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President's Message

I know that few people read all (or any) of the President's Message, but maybe I can somehow make this message more interesting. It is tough for a writer to keep the reader's attention for very long, especially if they just want the basic information. So being the incoming president, I would like to use my front page forum to address concerns related to membership... And that's enough of that.



We have an elemental problem in SDMTA, a very common problem, and that is the inequality between the number of active members who do most of the work, and those who have not yet pitched in. I can tell you that I am not inclined to volunteer for a thankless job unless pressed to do so. I was pressed into every MTA position I have ever held. But after taking on a job it became my job, and I developed an attachment and a pride for it. We may assume that most people would react similarly, and can approach our membership for help a little more assertively, and with confidence that they will do their new jobs with vigor and commitment.

I think we all have observed that people in our organization will do whatever is needed when asked: bringing food for a festival, making copies, and the many one-time tasks that make events run smoothly. But being "in charge" is a different matter. Many teachers are wary of becoming an officer or chairmen, even in a local association. And there are a bushel-load of good reasons to evade those responsibilities: "I have four demanding kids at home," "I have fifty students and two part-time jobs," or "my husband is a big baby and demands 24 hour attention," or even "I have been an SDMTA member for thirty years and have done every job twice already." Now THAT person we need more of. But there are members out there who rise to the occasion and agree to be branch presidents and treasurers who only have, say, two demanding children and just a partially needy husband. Those jobs are not that complicated, and with a little experience and help can be handled with just an hour or two each month.

So now I have two charges for you all: 1) ask your newer member colleagues face to face to do a job - any job - and make the first one pretty simple. Don't worry that newer members won't know what to do; they are smart and will learn. And 2) when asked to fill a position, take a deep breath and take it on. Do your job well, and before long you will own it. We will become rich with ideas and collegiality when everyone is pitching in.

Visit the SDMTA website at <http://sdmta.org> for local and state information.

Competition Report

Our state competition was held in Aberdeen Nov. 5-6, 2010. Thank you to the chairs and many other members and non-members who helped monitor, host, and work in other ways to make our competition successful. Also thank you to Christina Harbaugh for agreeing to help with certificates for our next state conference. There are no major updates for this fall 2011 competition rules. Be watching your spring and summer newsletters and SDMTA website for the handbook with guidelines and applications for our 2011 competition which will be held in Vermillion on the campus of USD in November 2011.

The MTNA Divisional Competition was held on Augustana's campus January 14-16. Marilyn Schempp and Cheryl Koch served as the local co-chairs. Thank you to Lisa Grevlos who lined up monitors and Donna Schwartz and Sue Winters who worked on all of the hospitality details. Also thank you to the many local members who helped monitor for this event. Your time is appreciated!

We were well represented with students at the divisional competition. Please check on the SDMTA website for a complete listing of all SDMTA and MTNA winners from our recent state competition. We had two students who placed at the divisional level this year: Jordyn Bangasser, a student of Lisa Grevlos, was the Alternate in the Senior Voice category and Rachel Hoogendoorn received an Honorable Mention in the Young Artist Voice category. Rachel is a student of Cheryl Koch at Augustana.

Marilyn Schempp, SDMTA State Competitions Coordinator

SDMTA Winners 2010

Elementary Piano, Age 10:

1st: Nicole Gerdes, Renner, student of Julie Melik-Stepanov, Sioux Falls; 2nd: Noah Johnson, student of Diane Ketel, Rapid City

Elementary Piano, Age 11:

1st: Roman Pham, student of Theresa Stehly, Sioux Falls; 2nd: Daniel Shchur, student of Arlene Krueger, Sioux Falls

Junior Piano, Age 12:

1st: Mira Yousef, student of Julie Melik-Stepanov, Sioux Falls; 2nd: Alex Kimn, student of Julie Melik-Stepanov, Sioux Falls; HM: Rachel Larsen, student of Julie Melik-Stepanov, Sioux Falls; Kevin Wu, student of John Walker, Brookings

Junior Piano, Age 13:

1st: Ivan Li, student of Deb Kalsbeck, Brookings; 2nd: Nathan Droege, student of Helen Anderson, Aberdeen; HM: Chaska McGowan, student of Julie Melik-Stepanov, Sioux Falls

HS Piano, Age 14:

1st: Mary Billion, student of Julie Melik-Stepanov, Sioux Falls; 2nd (tie): Karl Henry, student of Christina Harbaugh, Sioux Falls and Maria Formiller, student of Julie Melik-Stepanov, Sioux Falls; HM: Amy Shan, student of Colleen Locken Tucker, Madison

HS Piano, Age 15:

1st: Isabel Helena Braga-Henebry, Garretson, student of Julie Melik-Stepanov, Sioux Falls; 2nd: Sandra Shaefer, student of James MacInnes, Rapid City; HM: Julia Hannahs, Warner, student of Kay Fischer, Aberdeen

HS Piano, Age 16:

1st: Michael Marmorstein, student of Kay Fischer, Aberdeen; 2nd: Caitlin Clark, Gregory, student of Cheryl Koch; HM: Clinton Schell, Deadwood, student of Diane Ketel, Rapid City; Haley Rubin, Brandon, student of Marilyn Schempp, Sioux Falls; Rachel Speas, student of Trish Hanson, Rapid City

HS Piano, Age 17-18:

1st: Tylar Dormaier, student of Lisa Roers, Sioux Falls; 2nd: Kristen Ernst, student of Kay Fischer, Aberdeen; HM: Rachel Marie Hollan, student of Kay Fischer and Marcela Faflak, Aberdeen

Collegiate Piano:

1st: Adrian Ries, student of Susan Keith-Gray, USD; 2nd: Erica Drealan, student of John Walker, SDSU; HM: Katie Klipfel, student of Marcela Faflak, NSU

Elementary Piano Duets:

1st: Audrey Cope/Sophie Wieland, students of Kay Fischer, Aberdeen

Junior Piano Duets:

1st: Brooke Mallon/Shannon Katz, students of Brenda Rudebusch and Beverly Bigge, Huron

Senior Piano Duets, Age 14-15:

1st: Taylor Flanery/Elizabeth Katz, students of Brenda Rudebusch, Huron; 2nd: Emily Cruse/Kristina Kayser, students of Brenda Rudebusch, Huron

Senior Piano Duets, Age 16-18:

1st: Mackayla and Morgan Kleinsasser, students of Beverly Bigge, Huron; 2nd: Matthew Johnson and Clinton Schell, students of Diane Ketel, Rapid City; HM: Bryce and Ryan Doerr, students of Asia Brutian-Grant, Sioux Falls

Elementary Strings:

1st: Dawson Eastburn, student of Karren Melik-Stepanov, Sioux Falls

Junior Strings:

1st: Christian Weelborg, student of Karren Melik-Stepanov, Sioux Falls; 2nd: Kyle Siemers, student of Karren Melik-Stepanov, Sioux Falls

Senior Strings:

1st: Kevin Nam, student of Karren Melik-Stepanov, Sioux Falls; 2nd: Benjamin Feikema, student of Karren Melik-Stepanov, Sioux Falls; HM: Lennea Clark, student of Karren Melik-Stepanov, Sioux Falls

Collegiate Strings:

1st: Lindsey Fluharty, student of Robert Vodnoy, NSU

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Collegiate Woodwinds:

1st: Amy Wietgreffe, student of Alan LaFave, NSU; HM: John Patzlaff, student of Alan LaFave, NSU

Senior Voice:

1st: Sarah Schmidt, student of Judith Schreck, Sioux Falls; 2nd: Garreth Soto, student of Judith Schreck, Sioux Falls; HM: Elizabeth Kendrick, student of Amy Morrison, Sioux Falls; Rebecca Stevens, student of Judith Schreck, Sioux Falls

Collegiate Voice I:

1st: Anthony Rohr, student of Michael Skyles, NSU; 2nd: David Stadem, student of Cheryl Koch, Augustana; HM: Maren Engel, student of Lisa Grevlo, Augustanas; Yvonne Freese, student of Darci Bultema, NSU; Cody Swanson, student of Michael Skyles, NSU; Miranda Lommen, student of Judith Schreck, Augustana

Collegiate Voice II:

1st: Martha Stai, student of Cheryl Koch, Augustana; 2nd: Tyler Wasberg, student of Russell Svenningsen, Augustana; HM: Michelle Monroe, student of Darci Bultema, NSU; Kristina Olfert, student of Darci Bultema, NSU; Laura Bertschinger, student of Tracelyn Gesteland, USD; Mark Nelsen, student of Cheryl Koch, Augustana; John Hokanson, student of Lisa Grevlos, Augustana



MTNA Winners 2010

Collegiate Brass:

State Representative: Tyler Schwan, Trombone, student of Boyd Perkins, NSU

Junior Piano:

State Representative: Hannah Gerdes, student of Julie Melik-Stepanov, Sioux Falls

Senior Piano:

1st: Brian Billion, student of Julie Melik-Stepanov, Sioux Falls; Alternate: Matthew Johnson, student of Diane Ketel, Rapid City

Senior Woodwinds:

1st: Tylar Dormaier, student of Terry Walter, Sioux Falls; 2nd: Katherine Tierney, student of Michael Walsh, Brookings

Collegiate Woodwinds:

1st: Anne Jundt, student of Alan LaFave, NSU; Alternate: Shengwen Wu, student of Alan LaFave, NSU; HM: Charity Wells, Frederic Hemke, NSU; Anna Scott, student of Nathan Jorgensen, SDSU

Senior Strings:

1st: CJ Point, student of Karren Melik-Stepanov, Sioux Falls; Alternate: Yolanda Clark, student of Maria Peters, Sioux Falls

Chamber Music:

State Representative: SDSU Saxophone Quartet I (Alicia Grotenhuis, John Daniel, Marian Beck, Anna Scott), students of Nathan Jorgensen, SDSU

Senior Voice:

1st: Jordyn Bangasser, student of Lisa Grevlos; Alternate: Luke Carlson, student of Cheryl Koch, Sioux Falls; HM: Erin Voth, student of Amy Morrison

Young Artist Voice:

1st: Rachel Hoogendoorn, student of Cheryl Koch, Augustana; Alternate: Hannah Patzer, student of Cheryl Koch, Augustana; HM: Kristen Meidinger, student of Judith Schreck, Augustana

Foundation Report

The annual conference in Aberdeen at Northern State University November 4-6 provided some great opportunities for fund raising for the MTNA Foundation. We sponsored a used music sale and had the traditional raffle for the SDMTA Traveling Plaque, using the proceeds to fund our South Dakota MTNA Fellow for 2011. Our Fellow this year is Cheryl Koch of Freeman. We will honor her at the national conference in Milwaukee in March. We encourage everyone who is attending the conference to also go to the Gala to help honor Cheryl at the recognition ceremony.

Janeen Larsen's name was pulled out of the hat (pumpkin) at the raffle for the SDMTA Traveling Plaque. Janeen named Ilene Sharkey of Rapid City for the honor of being listed on the Plaque. Ilene will display the Plaque in her home this year. Ilene has been a long-time supporter of SDMTA, holding several offices, including President. Her contributions to SDMTA and to the musical and artistic life of South Dakota, especially in West River, have been enormous. A big thanks to all the SDMTA members who contributed to the Traveling Plaque raffle this year.

Susanne Skyrn, SDMTA Foundation Chair

SD Summer Music Camps

Rushmore National Music Camp

Our motto: Making music...Making friends! Outstanding ensemble and private lesson experience in band and choir activities with private instruction available in all band instruments and vocal areas.

Junior High through High School

Junior High Camp, NSU, Aberdeen; Senior High, Camp Judson, Keystone, South Dakota

Junior High Camp (July 31-August 5), Senior High Camp (August 7-13)

Junior High Camp (329.00), Senior High Camp (395.00)

Contact info: Dr. Alan LaFave, NSU, (605) 626-2497
OR Peggy Letcher, Camp Registrar, (605) 229-5714 OR
<http://www.rushmoremusiccamp.com/>

Johanna Meier Opera Theater Institute

Brief description of activities: Pre-professional opera training, aria and opera scene performances. Internationally known professional opera faculty and coaches.

17+ Students

BHSU, Spearfish, SD

June 12-25 (Deadline March 1 for applications)

\$829 registration, housing and meals additional cost.

Contact info: Holly.Downing@bhsu.edu Phone 605-642-6056

All-State Music Camp

A full week of fun and learning, including band, choir, piano classes, music technology, beginning band, careers in music, chamber music, improvisation, individual lessons, theory/composition, vocal techniques, contest preparation. Special activities are opening night barbecue, student and faculty talent nights, student dance, jazz performance, and final concert performance.

8th-12th grade

South Dakota State University, Brookings

June 5-10, 2011

Inclusive Fee (registration, room and board, T-shirt) \$375;
Registration fee only (no room and board) \$225

Contact info: 605-688-4229 or e-mail
SDSU.Music.Dept@sdstate.edu
<http://www.sdstate.edu/mus/outreach/all-state/>

60th Annual Upper Midwest Summer Music Camp

A six-day experience of learning and music-making. Activities include vocal and instrumental large ensembles, jazz bands, show choirs, percussion ensembles and chamber groups, all culminating in a final concert performance at the end of the week. The camp also features a piano only option which allows students to gain more personalized instruction on the instrument. Other activities include Musicianship, Master Classes, Piano Class, Jazz Improvisation, World Drumming, Opera, Composition, Guitar Class and Conducting. Opportunities for private lessons in a specific instrument or voice are also available.

Completed 6th grade through 12th grade

University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD

July 10-15, 2011

\$390 resident, \$240 commuter, by June 22, 2011

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SDMTA Board of Directors

President: John Walker
1st Vice-President: Susanne Skyrn
Immediate Past-President: Marcela Faflak
Treasurer: Cheryl Koch
Secretary: Danie Crowley
2nd Vice-Pres. (Membership): Yvonne Lange
Certification: Helen Anderson
Competition Chair: Marilyn Schempp
J. Earl Lee Foundation: Susanne Skyrn

Appointments and Committees

Conference 2011 Planning Committee:
Susanne Skyrn, conference coordinator
Susan Keith Gray, site chair
Marilyn Schempp, competitions coordinator
Yvonne Lange, IMTF
Cheryl Koch, conference booklet
Cheryl Koch, registration
Kay Fischer, booklet advertising
Foundation Committee: Susanne Skyrn, Arlene Krueger, Cheryl Koch
Nominating Committee: Susan Keith Gray, Susan Winters, Diane Ketel
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Composition Competitions: Colleen Tucker
Commissioned Composition Committee:
Paul Kolar, Jim MacInnes, Anna Vorhes
Archives: Cheryl Koch
Grants and Publicity: Susan Keith Gray
Website: John Walker

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Discount for pre-registration only if postmarked by February 16. Register at MTNA.org

Meet A Member



Name: Cheryl Preheim Koch
Home: Freeman, South Dakota
Member SDMTA since 1973
Born: Yankton, SD
Raised: up the road in Irene, SD
Education: Bachelor's in Piano Performance & Vocal Music Education; Master's in Vocal

Performance—both from USD
Current jobs: adjunct voice instructor at Augustana plus large private voice/piano studio
Family: husband, John (39 years!) & grown daughters, Kristin & Laura who both live in New York City. John is an administrator with the USD School of Medicine; Kristin does special

computer effects for TV and film; Laura is a book editor.

Favorite Composers: Chopin, Brahms, Bach
Favorite Pianists: Vladimir Horowitz; Artur Schnabel; Andras Schiff, many more!

Favorite Singers: Bryn Terfel; Susan Graham
Most Influential Musicians/Teachers: Genevieve Truran & Frank Aiello
Hobbies/Activities: travel, books, antiques, refinishing furniture, scrapbooking
Why I like SDMTA: For me it's the perfect

organization because it includes both piano & voice. I love the contact with colleagues from

General Membership Meeting Minutes

November 5th, 2010

Special Guest: Dr. Gary Ingle

Secretary's Report, Danie Crowley: Minutes from the last General Membership Meeting were reviewed. The minutes were approved with the correct spelling of the word software.

Treasurer's Report, Cheryl Koch: Because of the growing competition numbers over the last couple of years, SDMTA has brought in more money than it has spent. So, the treasury is in very good shape. As of June 30th 2010, the total amount in the treasury is \$26, 524.55. The J. Earl Lee fund has a C.D. with \$10,922.31. There is \$500 in the J. Earl Lee checking account to send Division winners to National. Budget: A new budget was approved for 2010. The budget had been increased from \$4,500 to \$6,000 for guest artists' and judges' fees in September. Also, a category was added for archives. The Center for Western Studies at Augustana has agreed to house our archives. The material in the archives still belongs to SDMTA. Members will be allowed to use it at any time. If any non-member wishes to research our files they will need permission from either Cheryl Koch or Donna Schwartz. To do this, we have to be members of the Center for Western Studies. We are allowed to be an individual member for \$50 a year. However, a recommendation was approved to give \$75 for the next few years. The Treasurer's Report and Budget Report was approved.

Presidents Message: John Walker is happy to be SDMTA's new President. He has no plans for any big changes. He is interested in attracting new members, of course. He also wants to attract members into positions with smaller jobs rather than larger overwhelming jobs.

Local Association Reports:

Aberdeen, Kay Fischer: Aberdeen has 18 members. Some members are retiring, but there are new members, as well. They meet once a month in a church. After the conference, on December 15th, students are going to play Christmas music at the mall all day long. Tuba Christmas will also be playing that day. Marcela Faflak will be conducting a master class all day, January 29th, for middle and high school students.

Black Hills Area, rep. by Rita Hicks: Because of the large area covered, they meet twice a year with many other informal meetings throughout the year. In February, there is a Piano Extravaganza at the mall with 10 Clavinovas for duets. In April, there is a piano festival.

Brookings, rep. by John Walker: Brookings has 18 active members and a few new collegiate members. There is a student composition recital in a few weeks. Guild Auditions will be held, as well. At the Festival of Trees, students will play Christmas songs on a keyboard.

Huron, Brenda Ruedebusch: A Piano Extravaganza was held a few weeks ago with 6 duets and 6 ensemble performances.

Sioux Falls, Donna Schwartz: In September, Dr Gray presented a workshop on ornamentation. October's program was a special event with Eugene Gienger on teaching students to "pre-hear" their music. Also he conducted a master class the next day. In November, Dr. Andrews will be discussing music theory. The duet registration forms are due in November. Sioux Falls has the hospitality room for divisional this year. The all boy recital is in February. The piano festival is in March. Guild Auditions will be held, as well.

General Membership Meeting Minutes

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Foundation Chair Report, Susanne Skyrn: Cheryl Koch was nominated as fellow this year. We are on our way to raising the \$1,000 with the used music sale and individual contributions. If you wish to make a contribution, please see Susanne and make the check out to MTNA.

We had been working on raising the J. Earl Lee funds principle to \$10,000 with fundraising. Once that cap was reached, all fundraising was done to raise money for the Foundation Fellow. At last night's meeting, we voted to raise the cap on the J. Earl Lee fund to \$15,000 to raise the amount of money that might be made from the interest to send students to National with. Also, we voted to raise the amount from \$100 per student to \$200. The following question was then raised to the membership: Do we treat the J. Earl Lee as an endowment and use the interest or treat it as a savings account and spend the principle and then re-raise that amount through fundraising? Much continued discussion was had on how to fund the travel awards to students and whether the money should come from the checking account, the C.D., or the general fund. Cheryl made a motion that our philosophy be that we spend more of the J. Earl Lee fund in support of student scholarships. But, that we leave \$5,000 in an invested account. Also, a committee should be appointed that determines how we use the money. The motion was passed.

Competition Chair Report, Marilyn: The numbers are down a bit from what they were last year. There have been about 5 scratches so far. There has not been a special needs contestant. There are 5 or 6 duets. This year we are printing the winner certificates out and so far it is going ok.

Certification Report: Marie Schlosser was married last Saturday and is moving to Arizona. She is also having problems with her eyesight. Therefore, she will no longer be teaching or serving as our certification chair. Her position is now open for someone to fill. The Certification Board had its own checking account with about \$500 to pay \$100 to anyone who wanted to seek National Certification. Since no one has used that, Cheryl made a proposal that we fold the money into our general state operating budget, but save it for certification activities. The motion was passed.

Election of Officers, Susan Keith Gray: The officers for the next 2 years are: John Walker, President; 1st Vice President, Susanne Skyrn; Treasurer, Cheryl Koch; Secretary, Danie Crowley. We have a vacancy for the 2nd Vice President. The 2nd Vice President will not be committed to moving up, unless they desire. The duties of the 2nd VP would be managing the membership and recruiting new members. Since there were no nominations the 2nd VP can be appointed later. The slate of officers was approved.

Site Chair, Marcela: Marcela asked if there were any known problems with the competition so far. There were 12 no-shows for the IMTF luncheon today. The lunch is paid for by the local association, so we as individuals need to make sure that if we sign up for a lunch, that we show up for it. Cheryl moved that we thank Marcela Faflak as site host and all of the people who have worked on putting the conference together such as Marilyn Schempp, Kay Fischer, and many others. Since the lunch cost \$8/person Cheryl moved that organization pick up at least some of the 12 no-shows.

2011 Conference: Dr. Gray would like to invite everyone to Vermillion for next year's conference. They are currently working on Adam Golka as next year's guest artist.

Meeting Adjourned.
Danie Crowley, Secretary.

SDMTA 2010 Conference Financial Report

EXPENSE	
Concert Artist: Marvin Blickenstaff	\$2000.00
Expenses	
Lodging & Meals (incl. judges' exp below)	216.15
Transportation (incl. judges' exp below)	543.28
Judging Fees	1012.00
Judges' Expenses	1741.26
Workshop	325.00
Program Book Printing	243.80
Piano Tuning	0.00
Meals	631.52
Miscellaneous	462.59
Cashbox (in and out)	50.00
MTNA Foundation (in and out)	126.25
Printing/Supplies	119.68
Reimbursed AAMTA for no-show lunches	98.76
Banner for Foundation/Lee Fund (postage)	67.90
Competition Chairs	23.95
Competition Printed Materials	31.80
Commissioned Composition	0.00
Total Expense	\$6471.92

INCOME	
Registration	1380.00
Meals	480.00
Program Book Sales (@ \$3 each)	121.00
Advertising Sales	1120.00
Miscellaneous	
1776.25	
SD Arts Council Grant	1500.00
Competition Late Fees (teachers)	100.00
Cashbox (in and out)	50.00
MTNA Foundation (in and out)	126.25
Student Competition Rebates (MTNA)	1190.00
SDMTA Student Entry Fees	2310.00
Total Income	\$8377.25
NET PROFIT	\$1905.33