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### A Message from your President:

They call it “writer’s block”. I have had this strange malady for several days now, and my college-senior daughter has had it for 6 weeks!! (We laugh together!) We both await inspiration to put words into print.

I had a student this week who put words into print – measure by measure she came up with a story line for Sibelius’ “Romance”. The scene was a wedding, the main character the baker of the cake, and his clumsy assistant. The most dramatic scene was the dropping of the cake, and the baker’s rage at his assistant, scurrying around to make another one, frosting layer by layer, presenting it to the wedding couple, and “everyone lives happily ever after”. I was thoroughly entertained by her creativity!

Creative I am not, but I did enjoy immensely the **talents** of the ND students who competed in the West Central Division

competitions held in Bismarck on January 12-14. The host site, Bismarck State College, and their local MTA chapter did a wonderful job of lining up pianos, rooms, and hospitality, with Arlene Gray, chairman. Diana Skroch, WCD competition chair, and Sara Bloom, WCD senior high coordinator, did a fine job of coordinating the judges, competitors, schedules, and awards. We can be proud of our state’s involvement on a division level!! Congratulations to the winners, alternate, and honorable mentions from our state. Look further on in this newsletter for all the results.

Some of us are gearing up for the national conference in Toronto on March 23-27. If you are planning on going, and have not registered yet, there is still time!!! Please be directed to the AMT for all the information, which can now be done on-line – very easy! Sharon Wesbrook will receive her Foundation Fellowship award at the banquet, and we all congratulate her!

Then be prepared for information in this newsletter regarding our state conference in Williston on June 7-8<sup>th</sup>. This is one state conference you will not want to miss! Find out why in this newsletter.

On one final note, I want to express a hearty “thank you” to Sara Hagen and Warren Granfor for their work on this newsletter. I encourage you, strongly, to accept the newsletter on-line – either off the website or your e-mail – as this will save the state association money as we soon work on next year’s budget.

In closing, I guess I made it through the “writer’s block”. Now I’d like to wish each of you a “happy winter” with good health and fun activities.

Sincerely,  
Corinne Nustad

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

Wouldn't it be nice if whenever we messed up our life we could simply press 'Ctr Alt Delete' and start all over?

Submitted by Ann Delorme-Holmen

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## NDMTA TIMELINE

### 5 Years Ago

Carole Flatau was named NDMTA Teacher of the Year.

### 10 Years Ago

Ruth Stenson was installed as the new state president. Ruth taught piano, children's and adult choirs, as well as substitutes in the public school.

### 15 Years Ago

Heather Hooper, Valley City, wins the National Composers Contest for Creative Youth for her composition, Through the Eyes of a Believer. Heather was a student of Marie Almlie.

## NEW BOARD POSITION ANNOUNCED

Beth Klingenstein has agreed to serve on the NDMTA board of directors in the position of grant coordinator. Please check out her job description as she has defined it and take advantage of her expertise in helping to fund projects at the local and state level. Thanks Beth!

The job of the NDMTA Grant Coordinator shall include:

- Maintain records of all pertinent ID numbers needed for grants, such as 501c3 number and date that 501c3 status was granted
- Maintain a file of information on current MTNA and North Dakota Council of the Arts grants for which the group is eligible
- Encourage members to write grants by marketing grant programs to the membership and by encouraging grant participation
- Assist members and local associations with grants which are written on behalf of NDMTA and its local affiliates: review grants that NDMTA members have written, assist with the grant writing process

## INFT LUNCHEON TITLE UPDATE

NDMTA Conference's IMTF luncheon session title has been changed to "What We Charge and Why," presented by Beth Gigante Klingenstein.

## CERTIFICATION RENEWAL UPDATE

Teachers renewing their NDMTA certification for the third time are eligible for a Permanent Professional Certificate. Application may be made at the time of the third renewal or anytime thereafter. No additional points are required. It is valid as long as NDMTA/ MTNA membership is maintained. The fee is \$50. A request for the Permanent Certificate application form must be made to the State Certification Chair, Gloria Bethke. Send the

completed form, documentation or three renewals and the fee to the state Certification Chair. Upon approval, a certificate will be issued.

Teachers who have a NCTM Certificate, upon the third successful renewal, receives the permanent Professional Certificate. The Certificate is not based on age, but on three successful renewals.

Documentation of Professional Renewal Activities Points, or a Portfolio of professional Renewal Activities or Administrative Verification of Professional Renewal Activities are the 3 Renewal Options for certification. The NCTM holding the Permanent Professional Certificate must renew this certificate every five years with application and payment of the renewal fee, but will not be required to submit one of the 3 Renewal Options.

!!!!!!!!!!!!Congratulations !!!!!!!!!!!!!

Arleen Norton, Grand Forks GGFMTA member, upon her NDMTA Certification!

## Bits and Bytes Tech Tips

Sara Hagen, NCTM  
Technology Chair

The website is showing a remarkable amount of traffic! Here are some of the figures for 2006:

\*OVER 24, 160 hits

(Hits = visits)

North, Dakota, Music are the three most used search terms with teachers #4; followed by piano, association, nd, teacher, mtna and ndmta.

Monday and Friday are the busiest days; March 2006 was the busiest month; 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. are the busiest hours. There were 2410 requests to find teachers using the search engine!

**Access by local chapter:**

Bismarck – 671

Fargo – 634

Grand Forks – 563

Valley City – 439

Northwest – 395

Durum Triangle – 369

Upper Valley – 325

Devils Lake – 306

**Access by TEACHER PAGES!**

Winner –Laura McLean with 264 hits!

Runner up – Beth

Klingenstein with 254



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## NDMTA TEACHER OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS DUE

It is time for your Association to nominate its candidate(s) for NDMTA Teacher of the Year. Application forms have been sent to each local association president. All candidates must hold State or National Certification. The NDMTA Executive Board has put into place a system which

alternates years of eligibility. Only Certified Independent Music teachers will be eligible for NDMTA Teacher of the Year in the odd numbered years.

We will use a proportional representation for nominations. Local Associations with memberships of 1-25 may nominate 1 teacher, Local Associations with 26-50 may nominate 2 teachers, Local Associations with 51-75, 3 nominations. A teacher may be nominated and apply a second time if not selected as Teacher of the Year.

Although the application form may seem long it serves as guide to help the applicant make a complete application. We know that there are many qualified and capable teachers in our state who are worthy of this honor and award. We encourage each local association to nominate a teacher of the year.

Please contact the state Certification Committee if you have questions. The committee members are Ellen Croy, Donna Fitzgerald, Kathleen Johnson, Lynda Pearson, and Gloria Bethke.

Send nominations for NDMTA Teacher of the Year by April 1, 2007 to:

Gloria Bethke  
522 32nd Ave So  
Grand Forks, ND 58201  
Telephone: (701) 772-2149  
E-mail: garyb@gra.midco.net

## NEW MTNA FOUNDATION FELLOW ANNOUNCED

Sharon Wesbrook has officially become our sixth MTNA Foundation Fellow, thanks to the generosity of so many NDMTA members who contributed to the Foundation in Sharon's name. She will be receiving her award at the Collaborative Conference in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, the evening of March 27th, at the Conference Gala. North Dakota MTA is very proud to have Sharon represent us at this international event. She is being honored for generously sharing her gifts and talents with countless individuals over many years. Our support of this award is an opportunity to thank Sharon for her willingness to promote music education and share her time and talents in so many ways.

Sharon joins 5 other deserving individuals from North Dakota who have previously been honored. We have the opportunity every year to add another Foundation Fellow to our list, and in June our Executive Board will be naming the 2007 nominee. Anyone who would like to suggest the name of someone they feel deserves this honor should contact a member of the Executive Board for their consideration.

Sincere thanks to all those who supported the Foundation this year, and a reminder to wait until our next Foundation Fellow is named before making further donations. Any contributions made prior to that will not go toward our next nominee, so it is best to wait until after the June meeting. Contributions can be made online through the MTNA website, or checks may be sent to the MTNA Foundation, designating our nominee on the memo line.

We look forward to hearing whether North Dakota has once again placed first nationally in the category of percentage of members contributing to the MTNA Foundation, which will be announced at the Collaborative Conference in Toronto. This ranking shows not only the generosity of NDMTA members, but also our support for music education and those who share it.

Once again we congratulate Sharon Wesbrook and wish her a wonderful time in Toronto.

**CONGRATULATIONS to Beth Klingenstein** on her 2007 Governor's Award for the Arts in the Individual Achievement category for excellence! The 2007 Governor's Awards for the Arts Dinner and Awards Ceremony will take place on Tuesday, March 6, 2007 at the Ramkota Hotel in Bismarck. Social hour starts at 5:00 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:00 p.m. Reservations are required and tickets are \$25. To order tickets, call (701) 328-7590 or email [jwebb@nd.gov](mailto:jwebb@nd.gov).

## SILENT AUCTION

### BACK

By Beth  
Klingenstein

The Silent Auction Is back by popular demand! Local associations, as well as individual members of NDMTA, are all encouraged to donate something to the auction. Let's make this a truly fun and profitable fundraising event!

- Items should be new, of good quality, and reasonably priced.
- Donations can be music items (music, books, CDs), fun items (baskets of chocolate or coffee), luxury items (jewelry, scarves), or useful items (kitchen towels, ten years of free maid service).
- A note stating the approximate value should be attached to each donated item so that people can bid accordingly.
- All items can be given to me at the registration desk between 8:00- 9:00 am on Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. If you must register late, please find me and I will set up your item.
- Silent bids can be placed up until the start of the business luncheon on Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. Results will be tabulated and announced at the end of the luncheon.
- All items must be paid for and picked up at that time as no items can be mailed.

Let's see if we can all bring and all bid! All items accepted, no matter how small or large. See you there!



## ROBERT VANDALL TO BE NDMTA 2007 CONFERENCE CLINICIAN

Beth Klingenstien

Renowned composer, Robert Vandall, has accepted an invitation to be NDMTA's 2007 conference clinician. Vandall and his wife, Karen, teach 90 students in their independent piano studio in New Philadelphia, Ohio. Vandall has published compositions with a number of publishers, including Kjos, Boston, Willis, Bradley, Warner Brothers, Hal Leonard, Myklas Music Press, and Alfred. Vandall is a prolific composer, with a body of works numbering nearly 400 titles. He is in frequent demand as a clinician, as he and his wife have presented workshops in over 30 states.

Vandall's compositions are on many piano teacher organizations' required lists, as well as in the National Federation of Music Clubs Junior Festival Bulletin. He holds Permanent Professional Certification as a member of Music Teachers National Association, and is an active member of his local association. He has appeared in MTNA national conventions as well as state convention programs in Ohio, Nebraska, New Hampshire, and Nevada.

Robert Vandall will present three sessions while at the 2007 conference:

Memorizing: It Takes More than Muscles

Making Music: Helping the Student Make a Piece Come Alive!

Composing Music for Students

Alfred Publishing Company, Vandall's current publisher, is generously contributing towards some of the clinician expenses.

Now is the time to plan for the 2007 conference to be held in Williston, ND on June 8-9. Please join your NDMTA colleagues for an exceptional 2007 conference with composer and clinician Robert Vandall!

## TAX GUIDE AVAILABLE ONLINE!

While April 15 seems years away, you can never be ready soon enough for tax day. MTNA has provided members with the Tax Guide for many years, and has updated the guide just in time for filing this year's taxes. The easy-to-read tax guide is available only as an "e-book" and can be ordered and downloaded online at [www.mtna.org/marketplace.htm](http://www.mtna.org/marketplace.htm). Once you have purchased the guide, you can download to your own computer and reference whenever you want.

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## FROM THE BENCH

by Sheryl Kjelland IMTF Chair

My first memories of the piano were "duets" with Grandma Lillie when my music was only happy noise. After my piano lessons started, Grandma Lillie always had time to come and hear my pieces while the other adults were having coffee during evening visits. Many times, Grandma and Grandpa provided me with the opportunity of playing for Luther League at their church. When Alzheimer's set in, Lillie had fewer and fewer connections with the world around her. Yet, she and I still could share happy times of making music together, at the piano in the nursing home.

Music does build bridges. As we teach, let's give our students and their families many opportunities to build bridges through music. Music is not just notes on paper. It is not just sharps and flats and correct notes. Far above that, music is of the heart. It is something so profound that it is difficult for us to understand. It is truly important work we do each day, as we build bridges.

Don't forget to visit the new [www.MTNA.org](http://www.MTNA.org)!



## WEST CENTRAL DIVISION COMPETITION REVIEW

Arlene Gray, Vice President, NDMTA

The West Central Division Competitions were amazing. The chilly weather did not prevent students from attending the competition. The enthusiasm, energy and quality of the students and their music was uplifting. BSC proved to be a very nice location for the competitions. Although we used three buildings, people were able to remain indoors once they arrived on campus.

Since BSC does not have practice rooms per se, we rented pianos from Jacobsen Music and turned a dozen classrooms into practice rooms. We had four performance rooms. It was a thrill to walk through the hallways and hear the rehearsing of the student musicians.

Ann Mishler had many adults from the community assist with monitoring. The monitors were thrilled with the experience. Many had no inclination of what they had agreed to do beforehand.

Mary Schneider had many performers and parents raving about the hospitality open for everyone in attendance. She estimated the needs perfectly and thanks go to her son, an employee of Starbucks, quality coffee. Folks were amazed that our local businesses contributed the food and treats for this event.

The North Dakota winners who performed at WCD represented our state well. Hannah Porter was winner in the Senior Woodwind. She has another commitment during the weekend of the Conference so the Alternate from Iowa will go to the national competition. Hannah Due of MN became the alternate.

Alternate place also went to Karen Due in the Young Artist String division. The Saxophone Quartet from NDSU was given Honorable Mention for their performance.

Planning for this event took three years and was well worth the effort. North Dakota will again be host in 2015. I hope we have more participation at the state level so our state can be represented at the divisional and national levels. There is some awesome instruction happening in our part of the plains.

My attitude towards competitions has changed because of my involvement with the state and West Central competitions this school year. Competitions are a good experience for students and teachers alike. The commitment to thoroughly learning music for the event, hearing other students perform and having an evaluation by a qualified judge is well worth the preparation required for competitions.

## West Central Competitions Results

Submitted by: Diana

### Elementary

Winner: MN - Henry Wang/ Dorothy Sandquist  
HM: CO - Alexia Weiss/ Jodie Jensen

### Junior

Winner: NE - Mitchell Breeling - Regina Carnazzo  
HM: MO - Victoria Yu/ Mabel Kinder  
HM: MN - Yukun (Rayna) Wang/ Dorothy Sandquist

### Senior

Winner: ND - Rachel Aker/ Gloria Bethke  
HM: CO - Shelby Flowers/ Bonnie Early  
HM: IA - William Beyer/ Joshua Russell

### Young Artist

Winner: MO - Katie Andres/ Marcia Spence  
HM: NE - James Lowe/ Ken Bales

## PERFORMANCE

### Junior Brass

One entrant advancing directly to national: MO - Alexandra Haney (trumpet)/ Malcolm McDuffee

### Junior Piano

Winner: IA - Chelsea Wang/ Chiu-Ling Lin, Ksenia Nosikova  
Alternate: MO - Robert Esrock/ Zena Ilyashov  
HM: CO - Paul Wright/ Michael Baron, Pamela Brunson  
HM: MN - Reed Tetzloff/ Paul Wirth

### Junior Stings

Winner: MN - Derek Huang (violin)/ Sally O'Reilly  
Alternate: KS - Maria Ioudenitch (violin)/ Ben Sayevich  
HM: NE - Clark Ikezu (violin)/ Anne Nagosky

### Junior Woodwinds

Winner: SD - Samuel Boerboom (clarinet)/ Angela Larson

## Financial Report 2005 North Dakota Competitions

### INCOME

|                        |                         |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| NODAK Comp. Entry Fees | 320.00                  |
| MTNA Aud/ Comp Entry   |                         |
| Fee Rebate             | 720.00                  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>           | <b><u>\$1025.00</u></b> |

### EXPENSES

|  |  |
|--|--|
| <b>MTNA Competition Awards 550.00</b>  |  |
| Sen. Stings- Melanie Due- \$50         |  |
| Sen. Piano- Jordan Christiaanson- \$50 |  |
| Sen. Brass- Tim Leaf Schneider- \$50   |  |
| Sen. Woodwind- Hannah Porter- \$50     |  |
| Sen. Voice- Hannah Due- \$50           |  |
| Young Artist WW- Adam Risch- \$50      |  |
| Young Artist Strings- Karen Due- \$50  |  |
| Young Artist WW- Rena Vacha- \$50      |  |
| Young Artist WW- Erin Ott- \$50        |  |
| Young Artist WW- Jesse Klimpel- \$50   |  |
| Young Artist WW- Matthew Selzer- \$50  |  |

### NODAK Competition Awards 75.00

|                                    |  |
|------------------------------------|--|
| Junior Piano- Nikki Edmiston- \$25 |  |
| Senior Piano- Like Anderson- \$50  |  |

### Composition Awards 75.00

|                              |  |
|------------------------------|--|
| Junior- Nikki Edmiston- \$25 |  |
| Senior- Rachel Aker- \$50    |  |

### Composition Adjudicator 75.00

|                                   |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| \$10/ score                       |  |
| Dr. William Winkle- \$40          |  |
| Dr. William Winkle- \$35/ postage |  |

### Performance Adjudicators 481.25

|  |  |
|--|--|
| Dianna Anderson- \$270.45                  |  |
| Dr. Fred Hemke- \$124.00                   |  |
| Mileage Northern State University- \$86.80 |  |

### Competition Chair Expenses-

|                                  |               |
|----------------------------------|---------------|
|                                  | <b>382.32</b> |
| NODAK Chair Westbrook- \$119.26  |               |
| Competitions Chair Gray- 113.12  |               |
| Composition Chair- Alme- \$10.49 |               |
| Warren Granfor- \$139.45         |               |

### Miscellaneous 283.73

|                                 |                       |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Geinert Piano Service- \$120.00 |                       |
| SODEXO Food Services- \$163.73  |                       |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>           | <b><u>1922.30</u></b> |
| <b>AUDITION DEFICIT</b>         | <b><u>897.30</u></b>  |

Alternate: MN - Johanna Gruskin (flute)/ Amber Waseen

Senior Brass

Winner: MN - Rebecca Gruskin (French horn)/ Sarah Schmalenberger

Alternate: SD - Elliott Hughes (tuba)/ Rolyn Beaird

Senior Piano

Winner: CO - Jeffrey Lee/ Larry Graham

Alternate: MO - Robin Jenkins/ Jack Winerock, Zena Ilyashov

HM: MN - Lillie Gardner/ Joseph Zins

HM: SD - April Sun/ Susan Keith Gray

Senior Strings

Winner: MN - Jennifer Berg (violin)/ Sally O'Reilly

Alternate: IA - Stephanie March (cello)/ Peter Howard

HM: KS - Hannah Kim (cello)/ Carter Enyeart

HM: MO - John McAfee (cello)/ Kenneth Kulosa

Senior Voice

Winner: IA - Deborah King (soprano)/ Rosemary Gast

Alternate: SD - Kristina Olfert (mezzo-soprano)/ Judith Schreck

HM: MO - Sarah Phillips (mezzo-soprano)/ Janice Ragland

Senior Woodwinds

Winner: ND - Hannah Porter (flute)/ Thomas Porter

(HANNAH IS NOT GOING TO MTNA: MICAH WRIGHT WILL REPRESENT WCD)

Alternate: IA - Micah Wright (clarinet)/ Clarence Padilla

HM: MN - Hannah Due (flute)/ Debora Harris

Young Artist Brass

Winner: MO - Katie Andres (French horn)/ Marcia Spence

Alternate: KS - Mason Tyler (trumpet)/ Stephen Leisring

HM: SD - Robin Carlson (French horn)/ Boyd Perkins

Young Artist Piano

Winner: MO - James Cockman III/ Jack Winerock

Alternate: IA - Todd Van Keckerix/ Alfred Mouleous

HM: MN - Greg Anderson/ Peter Frankl

HM: SD - Charles Srstka/ Alan Chow

Young Artist Strings

Winner: MN - Anna Clearman (violin)/ Sally O'Reilly

Alternate: ND - Karen Due (violin)/ Eric Lawson

Young Artist Voice

Winner: MN - Kimberly Shackleton (soprano)/ Axel Theimer

Alternate: IA - Christina Schipper (soprano)/ Rosemary Gast

HM: SD - Amanda Vande Zande (soprano)/ Christopher Mitchell

Young Artist Woodwinds

Winner: KS - Annie Gnojek (flute)/ David Fedele

Alternate: IA - Jason Laczkoski (saxophone)/ Kenneth Tse

HM: MO - Robert Trussell (bassoon)/ Rodney Ackmann

Chamber Music

Winner: MO - Contreras Saxophone Quartet/ Leo Saguiguit

Alternate: KS - Trio 21/ Andrew Trechak

HM: ND - NDSU Saxophone Quartet/ Matthew Patnode

**RALLY WORKBOOKS AVAILABLE**

By **Linda Wallevand**

Illinois State Music Teachers Association has study workbooks available to go with their Rally Syllabus. This is the syllabus our state adopted back in 2000. Currently, four local MTA's are holding rallies using this syllabus. Northwest and Duram Triangle held fall rallies, and Upper Valley and Fargo-Moorhead hold spring rallies.

This past fall it came to my attention that there are workbooks and a Teacher's Guide available for sale from Illinois MTA. Starting at Level II and progressing to Level X, these workbooks give 14 – 15 short lessons or review to help prepare the student getting ready for Rally. While they are arranged with the Syllabus and Rally in mind, many teachers from the Fargo Moorhead MTA found them to be generally helpful to have in their studios.

In addition to the lessons for each level, the workbook has a Table of Contents, Practice Exams, numerous examples of Sight Reading and Transposition, Technique pages and (continues in the next column)

**RALLY WORKBOOKS cont.**

(Continued from the previous column.)

Reference pages which include Harmonization Tunes, Aural Skills, Student Progress Form and a Glossary, all geared to that specific level of testing for Rally. It has been suggested that we have two mailings a year for orders. One in early fall and one in January. Levels II-V are \$5.00 and Levels VI-X are \$6.00. The Teacher's guide is \$15.00 and the Syllabus itself is \$29.00. A small amount will be added for postage in shipping. Orders need to go through the state. Many thanks to Kathy Bresee for handling the mailings for Fargo Moorhead this time!

Rallies are a wonderful checkpoint for teachers. Many opportunities are available for performances, but rally helps the teacher stay on track with those other areas of lessons which may get swept aside during a busy year. Rally gives the teacher and student a goal to work for with technique, sight reading and aural skills, harmonization and transposition. Teachers who enter students in Rally find it energizes them as well as their students. Please consider trying the Rally if you haven't done so yet.

For more information on Rally, contact members of the state Rally committee:

Linda Wallevand-Chair

Darla Sheldon

Sheryl Kjelland

Kathleen Johnson

Sarah Altenburg

## NORTH DAKOTA MUSIC TEACHER ASSOCIATION MINUTES

North Dakota Music Teachers Association  
Video Conference Board Meeting  
January 20th, 2007

Note: These minutes were taken from the secretarial notes of Michelle Heaford and reports sent to her by the Executive Board members.

Members present: Gloria Bethke, Lynda Pearson, Beth Klingenstein, Diana Skroch, Priscilla Keogh, Arlene Gray, Sara Hagen, Warran Granfor, Linda Handson-Bell, Darla Sheldon, Anne DeLorme-Holmen, Ellen Croy, Corinne Nustad, Linda Wallevand, Jan Herr, Marge Johnson, Kathy Bresee and Michelle Heaford.

President Corinne Nustad called the meeting to order.

Linda Hanson-Bell made a motion to adopt the agenda and Michelle Heaford seconded. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

Secretary's Report: Michelle Heaford had sent the minutes to the board members via email. The minutes were approved as read in advance.

Treasurer's Report: Anne Delorme-Holmen reported a checking balance of \$12,251.38 and a money market savings balance of \$4,922.46. The Treasurer's report was approved and filed for audit.

Vice President/ Competitions: Arlene Gray reported on recent work in preparation for West Central Division Competitions. She mentioned the importance of encouraging ND teachers to enter students in state and national competitions.

President: President Corinne Nustad had sent her report via email. Details from her notes are available as comments through-out the report and in the "old and new business" section.

### Committee Reports:

Advertising: Linda Hanson-Bell reported communication with advertisers and the receipt of 48 ads which totaled \$3,290.00. She also suggested that we change the name of "Advertising Editor" to "Advertising Coordinator".

Darla Sheldon made a motion to change the name of "Advertising Editor" to Advertising Coordinator" Anne Delorme-Holmen seconded. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

Certification: Gloria Bethke stated that she will be sending "Teacher of the Year" application forms to each local association encouraging them to nominate a teacher from their association. She also mentioned that she will be sending renewal forms and letters to 14 members whose renewal expires this year. She and Anne Delorme-Holmen will be in contact to arrange a Certification testing site and date for the state conference in Williston. There was some discussion by the board on whether of not to continue the "Teacher of the Year" tradition. It was concluded that this tradition would be kept as a way to encourage certification.

Collegiate Chapter: Sarah Mueller was absent and had not submitted a report.

College Faculty Chair: Diana Skroch said that this month she will be sending packets to all music department chairs within the state, as well as Concordia and University of Minnesota-Moorhead.

She also reported the following West Central Division winners who are from North Dakota:

Senior woodwinds: Hannah Porter (flute), student of Thomas Porter

Honorable Mention: Hannah Due (flute), student of Deborah Harris

Young Artist: Karen Due (violin), student of Eric Lawson.

Chamber Music: Honorable Mention, NDSU Saxophone quartet, directed by Matt Pattnode.

Senior Composition Category: Rachel Aker, student of Gloria Bethke

Commissioned Composer: Corinne Nustad reported that Russell Peterson will be composing a piano sonata to be performed by Jay Hershberger at the state conference.

Directory/ Handbook Editor: Jan Herr reported that the directory was sent to membership and advertisers by November 1st. She compensated for a missed ad for Demoulen Bros. & Co. She asked that we keep her updated with changes in information for the next directory.

Historian: Marge Johnson thanked Grand Forks for sending information from the 2006 state conference. She encouraged others to send newspaper clippings for the scrapbook.

Foundation: Priscilla Keogh announced that our new Foundation Fellow, Sharon Westbrook, will be honored at the national conference in Toronto. She mentioned that there will not be a reserved table at

## Treasurer's Report

### Ann DeLorme- Holmen

#### ASSETS

|              |                 |
|--------------|-----------------|
| Checking     | 9,981.38        |
| Savings      | 4,750.12        |
| Gate City CD | <u>5,278.51</u> |
| Total Assets | \$20,010.00     |

#### INCOME

|                     |               |
|---------------------|---------------|
| Interest: Checking  | 6.87          |
| Interest: Savings   | 36.88         |
| Directory Ads       | 500.00        |
| Newsletter Ads      | 360.00        |
| Membership Dues #9  | 160.00        |
| Membership Dues #10 | 120.00        |
| Conference Reg.     | 250.00        |
| Competition Fees:   |               |
| MTNA Rebate         | 820.00        |
| NODAK               | <u>320.00</u> |

Income Subtotal \$2,572.75

#### EXPENSES

|                           |              |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| General Board             | 0.00         |
| Advertising Editor        | 15.48        |
| November Newsletter       | 349.82       |
| Conference Expenses       | 208.77       |
| Randall Faber             | 479.80       |
| - Travel and Meal Expense |              |
| Audition Expenses         | 2,048.45     |
| Directory Expense         | 1,094.30     |
| - Printing and postage    |              |
| Web Page                  | <u>40.00</u> |
| Financial Stmt            | \$4,236.62   |

Fast practice, slow progress;  
Slow practice, fast progress;  
No practice, no progress.

Teaching tip submitted by  
Sara Bloom on ndmta.org.  
Please consider adding one  
of your own!



the gala. So far there is no official word on whether or not there will be a "State Pride" drawing.

IMTF: Sheryl Kjelland said she is considering options for the IMTF luncheon at the June Conference.

Local Association/ Arts and Awareness Advocacy: Lisa Schuler stated, via email, that she plans to compile programs done with ND local associations and then distribute that information to local presidents.

Membership: Kathy Bresee reported that we have 164 state members. Priscilla Keogh made a motion that we offer a 50% discount on State dues for collegiate members changing from "collegiate" status to "active" status upon the first year of graduation from college" Sara Hagen seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

MusicLink: Beth Klingenstein called our attention to the number of MusicLink programs which assist students and teachers. For students already in the program, teachers should consider applying for summer camp scholarships.

Newsletter: Sara Hagen and Warren Granfor reminded us that the newsletter deadline is February 10th. They are keeping a list of requests to receive the newsletter by regular mail and email.

Rally: Linda Wallevand reported that she is preparing to send new tests to Upper Valley and Fargo-Moorhead MTA's for their March and April rallies.

Technology: Sara Hagen mentioned the updates to the website. Web ads will continue to be developed.

#### Old Business:

2007 State Conference: Approval for conference fees. Anne Delorme-Holmen read through the conference schedule and fees. Anne Delorme-Holmen made a motion to invite Brent Hermens to be a presenter at our 2007 conference in Williston. His payment would include a \$150 honorarium as well as free registration and on-site meals and attendance of events. Priscilla Keogh seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried. (All other conference fees were approved without the need of a separate motion.)

2008 State Conference will be held in Bismarck. Darla Sheldon made a motion to accept June 6th, 7th, and 8th 2008 for the conference dates. Linda Wallevand seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

#### New Business:

2007 MTNA/ NODAK Competitions: Will be held in Fargo-Moorhead at Concordia College on October 19th and 20th.

WCD in North Dakota 2015: Arlene Gray made a motion that our board will set aside \$250 per year in starting a "line item" saving for future WCD hosting expenses. Marge Johnson seconded. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Addition of a Grant Chair to the Board: Anne Delorme-Holmen made a motion to add the new position of "Grant Coordinator" to the board. Arlene Gray seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed. Beth Klingenstein graciously accepted this new position and will prepare a job description for future publication. Linda Hanson-Bell volunteered to assist Beth when needed.

Local Association reports on file include:

Badlands, Devil's Lake Area, Durum Triangle, Fargo-Moorhead, Greater Grand Forks, Northwest, and Upper Valley.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle M. Heaford  
NDMTA Secretary

## **NDMTA Conference Information and Registration Forms**

In the email version of this newsletter, the schedule and registration form is attached as a printable Adobe .pdf form. In the print version, the schedule and form are printed individually as separate inserts.

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