

**LMTA Executive Board Meeting  
Saturday, January 24, 2015, 10:00am  
University of Louisiana, Lafayette**

**The Meeting was called to order by President Patti Misita.**

**Roll was taken by signature.** Those present were President Patti Misita, President-elect La Wanda Blakeney, Immediate Past President Judy McGehee, VP Certification Sue Steck-Turner, VP Publicity David Easley, VP Rallies Robin Ebeyer, Treasurer Teresa Thomason, Webmaster Laura Pray, Secretary Tamera Zona, Member-at-Large Susie Garcia and Local Convention Chair Chan Kiat Lim.

**The Minutes were approved.**

**Teresa Thomason gave the Treasurer's report.** The balance in the general fund is \$32,304 as of December 31, 2014.

**General Announcements:**

LMTA now has the highest percentage of certified teachers in the nation. Carla Salas Ruiz from LSU received the Collegiate Chapter award. Division winners were jr. piano alt. Ben Mader (teacher-Hristo Birbochukov), Sr. string HM Alonso Restrepo (teacher-Paul Christopher), YA Woodwinds HM Brian Dunbar (teacher-Katherine Kemler). The 2016 Commissioned Composer is Sam Stokes from NSU. The TS competition will be held June 6<sup>th</sup> with the location to be determined. String Rally will be held April 25 at SLU. Please vote in the upcoming MTNA elections.

**Old Business**

A motion was made to reimburse \$500 to Board members for expenses to attend National Convention. MSP

**New Business**

Appointment of the new nominating committee was discussed. Members asked to serve were Judy McGehee, Teresa Thomason, Robin Ebeyer and Sue Steck-Turner. MSP The new slate of officers will be in the Summer Score.

Lauren Lewandowski is a new Member-at-Large.

Summer Board meeting is scheduled for Aug. 29<sup>th</sup> at Wesley Center in Woodworth.

A vote for the 2016 Foundation Fellow Dorothy Sahlmann was taken. MSP

MTNA National Conference is in Las Vegas, NV March 21-25.

**LMTA Convention 2015** will be held Oct 1-2 at ULL. There was a discussion of changing the time of the Thursday recital to an earlier time and having dinner afterwards. A motion to have Glenda Austin as a Presenter at convention was given. MSP. She will do a showcase and 2 sessions.

**Local Convention Hosts duties** The hotel will be the Hilton Garden Inn with 50 rooms reserved. The Thursday Banquet locations were discussed. Time change will be 6:30 cash bar and 7:00-8:30 Dinner. Waiving the fee for e-novative was MSP. Michelle Day is handling ads. Range of ads has been \$3000-\$5000. Allen Garcia will be contacted to give specs. Sue Steck-Turner is in charge of exhibits. Parking will be investigated.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tamera Zona  
Secretary