



Letter from the President, Vangie Johnson Parker

A Happy Fall Season Greetings to All of You! (Although most of us have already had a taste of winter).

I had the good fortune to attend the annual MTNA Summit in Cincinnati, Ohio this past September. The weekend consisted of lectures and meetings. The Summit lectures concentrated on learning about enneagrams and understanding personality traits. It was a fascinating study of how to apply enneagram concepts when working with our local members, student parents and the students themselves. During our State president meetings, we learned that some states have seen a drop in both membership and participation... but not us! I am so proud of our strong membership base. A hearty thanks to each of you and for all that you do to keep NDMTA a healthy and thriving organization.



Introducing our Nominee for 2021 Foundation Fellow, Marge Johnson

Submitted by Vangie Johnson Parker, NDMTA Foundation Chair

Marjorie began her career in 1955 as a teacher of music in Liberty and Sioux City, IA. After moving into the North Dakota/Minnesota area, she began teaching at the Concordia Conservatory of Music in Moorhead, MN and also taught as a private music instructor. She continued her studies at Briar Cliff College, North Dakota State University, and Princeton, NJ. Marge holds a teaching certificate for Kindermusik and has attended many workshops and seminars to enhance her teaching skills.



She holds a Bachelor of Music degree from the University of Iowa and is a Nationally Certified Teacher of Music in MTNA. She is a past president of both FMMTA and the Fargo Music Club. She has also served on many committees and judged festivals, contests and guild auditions. Her students have successfully participated in festivals, guild performances, recitals, and church contests.

Marge has been a widow since 2012 and has 2 sons, 6 grandchildren and 2 great-grandsons.

She humbly accepts the honor of Foundation Fellow Nominee for 2021 and we are so proud to have her as our representative for NDMTA!

Rally

Langdon Area MTA held its Piano Rally in November. Fargo Moorhead MTA and Upper Valley MTA have their Piano Rallies scheduled for this spring.

Submitted by Sheryl Kjelland

Why be involved with a Piano Rally anyway?

- Rallies are great motivators for teaching and learning theory.
- Rallies give the students an extra reason to be "interested" in scales, arpeggios, tonic triads, etc.
- Rallies give students an extra reason to practice hearing intervals, working on harmonizations, and dictations.
- Also, Rallies give students another opportunity to perform in public and to receive constructive comments from adjudicators.
- Rallies really are a win-win-win situation.



As State Rally Chair, I encourage you to give serious consideration to including an NDMTA Rally in your schedule of events. Please contact me if you have questions, or if I can be of assistance.
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Like NDMTA on Facebook!

By Lisa Schuler, lschuler@utma.com

Check out NDMTA's Facebook page by searching "North Dakota Music Teachers Association". Click "like" and keep in touch with NDMTA friends and colleagues. You will know firsthand competition results, upcoming events, updates on happenings within the organization and more.

If you have information you would like posted contact Membership Chair, Lisa Schuler, and she will take care of it for you!

Let's fill our page with exciting things that help keep our loyal members connected, our new members inspired, and potential members interested in NDMTA!



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Competitions Report

By Sue Nagel, Competition Chair

The NDMTA competitions were held on Saturday, October 26th at Minot State University. Dianna Anderson and the Minot State University students were extremely helpful in ensuring the competitions ran smoothly!

Winners and State Representatives will video record their programs for Division competition in January.

The state representatives are:

- Zephaniah Pearlstein, Young Artist String (cello) teacher Simona Barbu from University of North Dakota
- Fangyuan Su, young Artist piano, teacher Nariaki Sugiura from University of North Dakota

Young Artist Woodwinds

Winner

- Rachel Dockter (Saxophone) Minot State Alternate
- Arnikka Thompson (Clarinet) Minot State Honorable Mention
- Jessie Johnson (Bassoon) Minot State

Teacher of all three students is Dr. Charles Young, Minot State University.



Young Artists Woodwinds, Left to Right:
Jessie Johnson, Honorable Mention
Charles Young, Teacher
Arnikka Thompson, Alternate
Rachel Dockter, Winner

Young Artist Brass

Winner

- Michael Harrison (Trombone) Minot State Alternate
- Bryana Guzman (Euphonium) Minot State Honorable Mention
- Emily Bailey (Tuba) Minot State

Teacher of all three students is Dr. David Rolandson, Minot State University.



Young Artists Brass Left to Right:
David Rolandson, Teacher
Emily Bailey, Honorable Mention
Bryana Guzman, Alternate
Michael Harrison, Winner

Senior Piano

Winner

- Kevin Vandall, Mylo, ND homeschooled Alternate
 - Elizabeth Deckert, Penn, ND, homeschooled
- Teacher of both is Dr. Dianna Anderson, Minot State University



Senior Piano Left to Right:
Elizabeth Deckert, Alternate
Dianna Anderson, Teacher
Kevin Vandall, Winner

NDMTA Executive Board Meeting, October 19, 2019

President Vangie Johnson Parker called the meeting to order. Roll call: Vangie Johnson-Parker, Sharon Gegelmann, Dianna Anderson, Michelle Kallod, Anne Morris, Lisa Schuler, Sue Nagel, Jean Guenther, Ellen Croy, Priscilla Keogh.

Officers Reports

Secretary: Minutes from the June 19, 2019 board meeting were posted online. Dianna Anderson moved, seconded by Sue Nagel to accept the minutes. Motion passed.

Treasurer: Michelle Kallod reported assets of \$41,344.37, income of \$6286.51 and expenses of \$1187.05. She has filed form 990n with the IRS and found someone to audit the 2018-19 books.

Vice-President/Commission Composer: Dianna Anderson reported the contract for 2020 Commissioner composer is complete. Vangie, Dianna and Lisa are working on starting up a Minot State Chapter. A suggestion was made to have the president of the collegiate chapter be part of the executive board.

A motion was made by Dianna Anderson seconded by Lisa Schuler to hold the 2021 conference at Minot State (date to be determined ASAP), and to allow Dianna to secure the date at Minot State around the Dakota Chamber Music schedule. Motion carried.

President: Vangie Johnson Parker reported that she attended the MTNA Leadership summit in Cincinnati, OH.

Committees

Conference: Corinne Nustad has completed the budget and expense sheets for the 2020 conference. Most details area done but still needs a competition judge.

Advertising: Anne Morris reported that she is waiting for the directory to come out.

Certification: Corinne Nustad – Congratulations to Dianna Anderson for her application for certification.

Competitions: Sue Nagel reported that there will be a change of venue this year to Minot State, since all performers are from Minot.

Directory: Michelle Schumacher reported that the directory is at the printers and will be mailed soon.

Foundation: Vangie Johnson Parker noted that \$1550 has been raised for Gloria Bethke our 2019 Foundation Fellow. She will be recognized at the National Conference in Chicago. Unfortunately, we may not be able to compensate her for some travel expenses as hoped. Jacobson's music has donated \$300 in years past to help with that. Since Jacobson's has been purchased by Eckroth, it is uncertain if that will continue. Vangie will contact Eckroth Music to see if they would consider honoring what Jacobson's has done in the past. Hopefully, Gloria still plans to attend the conference in Chicago this upcoming March. Vangie announced that our 2020 Foundation Fellow is Marge Johnson.

Historian: Jean Guenther is our new state historian.

IMTF: Sheryl Kjelland reported that the IMTF library materials are at her home. Nothing has been checked out this past year.

Membership: Lisa Schuler reported that we have 59 regular, 27 senior, and 6 student members. We have 17 new members this year, mostly student/collegiate. She reminded us to share any of our local happenings, with or without pictures, that she can post on Facebook.

Newsletter: Michelle Kallod stated that the next deadline for the newsletter is Nov. 15.

Nominating: Priscilla Keogh reported that next spring we will need nominations for President.

Popplers Competition: No report at this time.

Rally: Sheryl Kjelland reported that 1 Rally is scheduled at this time.

Technology: Kathleen Johnson reported that we have one new advertiser on our NDMTA website.

Old Business

The 2020 Commissioned Composer contract is signed. The MTNA Teacher of the Year is due by Nov. 15.

New Business

Suggestions for the 2021 Commissioned Composer were proposed. Three people from Minot State were suggested since the 2021 Conference will be there. Lisa Schuler moved and Ellen Croy seconded that we choose the 2021 Commissioned Composer from the 3 mentioned. Motion passed. Dianna Anderson will work on this.

Vangie announced that the Special Project Grant from North Dakota Council on the Arts (NDCA) has changed their requirements. We can no longer use this grant for our conference expenses. It can only be used for special workshops.

The NDCA board of directors asked to have a representative of our organization attend the upcoming NDCA Summit in Bismarck. The impression was not that NDCA wanted us to sit on the board at this time. It possible that this could be a future goal.

A reminder that the 2020 Conference will be in Fargo June 3-5, 2020.

Local Association reports were given.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Gegelmann

Upcoming Events

2020 MTNA Conference	March 21-25	Chicago, Illinois
2020 Popplers Music Competition	June 3	NDSU, Fargo, ND
2020 NDMTA Conference	June 3-5	NDSU, Fargo, ND

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