

## **Buckeye NATS Business Meeting Minutes October 10, 2009- Baldwin-Wallace College**

- I. **Call to order**
  - a. President Nancy Jantsch called to order the fall business meeting of the Buckeye NATS.
- II. **Secretary/Treasurer Report**
  - a. Balance is \$2589.51 (does not include costs of Fall Meeting)
  - b. Present membership is 65. Reminder postcards will go out in January for membership renewals before Spring auditions.
- III. **Business**
  - a. Nancy thanked JR Fralick for hosting the Fall BNATS meeting and workshop with Lori Laitman. Also to be thanked was the BW SNATS chapter for all their help.
  - b. Joanne Uniatowski announced the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Art Song Festival to be held at Baldwin-Wallace College May 17 – 22, 2010. Lenore Rosenberg from the Met will be hosting a lecture as well. For more information, contact Dr. Joanne Uniatowski, Executive Director – ASF at [artsong@bw.edu](mailto:artsong@bw.edu).
- IV. **Spring Auditions – Stephanie Henkle, Auditions Chair, Alison Acord, Onsite Coordinator**
  - a. Reviewed new NATS Audition Guidelines. They were published June 2009 and are available for viewing online at [www.nats.org](http://www.nats.org).
    - i. BNATS repertoire requirements will remain as is, not adjust to the NATS requirements.
    - ii. Insurance clause is new.
    - iii. Copyright – Accompanists must use books, or approved POP copies.
    - iv. Sheet music purchased online (ex. Art Song Central), or purchased software (ex. CD Sheet Music) is allowed.
  - b. The BNATS board voted in June to increase the student registration fee to \$15.00.
  - c. An effort will be made to include the NATSAA winner at the Friday evening recital.
  - d. Look for revamped registration forms, audition information and comment sheets this year on [www.buckeyenats.org](http://www.buckeyenats.org) web site by Jan. 1, 2010.
  - e. All audition forms and information will be sent to members electronically unless otherwise requested.
  - f. **Applications for the Spring Auditions must be postmarked by March 10, 2010.**
  - g. To be voted on:
    - i. Teachers who cancel or do not show for judging, for any reason, must find a replacement judge approved by the auditions chair (BNATS member in good standing) or pay a fine of \$50.00 to cover the expense of securing a substitute.

Discussion was held. The motion to accept was made by Tim Culver to accept, second by Laurie Lashbrook. Motion carried.

- ii. BNATS members sending students to compete may not accompany any students at the auditions. They are needed as judges.

Discussion was held. The motion to accept was made by JR Fralick to accept, second by Carrie Culver. Motion carried.

- iii. Entering students under another teachers name is not allowed and the student will be disqualified.

Discussion was held. The motion to accept was made by Norma Codispoti, second by Denise Milner Howell. Motion carried.

- iv. Staff accompanist fees are non-refundable. Music must accompany application and fees. If fees are not paid or music is not received, the student will be disqualified.

Discussion was held. The motion to accept was made by JR Fralick and seconded by Elizabeth Unis Chesko. Motion carried.

- v. Spring audition start times adjusted: judges meeting will begin at 9:00 am. and judging begin at 9:30 am. New times will be tried for one year, then reviewed.

Discussion was held. The motion to accept was made by Denise Milner Howell and seconded by Stephanie Henkle.

#### **V. NATS Foundation**

- a. Norma Codispoti solicited contributions in the name of Sophie Ginn Paster who passed away July 1, 2009. Norma also made a motion to contribute \$250.00 to the NATS Foundation as a gift of remembrance. Jackie Barlow Ware seconded, motion passed.

#### **VI. Upcoming Meetings**

- a. Spring Auditions will be held April 10, 2010 at Miami University, Oxford, and hosted by Alison Acord.
- b. The Fall Meeting will be held at Kenyon College, hosted by Nancy Jantsch, on October 9, 2010. Nancy is soliciting any workshop ideas you may have.
- c. Venues for Spring Auditions in both 2011 and 2012 are being discussed.

#### **VII. Announcements**

- a. JR Fralick announced a Tribute/Memorial Service to Sophie Ginn Paster at Baldwin-Wallace College, Saturday Oct. 31 at 3:00 pm.
- b. Laurie Lashbrook announced the NATSAA auditions will be held at the University of Akron, Guzetta Hall, on March 27, 2010. More information is available at [www.nats.org](http://www.nats.org).

#### **VIII. Meeting adjourned – 1:10 pm to the Lori Laitman Master Class.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Sheila James Ludwig, Buckeye NATS Secretary-Treasurer