

**College Music Society—South Central Chapter Annual Business (Membership)
Meeting
Friday, March 7, 2014
University of Arkansas--Fort Smith**

The meeting was called to order at 2:33 by Shannon Small.

Louis Young presented the membership with a slate of mostly unopposed nominations for available chapter positions. He then opened up the floor for further nominations. Alex Zacharella volunteered to withdraw her nomination for board member in music education and accepted the nomination for treasurer. Ruth Morrow volunteered to accept the nomination of newsletter editor. Louis moved that we accept all unopposed offices, which was seconded and approved. Members voted by ballot for student board member, the only remaining position.

Election results:

President elect: Don Bowyer

Secretary: Elizabeth Momand

Treasurer: Alex Zacharella

Board member for ethnomusicology: Andrea Shaheen

Board member for music business: Michael Drapkin

Board member for music education: Daniel Farris

Board member for vocal performance: Virginia Boaz

Board member for composition: Donald Freed

Board member for jazz: Ric Flauding (pending membership renewal)

At-large board member: Stefanie Dickinson

Student board member: Robert Sanchez

Minutes from the 2013 business (membership) meeting were accepted with corrections.

Shannon presented the treasurer's report. The chapter balance after the last conference was \$2814.11. Anticipated expenses for the 2014 conference are \$1350, resulting in a positive balance.

It was suggested that we place meeting minutes and treasurer's reports online. Currently online chapter archives hold only meeting programs.

Our 2015 meeting is scheduled for Northeastern State University (Tahlequah, Oklahoma) with Patricia Surman host and program chair. We do not yet have a location and host for our 2016 conference. Based on our chapter's tradition of three-year rotations, this meeting would be held in Texas. Jeri Walker of Southeastern Oklahoma State University has kindly offered to host the conference. In the interest of maintaining the traditional location rotation, Don Bowyer will check with contacts in Texas so see if there is interest in hosting the 2016 conference. A vote will be postponed for now.

After review and discussion, the membership voted unanimously for online elections beginning next year (2015-2017 officers) and approved the following amendments to the current chapter constitution:

Amendment to Article VI, Section 3:

Members of the Board of Directors and officers shall take office at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting following their election and shall serve a term of two years.

Amendment to Article VII:

There shall be an Annual Meeting of the Chapter's Membership at a time and place determined by the Board of Directors. Members present shall constitute a quorum.

Amendment to Article VIII, Section 1:

The President shall appoint a Nominations Committee of three members for the Chapter. The Nominations Committee shall nominate persons for each open position falling vacant for election. Election of candidates for office shall be by members of the South Central Chapter. Elections shall be by means determined by the Board of Directors. The ballot shall contain provisions for write-in candidates. Elections will be held in the spring prior to the annual meeting. Special elections may be called at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

It was discussed and suggested that we maintain our tradition that the three members of the Nominations Committee represent each of the states in our region.

Sam Magrill suggested we consider adding a position as parliamentarian and that our board members take on a more active role in the chapter. Two ideas were proposed: each board member could contribute to the newsletter and each board member could be in contact with regional faculty in his or her area in order to increase our chapter's visibility, enlarge membership, and encourage online voting.

Several members offered suggestions for more frequent communication among board members. Ideas were offered to hold board or general meetings between annual conference meetings via Skype. It was agreed that more frequent communication would be beneficial.

Don reminded members of upcoming meetings: the national meeting in St. Louis (fall 2014) and the international meeting in Stockholm and Helsinki (summer 2015).

Members expressed appreciation for our president, Shannon.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:28.

Respectfully submitted,
Stefanie Dickinson