

**LMTA Board Meeting  
October 17, 2012, 7:00 pm  
Marriott Courtyard  
Monroe, LA**

**Attendance:** Judy McGehee, President; Patti Misita, President-Elect; Robin Ebeyer, VP Rallies; Donna Toney, Immediate Past-President; David Easley, VP Publicity; Katherine Tobey, Webmaster/Historian; Janet Colbert, Treasurer; LaWanda Blakeney, VP Membership; Sue Steck-Turner, VP Certification; Chan Kiat Lim, Chamber Music Competition Chair; Lauren Lewandowski, NOMTA President; Pamela Pike, BRMTA President; Charlie Jones, Piano Chair; Carla Breaux, Technology Chair; Sarah Roy, MTNA Foundation Fund Chair; Marjorie Stricklin, Necrology Chair; Irena Jones, MDMTA President; Jeanne Patterson, Upper Elementary Auditions Chair; Cindy Hockenjos, Outstanding Teacher Award Chair; Teresa Thomason, Piano Rally Chair.

**President McGehee** called the meeting to order and attendance was taken by signature. MSP reading of minutes from the last meeting.

**President McGehee announced that Tamera Zona** has agreed, and has been approved by the EC, to serve as Secretary for the remainder of the term. She replaces Jill O'Toole, who has resigned.

**Janet Colbert presented the Treasurer's Report** and encouraged everyone to submit receipts to her and cash checks as soon as possible. As of September 25, 2012, LMTA's checking account balance is \$30,978.38. All dues must be paid by November 1.

**Patti Misita expressed thanks** to Irena Jones and MDMTA for their hard work on convention and gave highlights of the convention sessions.

**Judy McGehee opened discussion of out-of-state members entering students in LMTA competitions.** Katherine Tobey thanked the committee (Patti Misita, LaWanda Blakeney, Dorothy Sahlmann, Delila McMillin, Cindy Hockenjos, Teresa Thomason, and Lauren Lewandowski) for their opinions and recommendations and presented a committee report. After discussion, a motion was presented that "Any teacher who enters a student in the LMTA Rally must be a resident of Louisiana." The motion did not pass. A second motion was presented, seconded, and passed: "**Any teacher who enters a student in LMTA Rally must be a resident of Louisiana, or must be teaching entirely and physically in the state of Louisiana.**" This will be published in the LMTA Policies and Procedures and the Rally Syllabus and will take effect for Rally 2014.

**Charlie Jones presented the Commissioned Composer report** in the absence of chair Al Benner. The 2012 composer is Joe Alexander from Louisiana Tech. The composer recommended for 2013 is Ellene Owens of Pineville. The board enthusiastically supported this recommendation.

**Robin Ebeyer presented the report on Rallies.** One of the Harp Rally teachers spent over \$400 out of personal funds as a result of a judge needing to be replaced after canceling at the last minute. Expenses also included extra awards and trophies. MSP: If receipts are submitted, LMTA will reimburse Rebecca Todaro up to \$422.60.

**Membership Chair LaWanda Blakeney reported there are currently 341 LMTA members.** This is a slight decline and is consistent with member losses in other states.

**Chan Kiat Lim announced the Chamber Music Competition** will be held at UL-Lafayette on Saturday, October 27. There will be 14 groups participating, up from 7 in 2011. Chan Kiat hopes for more participation in mixed ensembles.

**The next LMTA Convention will be held at McNeese in Lake Charles.** The convention artist will be Alexander Dossin.

**Webmaster Katherine Tobey** requested that members share convention photos for the LMTA website.

**VP Publicity David Easley** discussed starting a Facebook page to share LMTA news. Currently LMTA has a group page on Facebook. David will provide more information in the future.

**President McGehee reported that at the MTNA Summit** in September she and others requested that MTNA provide public service announcements to support MTNA members. MTNA is currently working on ways to provide publicity for members.

**The meeting was adjourned.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Donna Toney, Acting Secretary**