

Greater Philadelphia NATS AGENDA: August 9, 2018

The GP NATS Board met at the home of Susan Brizick at noon 8/9/18. Those attending were Susan Brizick, Marcus De Loach, Nancy Jantsch, Larry Indik, Kim Robson and Corbin Abernathy.

Approval of Minutes – GP NATS Minutes are posted on our web site, www.greaterphiladelphianats.org

President's Report (Marcus)

1. Review of last year's events: Student Auditions at Temple University in November; the Winter Teacher Enrichment Workshop in Feb. "Navigating the Developing Voice in the Choral Environment"; a Master Class with Sandra Lopez in April, and the Social gathering at the home of Julie Eurillo in May.
2. The National Convention in Las Vegas in June had 8 GP NATS members attending: Marcus De Loach, Larry Indik, Nancy Jantsch, Angie Feliciano, Julie Eurillo, Elizabeth Murphy, Stephen Ng, and of course Marvin Keenze who was honored at the Gala with a Life Time Achievement Award. The next National Convention will be in Knoxville, Tenn in June 2020.
3. Regional Auditions will be held at Nazareth College in Rochester, NY on March 15-17, 2019.
4. Marcus welcomed renewed members of the GP NATS Board, Kim Robson and Susan Anders Brizick whose new terms were approved at the Social gathering in May.
Our current Officers and Board Members are:
Marcus DeLoach – President (2107-19)
Larry Indik – Vice President (2017-19)
Nancy Jantsch – Secretary-Treasurer (2017-19)
Board:
Corbin Abernathy, Katherine Mallon-Day, Lisa Willson DeNolfo (2017-19)
Susan Anders Brizick, Kim Robson (2018-2020)
5. Committees for this year's events
 - a. NSA Committee (NATS Student Auditions): Larry (chair), Marcus, Nancy
 - b. Masterclass Committee: Corbin (chair) Nancy, Lisa, Marcus
 - c. Teacher Enrichment Workshop: Kim (chair) Larry, Susan, Kate
 - d. Sing, Snack, and Socialize Committee: Kate (chair) Corbin, Susan, Lisa
 - e. Nomination Committee: Marcus (chair) Kim, Nancy, Larry
6. Reminder- Stay on top of GP NATS email and engage with the Facebook Page as much as you can. Corbin will open posting ability to all Board Members.
7. Regionally and Nationally recruitment and membership are the focus.
8. NATS Foundation news: Nina Tober from Susquehanna University is our regional liaison for the NATS Foundation. – We will post a link on our website from nats.org with information about scholarship opportunities offered by the Foundation for NATS members. Corbin will also post NATS Foundation information on our GP NATS Facebook page.
9. By-Laws: Many thanks to Marcus and Kim, who have updated our By-Laws. The Board has approved them. Marcus will send them to the membership to review, and then approve online. The By-laws are posted on the "about us" page of our website.
10. NATS Delaware Chapter: Historically GP NATS and Delaware NATS are both descendants of the Delaware Valley Chapter of NATS that folded some time ago. Presently the Delaware Chapter has about 15 members. There has been some interest in combining with our chapter, or at least sharing activities. We would like to encourage them to attend our events this year and possibly send a representative to audit the GP NATS board meeting and let the rest of their chapter know about our activities. Marcus will investigate what the NJ and NY NATS Chapters do to include other non-chapter members in their activities.

11. Recruiting – Lapsed Members calls – Nancy distributed a list of lapsed members. With the help of the present board members, Nancy will reach out to these lapsed members and encourage them to renew their 2018 GP NATS dues.
12. Mentoring: At the National Convention Marcus and Stephen participated in a mentoring program with upcoming voice teachers. Could we implement this somehow within the Chapter in a similar way? Perhaps we can incorporate it before or after the Master Class? Marcus will explore how this could be done.

Vice President's Report (Larry)

1. GP NATS Student Auditions have been scheduled on October 27th at Boyer School of Music at Temple University.
 - a. Problems – Temple has a new requirement for Minor protection insurance. We may have issues with using the Temple facility for High School students. Marcus will try to solve this with a waiver that parents will sign.
 - b. Pianist model – 7 rooms and with 7 pianists and everyone uses staff pianists with one MTh one Classical pianist for the winner concert. Possible rehearsal time beforehand. Larry will calculate the costs and advantages for this system and report it to the board at the next meeting.
2. SNATS – Larry will work on assembling a SNATS chapter at Temple when school starts, and will contact Stephen Ng about members at West Chester University.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report (Nancy)

1. Membership- 53 current members. 29 lapsed members
2. Bank balance: \$4,867.36 - (\$1200 Sataloff 4X future awards) = \$3,667.36
3. Lanyards for the Judges at the Auditions with Greater Philadelphia NATS on the cord. The cost is @ \$150 for 100 lanyards. We can not only use them for name tags, but for other information about the event, and even advertise our upcoming events. This expense was approved by those present.
4. Audition Repertoire copyright okay at registration. Nancy will oversee the checking of original scores and proper downloads as students register. Once checked, the student will have their repertoire list that they download from the Audition Ware stamped as “valid”. This repertoire list will be presented when they sing in their audition room. Hopefully this will eliminate having the judges deal with verifying the original scores.

Masterclass Committee (Corbin)

The Master Class this year will be held on January 26th at Rock Hall on Temple campus. This earlier time will hopefully avoid the conflict with spring productions for the students. It will also provide more continuity with the Auditions, since its winners are those who sing at the Master Class. We can also advertise the event at the Auditions to help increase our participation. We will encourage the Delaware Chapter to attend, also.

Currently the committee is reviewing possible teachers for the Master Class.

Teacher Enrichment Workshop Committee (Kim)

Kim provided the Board with a list of possible 2018-19 topics the committee is considering for the upcoming Enrichment Workshop:

1. Cheap and Easy Technology for the Voice Studio
2. Pilates or Alexander Technique or Yoga Workshop
3. Call the Doctor: When Your Voice Needs More Than a Teacher
4. Tax Time: Tips for the Voice Teacher and for the Professional Singer

****It is important for all the committees to set their dates, location, and title for their events as soon as they can. We would like to post our upcoming events for the year on the website and be able to advertise all the GP NATS 2018-19 events at the Auditions on October 27th.***

Marcus will send out Doodle poll to schedule the next Board Meeting.