

Buckeye NATS Spring Meeting Minutes April 12, 2008 Bowling Green State University

The spring meeting of Buckeye NATS was called to order by President, Jackie Barlow-Ware at Bowling Green State University. The morning auditions were very successful, hearing about 240 students with about 60 teachers participating as judges. Many thanks go out to our host, Myra Merritt, and her many helpers at BGSU for a very successful day. Also, many thanks to Vice-President, Michelle Latour for all of her organizational work to make the day run so smoothly. The winners of each category along with their teachers will be posted on the website. This year along with vocal music shopping available through Stanton's Sheet Music from Columbus, we had two workshops available for the students to participate in while awaiting results. The first was an Alexander Technique Workshop by Nancy Crego of the Toledo area, and then a Performance Anxiety Workshop by Sharon Stohrer from Westerville, author of *The Singer's Companion* which was recently reviewed in the NATS Journal of Singing.

The meeting began with the approval of the fall meeting minutes that have been posted on line. Then Secretary-Treasurer, Nancy Jantsch, reported that our membership is up to 141 and the current balance is \$1,564.43. Included in the expenses are two contributions; \$100 toward the Great Lakes Region NATS Irma Cooper scholarship, which was awarded at the regional auditions, and the other was \$250 to the NATS Foundation. Norma Cotispoti of Baldwin-Wallace College, who is on the board of the Foundation, thanked us for the chapter contribution and encouraged individual members to contribute. If interested, you can find more information about the NATS Foundation on the national NATS website, www.nats.org

State Governor, Laurie Lashbrook attended the Great Lakes Regional auditions on March 1st at Ball State University. She reported that there was no business meeting at the event. We will post the Ohio Regional winners on the website along with the Buckeye audition winners. The regional Governor, Carolyn Smith has agreed to remain in office a second term. Members will receive a ballot in the mail soon to vote on this. The next regional Governor should be from Ohio. Members who are interested in being considered may contact an officer or board member.

Web site report by Denise Milner Howell: Denise has reconfigured the web site recently and it looks great! The audition information and most recent membership information will be there soon at www.buckeyenats.org

The Richard Miller Award of Excellence: At the fall meeting there was a discussion about establishing a grand prize for the top performer at the winner's recital. We would like to make this award in honor of Richard Miller. The teachers that are at the winner's recital would vote for the best of the winners. A

grand prize of \$150 would be awarded. This award was voted on and approved at this meeting, and with Mr. Miller's approval will be established at next year's auditions.

Emeritus members: There was a discussion about waiving the Buckeye NATS dues for inactive emeritus members. If a member is an emeritus national NATS member and is not sending students to the auditions, the member will remain on the Buckeye NATS role as emeritus. This change was successfully voted on and will be amended in the By-Laws.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Fall Meeting at Capital University in Columbus on Saturday October 11, 2008. The program is still being arranged. Let us know if you have any suggestions. Please save this date on your calendar.

Spring Auditions next year will be at Cedarville University near Dayton and Springfield on April 4th, 2009. The host will be Beth Porter. On the night before the auditions, Friday, April 3rd, there will be a concert featuring Beth Porter, Lara Troyer, Denise Milner Howell, Dean Southern, and Tim Culver. We will be looking for workshop presenters for afternoon. If you are interested or would like to suggest a workshop, please contact Jackie Barlow-Ware at Jackie@the-wares.com.

The Fall Meeting October 10, 2009, PLACE TBA , Featuring Lori Laitman: We tried to have Ms. Laitman present a master class this fall, but her schedule wouldn't allow it. We were able to book her, though, for the following fall. We will set this up similar to the Richard Pearson-Thomas master class a few years ago. We will be looking for members or their students to sing at this meeting. Please let us know if you are interested in performing or having one of your students perform some of Lori Laitman's beautiful music. If your school would be interested in partnering with Buckeye NATS on this weekend, hosting this meeting and having her at your school for other activities, please contact Michelle Latour at latourm@bluffton.edu.

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday April 26, 2008 the Central Ohio Student Chapter of NATS presents "A Day with Richard Miller" at OSU Weigel Auditorium. Registration cost: \$10 teachers and \$5 students. For questions contact Karen Peeler at peeler.2@osu.edu

June 9-14, 2008 – "Vocal Center Symposium for Voice Performance Pedagogy, Health and Science" Featuring a Master Class with Richard Miller, and presentations by distinguished members of the Voice Center of the Cleveland Clinic, and workshop sessions regarding VoceVista. For more information see www.oberlin.edu/con/summer/vocalarts/default.html

July 14-18, 2008: at the University of Dayton: The 2008 Vocal Performance Institute for High School Singers. A limited number of scholarships are available. For additional information and registration, see the website at artssciences, udayton.edu/continuingeducation

The next item of business was the nomination of two new board members: Elected were: Stephanie Henkle of Otterbein College and Alison Acord of Miami University. They are replacing outgoing board members, Valerie Tanner and Jason Hiester.

The meeting was adjourned and the awards were presented with the winners concert following. Altogether it was a very successful day.

Please send any additions or correction to the minutes to jantschn@yahoo.com.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Jantsch
Buckeye NATS Secretary-Treasurer