

LMTA Executive Committee Meeting
October 17, 2012, 4:30 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

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. After discussion about convention registration, a committee was appointed to further discuss LMTA student membership and privileges. The committee will propose new wording for the by-laws. Janet reported that several members who are registered for convention have not yet paid 2012-2013 dues. To register as a member, dues must be paid before the convention. All dues must be paid by November 1.

Use of SOS funds (currently \$2,394) was discussed. There have been almost no disbursements since the decision was made to use SOS funds for disaster relief rather than tuition assistance. SOS Chair Sue Steck-Turner recommended that SOS be changed to fund teacher and student scholarships. MSP.

The Distinguished Service Award was discussed. MSP: The following wording will be placed in Policies and Procedures as #8 under COMMITTEE/BOARD APPOINTMENTS: "The Distinguished Service Award may be presented annually at the convention, at the discretion of the President and Executive Committee."

President McGehee announced she had appointed a committee to discuss out-of-state teachers entering students in LMTA competitions. The committee members are Katherine Tobey (chair), Patti Misita, LaWanda Blakeney, Dorothy Sahlmann, Delila McMillin, Cindy Hockenjos, Teresa

Thomason, and Lauren Lewandowski. Tobey presented a report and stated that while the committee's opinions were not unanimous as to whether out-of-state teachers should be allowed to enter student in LMTA competitions (specifically RALLY), all agreed that the interests of Louisiana teachers must be placed first. The committee suggested that if out-of state teachers are allowed to enter students in LMTA competitions, they should belong to a local affiliate if available; that an out-of-state teacher may not enter an out-of-state student in LMTA competitions under any circumstances; that the full board should discuss this issue before a motion is made.

The meeting was adjourned for supper.

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