

Buckeye NATS Fall Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2008

I. Call to order

President, Jackie Barlow-Ware called to order the regular meeting of the **Buckeye NATS** following lunch on **October 11, 2008** at Capital University. Jackie acknowledged the passing of Nancy Jantsch's mother and a sympathy card was circulated for members to sign.

II. Old business

- a) It was requested that members use the website to obtain information. Many frequently asked questions can be answered by a visit to the website (www.buckeyenats.org)
- b) Richard Miller has accepted our request to honor him with an award at our annual Spring Student Auditions. All first place winners who sing in the winners' concert will be eligible to be chosen for the prize. All teachers will be given a ballot and will vote on the singer they consider to be deserving of the \$150 award.
- c) There was discussion of the new scoring method, and thoughts were shared as to the pros and cons of adopting the method used at the Regional Student Auditions. Spring 2008 was the first time Buckeye NATS judges gave rankings only, rather than scores in their judging. It was decided to try it at least one more year before considering any possible change.
- d) Jackie gave a reminder that Emeritus members are exempt from paying dues, except in the situation where they would like to send students to the annual auditions.
- e) Membership numbers for Buckeye NATS are up this year, and the budget is recovering. A reminder was given that yearly dues must be paid consistently in order to enter students in the Student Auditions.
- f) There was discussion about next year's fall meeting. Several schools have offered to host the meeting which will feature a presentation by composer Lori Laitman. It was decided to attempt to hold two master classes with Ms. Laitman – one for students of NATS members, and one for NATS members themselves.

III. New business

- a) NATS National has circulated a communication mandating that under no circumstances will photocopies of music be allowed in student auditions. This will have a significant impact on our state auditions in that accompanists will be required to play from originals only. Possible difficulties were discussed, including sending music to staff accompanists and the need for page turners. Also mentioned was the need to notify all teachers who were not present at the meeting of the new rule. Sophie Ginn-Pastor suggested posting the statement from National on the website.

- b) Norma Codispoti reported that a donation of \$250 has been made to the NATS Foundation from Buckeye NATS in memory of Margret Kommel.
- c) A motion was made to increase the staff accompanist fee at the Student Auditions from \$20 to \$25. It was voted and approved.
- d) Dates for the Spring 2009 Student Auditions at Cedarville University were announced – April 4, 2009. A recital will be given the evening prior by Beth Porter, Tim Culver, and Michelle Latour.
- e) A suggestion was made to bring together the various SNATS groups throughout the state at the Spring Auditions. JR Fralick made a request that SNATS members who study with a non-NATS member be allowed to participate in Student Auditions. The matter will be referred to Carl Swanson at National, with a copy to Caroline Smith, for guidance.
- f) New members were introduced: Helen Todd, Charles Spencer, and Emily Stauch

IV. Adjournment

Jackie Barlow-Ware adjourned the meeting.

Minutes submitted by: Denise Milner Howell