

## Meeting of The College Music Society Board of Directors

October 26, 2015, via Video Conference

### Meeting Participants:

- Betty Anne Younker, President
- Robby Gunstream, Executive Director
- Daniel Adams, Composition
- Nancy Barry, Secretary
- Cathy Benedict, Music Education
- Patricia Campbell, Immediate Past President
- Juan Chattah, Music Theory
- Constance Cook Glen, Music in General Studies
- Sharon Graf, Ethnomusicology
- Laurence Kaptain, Treasurer
- David Myers, At Large
- Deborah Nemko, Performance
- Craig Parker, Musicology
- Jennifer Snodgrass, Vice President

### 1. Call to Order

CMS President Betty Anne Younker called the meeting to order at 5:39 p.m. EST

### 2. Welcome by President Betty Anne Younker

### 3. Approval of the Agenda

The proposed Agenda for the Oct. 26, 2015 meeting was distributed to the board via email for review prior to the meeting. Juan Chattah motioned to approve the Agenda, seconded by Laurence Kaptain. The motion carried and the Agenda was approved by the Board.

### 4. *College Music Symposium*

The Report from David G. Woods, General Editor of the *College Music Symposium* was discussed. The report included recommendations for reappointment of the following CMS members as editors of the noted components of *Symposium* for three-year terms:

Susan M. Filler, CMS Reports

Matthew Shevitz, CMS Forums

David Thurmaier, Reviews

Peter Webster, Instructional Technologies and Methodologies

The Report also recommended a new appointment for Dr. V J Manzo from Worcester Polytechnic for a three-year term as the new Editor of the Music Business – Industry component of *Symposium*. Juan Chattah moved to approve the above recommended editorial board appointments, seconded by Nancy Barry. The motion carried.

Additional discussion included the searches for the following editorships for three year terms:

Editor of Video Lectures, Performances and Lecture-Recitals

Editor of Scholarship and Research

The Board recommended that the call for nominations and self-nominations for the above editorships be posted prominently on the CMS website.

## 5. The CMS Press

The board discussed the Memo from Todd Sullivan, General Editor of the CMS Press recommending Dr. Franco Sciannameo as Series Editor of *Cultural Expressions in Music*. Craig Parker moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Laurence Kaptain. The motion carried.

## 6. Robert M. Trotter Lecture

The board discussed a possible change in wording of the Mission Statement for the Robert M. Trotter Lecture series to use language that is more inclusive across different aspects of College Music, such as performance. The discussion was generally supportive of making appropriate language changes to expand possibilities for appropriate candidates for this important event. Subsequent to the discussion, President Younker appointed an ad hoc committee consisting of Craig Parker, Nancy Barry, Deborah Nemko, and Cathy Benedict to dialogue about appropriate language to expand the scope of the Robert M. Trotter Lecture series while still honoring the mission. The ad hoc committee will make recommendations to the full board at the next meeting.

## 7. CMS Task Forces

A proposed *Description and Procedures for CMS Task Forces and Study Groups* was submitted to the board via email for consideration prior to the meeting.

The purpose of this draft document was to clarify the roles and procedures of CMS task forces. The following is a summary of key talking points from the board's discussion:

- What should be the role of the CMS Board within the Task Force process?
- Differentiating between CMS Board "endorsement" versus CMS Board "approval."
- Intellectual property concerns
- Academic Freedom and general "freedom of speech" issues
- Defining the distinction between CMS policy and task force reports (which may not represent CMS policy)
- Comment that CMS Task Forces should promote dialogue about topics of interest in the field of College Music Teaching

A question was raised about how CMS task force reports have been traditionally disseminated over the years. Executive Director Gunstream reported that CMS has been organizing task forces since the early 1960s and that the work of various task forces has typically been presented in sessions at CMS conferences. Gunstream reported that historically, the CMS Taskforce process has been informative and generally productive.

President Younker charged the Board to consider appropriate language for Procedures for CMS Task Forces and to be prepared to discuss this at the next Board Meeting in November.

**8. 2017 International Conference Program Chair**

A Memo from William Everett, Chair of the Committee on International Initiatives was distributed to the board via email for consideration prior to the meeting. Dr. Everett's memo recommended Dr. Gillian Rodger, Associate Professor of Music at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, as program chair for the 2017 CMS International Conference in Sydney, Australia. Laurence Kaptain made a motion to accept the nomination for Dr. Rodger to serve in this capacity. The motion was seconded by Craig and subsequently approved by the board.

**9. Brainstorming – CMS's 60th Anniversary in 2017**

This agenda item was tabled until the next board meeting due to time limitations.

**10. Adjournment**

David Myers moved to adjourn, seconded by Daniel Adams, and approved by the board. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 EST.

October 26, 2015 CMS Board Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Nancy Barry, CMS Secretary



*Rules of Procedure:*

The Board of Directors of The College Music Society uses the rules of procedure outlined in *The Modern Rules of Order: A Guide for Conducting Business Meetings*, Second Edition.