulted in a complete overhaul of the website. Three times Heidi had to resubmit a proposal to accommodate changes on the website so that it would be easier to keep it up to date.

Heidi has all of the information as of this meeting and a final proposal has been approved so she can now start building our new website. There are many useful additions to the website but the local association page has been abbreviated. I had emailed all the local associations to ask them to update their information. Heidi suggested we only include a sentence or two about the local association and the officers, in keeping with other state practices and to keep our costs down. Heidi suggested that the information each local association submitted should be on their own website that each local association set up themselves and would then maintain and keep up to date.

Kathleen's report included a brief summary of what is on our new website, (see article in this newsletter). Once a year, Heidi will update/maintain our website.

However WE will have the responsibility of maintaining a large portion of the website.

Kathleen will continue to gather information about the NDMTA conference to put on the website and other items to put on the news page when the web site is up. She will gather pictures of the board members to put on the Leadership page and she will continue to work with Heidi Leben on the setting up of the web site if she has any questions.

President Beth requested that Kathleen Johnson contact Brian Shepherd and national to notify MTNA of our new web page.

Local Association Report:

Local presidents from Badlands, Bismarck-Mandan, Langdon Area, Devils Lake, Fargo-Moorhead, Northwest, Upper Valley, Greater Grand Forks, and Valley City gave their reports.

BUSINESS:

1. 2013 Conference Report:

- President Beth reported that conference chair Nancy Harsch met with NDSU and discussed details for our 2013 conference.
- Nancy has a committee working on conference details.
- NDSU is not charging for the use of Beckwith Hall, but we will be charged labor fees.
- The following are the presenter's: Dr. Robert Groves (pedaling), Dr. Beth Klingenstein (certification) and Mary Leaf on composer/group lesson camps.
- We can provide our own food for breaks but must use their beverages at \$20/gal.
- The meals will be held in lobby of Reinike Hall.
- After registration form approval, Michelle Kallod will have it ready for newsletter printing.
- The Board meeting on Wednesday June 19th will be at 4:00 at Marlins restaurant. This is a no host meeting. I have a committee working on the details yet to come.
- The NODAK competitions will be Wed. 19th, 9:00-4:00.
- Guest artists: Nariaki Suguria and the Great Plains Trio will perform at Thursday June 20th at 7:30 pm for a fee of \$1200.
- The commissioned composer will record his composition himself
- President Beth requested that the committee contact each presenter for their specific presentation needs and get an approximation of the college's per hr. labor.
- Kathy Bresee will request an FMMTA member to write an article about the conference for the February newsletter.
- Arlene Gray moved to accept the registration form and was seconded by Ellen Croy and the motion passed.

3. V. Pres. Lisa Schuler presented the Name of Tom Gerou for commissioned composer for the 2014 Dickinson Conference. Pricilla Keogh and the Badlands MTA highly recommend him. Carma Kulish also presented James Thornton as a possibility. Sheryl Kjellund moved to extend an invitation to Tom Gerou to become the 2014 Commissioned Composer. Mary Jane Halverson seconded this motion. Motion passed. VP Lisa Schuler will contact Mr. Gerou.
4. The board position of secretary will become open. NDMTA President, Beth, appointed a nominating committee consisting of Lisa Schuler, Anne Morris and Ellen Croy.
5. 2014 Conference Date: President Beth Klingenstein initiated discussion concerning the dates in Dickinson. After preliminary discussion, it was decided to continue using the month of June. Due to the availability of Mary Sallee, only a few dates are available. At this time, the first choice is June 18th, 19th, and 20th. However we, the board, will give Badlands MTA permission to explore the options. Hopefully, a date will be secured for publication in the February newsletter. President Beth will be in contact with that local association.
6. President Beth requested that all board members review the suggested corrections and updates to the Constitution and By Laws and email her with their comments/suggestions. Each local is to have input ready for the June Board Meeting.
7. Board discussion occurred concerning the printing of an article in the newsletter by LaWayne about North Dakota pianists without charge. Ann Holmen expressed concerns about setting precedence. Discussion ended due to the inability to reach a consensus as well as phone-time constraints. The topic will be revisited at the June meeting.
8. President Beth Klingenstein asked for volunteers from our state for MTNA Nominating Committee: No one volunteered at this time.

Announcements and upcoming events:

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| 1. 2013 MTNA Conference | Anaheim |
| 2. 2013 ND MTA Conference | Fargo June 19-21 |
| 3. Next board Meeting: Wed. June 19 th 4:00 | Marlins Family Restaurant |
| 4. NODAK | Fargo, June 19t:9:00-4:00 pm |
| 5. 2013 NDMTA Competition | VCSU, Oct. 25-26 |
| 6. 2014 Conference | Dickinson, June |

Meeting Adjourned

Secretary
Ann Holmen