



## Letter from the President, Jeanette Berntson

### Happy Thanksgiving!

NDMTA has given me many things to be thankful for...

Colleagues who share teaching ideas and provide encouragement,

The MTNA national office who answer questions with kindness and serve many hours behind the scene to give us beneficial publications, conferences, and financial benefits,

The MTNA division and national directors and board members who humbly support us,

Our NDMTA board members who care deeply about you and

faithfully tend to their responsibilities, making all our NDMTA programs flourish,

As NDMTA President, the opportunity to travel, see parts of America I hadn't seen before, and attend national MTNA conferences,

Being a part of an organization that supports the composition of new music,

The extremely talented musicians who perform for us,

Experienced, successful professors and composers who teach us,

As a board member, getting to

know these presenters and composers and witness their processes,

All the resources MTNA and NDMTA provide that make me a better, more professional teacher,

Each of you: Your dedication to your profession, love for your students, and concern for your fellow teachers spur me to do my best for my students and colleagues. I can't thank you enough.

Hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving,  
Jeanette Berntson, NCTM

## MTNA Foundation - 2018 Fellow and 2019 Nominated Fellow New Goal is \$1,500

*Submitted by Lisa Schuler*

It is with great joy that we can officially announce that NDMTA has raised its goal of \$1000 in honor of **Arlene Gray** of Bismarck! She will be our 2018 Foundation Fellow and will receive national recognition at the 2018 MTNA Conference in Florida. I would like to thank all of our NDMTA members who generously donated to the foundation in honor of Arlene.

It is now time to announce our next member that the executive board has nominated to be our 2019 Foundation Fellow. Drum roll please...it is **Corinne Nustad of Fargo, ND!** Corinne has graciously accepted the nomination and



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## Service to the Profession Award

*Submitted by Corinne Nustad*

“What is the Service to the Profession Award?” you may ask. In January of each year, Service to the Profession nomination forms will be sent to each active local NDMTA association. An individual member or representative of each local chapter will write a letter, detailing why a particular nominee should be presented the award. The Certification Chair will send the nomination letters to a 4 person ad hoc committee who will rank the candidates in order of preference. The candidate with the highest cumulative points will receive the award.

The Service to the Profession award is a lifetime award. Former recipients may not be resubmitted. However, past nominees who have not won may be resubmitted by their local if the local chooses to do so.

At the NDMTA State Conference Banquet on June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017, the Award was presented to Steve Thomas, Dick and Cindy Myerchin from Scott’s Music of Grand Forks, which recently closed. Dick and Cindy were present to receive the award. Here are some of the ways they showed their commitment to NDMTA:

- ♪ The business was a long time member of NDMTA.
- ♪ They were a vendor at all of the NDMTA state conferences held in Grand Forks.
- ♪ They advertised in the NDMTA directory.
- ♪ They held the annual Scott’s Piano Competition and Winners Recital for many years for students ages 18 and under.
- ♪ They provided various opportunities for students to play in the Columbia Mall to promote music in their community.
- ♪ They often provided grand pianos for various events in and around Grand Forks. They even brought one each spring for many years to Langdon so that LAMTA could use it for their themed recitals and studio recitals.
- ♪ They hosted workshops with guest clinicians for area teachers, assisting them with their professional development.
- ♪ Scott’s expanded to offer a facility for music classes and private lessons.
- ♪ Finally, the music store itself always had an inviting atmosphere where children and adults could sit down and play any piano and peruse through any of their music.

The services and friendships developed from this business will be greatly missed by many NDMTA members. NDMTA could like to congratulate Steve, Dick, and Cindy for their wonderful “service to the profession”!

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we will now raise money in her honor. Her biography will be featured in the January newsletter. Congratulations to Corinne!

It has just been announced that the MTNA Foundation Board has raised the required amount for Foundation Fellows to **\$1,500** starting in 2019. We will really have to work hard to reach this goal and I will do my best to cheerlead in honor of Corinne!

The MTNA Foundation Fellow program offers a meaningful method for honoring deserving individuals while supporting the efforts of the MTNA FOUNDATION FUND. You can learn more about where your donated dollars go at [www.mtnafoundation.org](http://www.mtnafoundation.org).

Local Associations and individuals can make checks payable to "MTNA Foundation Fund". Be sure to write "Corinne Nustad" on the memo line so that it will be assigned to her fellowship. Send checks directly to MTNA at 1 W. 4th St., Ste. 1550 Cincinnati, OH 45202. People can also easily donate online at [mtnafoundation.org](http://mtnafoundation.org). Be sure to type "Corinne Nustad" where indicated. Thank you for considering a donation to this important MTNA program.

### Competitions Report

The NDMTA competitions were held Saturday, October 28 at VCSU. Results are as follows:

Young Artist Strings Winner is Hannah Veazey, cello, from Minot State. Her teacher is Dr. Erik Anderson. Alternate winner is Michael Abramyan from Concordia College, teacher is Dr. Sonia Harasim. The Strings were judged by Tim Nelson from the Fargo-Moorhead area .



Young Artist String Entrants  
Winner: Hannah Veazey  
(student of Dr. Erik Anderson)  
Michael Abramyan  
(student of Dr. Sonia Harasim)



Senior Piano Entrants  
Winner: Cindy Wang  
(student of Dr. Jean Roberts)  
Eric Bergeman  
(student of Eileen Geske)

Senior Piano results are as follows: Winner is Cindy Wang from Fargo North High school. She is taught by Dr. Jean Roberts, Moorhead. Alternate is Eric Bergeman, Sargent Central high school. His teacher is Eileen Geske. The Piano judge was Michael Langer, Bismarck.

In addition to these 2 winners, those also representing North Dakota at the West Central competition will be:

Sean Bostrom, YA piano from Minot State- teacher Dianna Anderson  
Alexander Sommers, YA woodwind, NDSU- teacher Cassie Keogh  
Alexander Smith, SR string, Fargo- teacher Sonia Harasim  
Salah Dandan, JR string, West Fargo- teacher Sonia Harasim.

West Central competitions will be held January 12-14 at the University of Iowa.

## NDMTA Executive Board Meeting, October 14, 2017

President Jeanette Berntson called the meeting to order. Roll call: Jeanette Berntson, Vanessa Wold, Sharon Gegelmann, Vangie Parker, Michelle Schumacher, Sheryl Kjelland, Cheryl Dockter, Karen Okerlund, Kathleen Johnson, Michelle Kallod, Anne Morris, Ellen Croy, Sue Nagel.

No additions or corrections were made to the agenda.

### Officers Reports

**Secretary:** Sharon Gegelmann read the minutes from the June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 annual meeting. The minutes were approved as read. The board meeting minutes that were e-mailed were also approved.

**Treasurer:** Michelle Kallod reported current assets of \$35,866.53. Income \$3673.39. Expenses \$160.87. Treasurers report was approved as presented.

**Vice-President/Commission** **Composer:** Vanessa reported that she communicated with Ann Witherspoon regarding the digital submission for Composer of the Year. Received permission to submit it traditionally this year. The 2018 commissioned composer contract with Michael Langer has been signed. The 2019 candidate list was submitted for discussion. Vanessa Wold declined the President position next year.

**President:** Jeanette has updated the job descriptions, if anyone needs a copy please contact her. She has also looked into grant possibilities, sent out Tips of the Month, and checked into the 501(c)(3) umbrella policy. The State has 501(c)(6) status. Locals may need to have 501(c)(3) status to apply for grants. She is working with the Treasurer to check charitable contribution requirements for the state of ND. She reported that there would be a new presenter for the 2018 conference, Kenneth Bolton from SD. Also will apply for a ND Council of the Arts Grant for the 2018 conference.

### Committees

**Conference:** Cheryl Dockter reported that motels have been secured for the conference. Still

researching the board meeting/banquet place. Brent Rogers and his wife are the recitalists for the conference. Still looking for a local presenter.

**Advertising:** Anne Morris reported that she had collected all money for advertising.

**Certification:** Corinne Nustad – no report.

**Competitions:** Sue Nagel reported that there are only entries in 2 categories for the upcoming competitions. Two entries in the senior pianist and 2 entries in Young Artist strings.

**Directory:** Michelle Schumacher reported that the directory is at the printer. She will get to preview it before it is printed. Hopefully the directory will be mailed before the end of October.

**IMTF/Foundation:** Lisa Schuler's on-line report commented that many people liked the idea of a round table discussion for the IMTF Luncheon. She requested any ideas for topics that the membership would like to discuss. Arlene Gray is our 2018 Foundation Fellow. Jacobsen Music will donate \$300 annually to the Foundation Fellow to be used for travel expenses to the National Conference. Requested nominations for the 2019 Foundation Fellow.

**Historian:** Cheryl Dockter requested pictures from the last conference, since many of her pictures were on her phone which died.

**Membership:** Vangie Parker reported that the paid membership is 38, with \$900 in the account. Also noted that Dr. Frank Pearson has died, he was a charter member.

**Newsletter:** Michelle Kallod asked that November newsletter articles be submitted.

**Popplers Competition:** Karen Okerlund said that Poppers had been contacted and had promised \$500 for the next competition.

**Rally:** Sheryl Kjelland reported that she is working on getting updated Rally information. She also gave a reminder that Rally fees have increased to \$15.

**Technology:** Kathleen Johnson has updated the Leadership page, and the News highlights on our website. The web page has an updated current membership as of October 6. Currently our website is not encrypted for security and when

googled comes up as an unsecured website. The webmaster will encrypt our website for \$35. No vote needed since this is in our budget.

### **Old Business**

Jeanette asked for a volunteer to interview the presenters, Ken Boulton and his wife, JoAnne Barry, after the Master Class at the conference. Vanessa Wold volunteered. We will also need students for the Master Class, preferably 1 or 2 duets along with soloists.

A discussion was held about setting up a Facebook page. Kathleen Johnson mentioned that there is a link from our webpage to Facebook, but it is inactive. Cheryl Dockter will try to set up a Facebook page.

Lisa Schuler has asked for ideas for the round table discussion at the IMTF luncheon. One idea submitted was how to use technology to promote our organization or private studio.

### **New Business**

Jeanette asked for ideas for the 2019 Foundation Fellow and the 2019 Commission Composer.

2019 Conference Grand Forks was also discussed. Vangie Parker moved, Anne Morris 2<sup>nd</sup>, to ask 2 or more college piano performance seniors to be recitalists at the 2019 conference. Payment would be free attendance for the conference and a banquet meal. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on how to choose a local association for the MTNA Local Association of the Year Award. Sheryl Kjelland moved and Anne Morris 2<sup>nd</sup> to request that interested local associations should apply to the NDMTA board by May 15<sup>th</sup>. If only 1 association applies the President will forward that on to national. If more than 1 association applies, the NDMTA board would decide at the conference board meeting. Motion carried.

Open Positions. Vanessa Wold will continue until next June as Vice President. Will need someone for President 2018-2020, and Vice President 2018

-2020. Let Jeanette know if anyone is interested. Would like someone to apply by Thanksgiving, so the new officer can go to National Conference. Sue Nagel reported that since competition entries are down, she will not need an assistant.

At the conference, banquet entertainment is optional. Policy has been to have local association pay or provide entertainment, since the conference budget is usually tight.

Local Association reports were given.

The MTNA website has been updated, members are encouraged to set up a profile on the MTNA website. If you need help setting up a profile, contact Jeanette.

Jeanette mentioned that if any state board members need help, there is support at the Division level.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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### **Upcoming Events**

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| WCD Competitions                | Jan 12-14   | Iowa City, Iowa      |
| 2018 MTNA Conference            | March 17-21 | Lake Buena Vista, FL |
| 2018 Popplers Music Competition | June 13     | DSU, Dickinson       |
| 2018 NDMTA Conference           | June 13-15  | DSU, Dickinson, ND   |

### **State Conference Rotation**

2018 Dickinson      2019 Grand Forks      2020 Bismarck