

**MASTA Executive Board Meeting  
September 26, 2020 at 10:00 AM  
Zoom Meeting**

**Executive Board members present:**

Michael Hopkins, Ingrid Dykeman, Burke Lokey, Dan Scott, Jed Fritzeimer and Linda Trotter

**Meeting called to order at 10 AM.**

**Secretary Report presented by Trotter**

***Motion to accept Scott and second Dykeman – PASSED***

**Treasurer's Report presented by Lokey**

Taxes were filed. The camp had refunds and \$1,000 donation to the Howell Nature Center. We received the membership dues from National ASTA of approximately \$2,000. There was request to have a Balance and Loss statement per quarter.

***Motion to accept Scott and seconded Trotter – PASSED***

**Member at Large presented by Dykeman**

Ingrid requested that we let her know of any new string teachers in the state.

***Motion to accept Scott second Trotter – PASSED***

**President Elect presented Fritzeimer**

***Motion to accept Scott second Lokey – PASSED***

**Past President presented Scott**

Dan asked if we wanted to offer something to our college and high school groups. Maybe a nominal donation for maybe a pizza party? Currently we have three high school chapters that are not meeting this time due Covid. This idea was tabled until after Covid ends.

***Motion to accept Trotter and second Dykeman – PASSED***

**Presidents Report presented by Hopkins**

Michael stated that he would like to continue to discuss the Young Teacher Award. He would like to get studio teachers on board with MASTA.

***Motion to accept Dan second Dykeman – PASSED***

## **New Business**

1. Policy Manual and Job Description, as compiled by Janis Peterson, has been updated.
2. The current MMC Liaison is Dan Scott. How does this work in our New Policy? The president has previously done this. He will no longer be the MMC Liaison. The question is who will be the new liaison? This is an appointed position. Suggestions were given for a replacement for this position with the president contacting these people and asking them to take on this position.

***Motion to accept the updated policy manual and job descriptions by Lokey and seconded by Scott. – PASSED***

3. Janis Peterson was acknowledge and thanked for the outstanding work on the updated Policy Manual and Job Description.
4. Next meeting schedule – Due to the fact this years' MMC is virtual the next General Membership Meeting will be Sunday, January 24 at 7 PM.
5. The next Board Meeting will be Sunday, January17th with the Executive Board starting at 6 PM and full board at 7PM.
6. Suggestion was made to award the Career Excellence Award to Valerie Palmieri. It was suggested that we wait until 2022.

***Meeting adjourned until 11:15AM***

## **Full Executive Board Meeting Agenda**

Members present: Joe Harmsen, Jim Van Eizenga, Joanna Van Eizenga, Melissa Knecht, Allison Holden, Meryln Beard, Nick Mosley, Caitlin Mihalko, Michael Hopkins, Ingrid Dykeman, Burke Lokey, Dan Scott and Linda Trotter

Meeting called to order

### **Secretary's Report presented by Trotter**

There was an error that needed to be corrected.

***Motion to accept the minutes Dykeman and second Harmsen with correction – PASSED***

## **Project Director Reports**

### **Advertising presented by Harmsen**

***Motion to accept Mihalko second Dykeman – PASSED***

### **Membership presented by Holden**

Our membership is increasing

***Motion to accept Harmsen second Scott – PASSED***

### **Solo Competition presented by Knecht**

- Would like to add an addendum in the guidelines that we will accept Zoom performance if contestants cannot leave their school
- Would have the soloist to submit their performance via video recording for the General Meeting and make the video available on our website.

***Motion to accept Harmsen second Milhalko – PASSED***

### **Chamber Music Festival presented by Hopkins**

There were fewer students participating this year. There were three options that are being looked at for the 2021 festival. We will wait on making a decision and vote until the January Meeting.

The students will still receive the prizes and will be highlighted in a video on our website and Facebook page.

***Motion to accept Dykeman second Holden – PASSED***

String Camps presents by Milhalko

\$1,200 was donated to the MASTA Camp

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Camp leadership do not feel comfortable proceeding with camp with the Covid virus still going on. Caitlyn would like to refrain on making any decision about whether or not to hold camp until January. We will also have a line item for Scholarships for Camp (and others) in our budget.

***Motion to accept Scott second Harmsen – PASSED***

### **MSBOA Liaison presented by Beard**

We may hold Solo and Ensemble festival using videos. MSBOA Honor's Festival is being planned for May at Central Michigan University.

***Motion to accept Scott second Dykeman – PASSED***

### **Webmaster (oral report) presented by Mosley**

***Send info and reports to Nick***

### **Outreach presented by J. Van Eizinga**

Joanna asked what the budget for professional development. It was stated that the budget is Program grants is \$3,500 and Professional grants is \$2,500.

***Motion to accept Scott second Dykeman – PASSED***

**Motion by Hopkins and second by Harmsen that the financial situation of the organization go back to \$2,500 for both program and Professional grants for this year. With an amendment that can be flexible grant for either category for this year. – PASSED**

**MMC (oral report) presented by J. Van Eizinga**

We are virtual this year. The headliners are Frank Diaz and Brenda Brenner.

***Motion to accept Trotter second Scott – PASSED***

**Northern Michigan presented by Marta**

***Motion to accept Harmsen and second Dykeman – PASSED***

**Bass Fest (oral report) presented by Holden**

It was suggest having the Bass Fest virtual or postponing the festival for a year.

St. Cecelia is interested in hosting an event for free.

**MYAF presented by Reed and Hopkins**

Will we are involved in the May Festival. This is an item to be discussed at the January meeting.

## **New Business**

1. Andre Yun has resigned from the board. We need suggestions for someone to take over the 'Studio Teacher' chair. Send suggestions were Nyssa Rabinowitz, Shawn Boucke, Jamie Fiste and Fe Ye Sung
2. Question about whether or not we should accept credit card payments.
  - We would need a merchant account which would have a fee of 2 ½ to 3 ½ percent.
  - We would need to pass that fee on to the payer.
  - We could use PayPal
  - It was stated that if the Camp used a credit card it would create a more complex accounting situation
3. Budget for 2020 – 21 need to be amended for the Northern Michigan Initiative from \$1,400 to \$1,000.

**Motion to approve the 2020-21 Budget without camp, but to revisit the camp portion at the January meeting, by Mahalko and second by Lokey. – PASSED**

**Motion to adjourn, at 1:10 PM. by Trotter and second by Harmsen - PASSED**

***Respectfully Submitted,  
Linda Trotter***