



CMS Great Lakes Chapter Annual Business Meeting Minutes

Murray State University April 8, 2017

1. Call to Order and Welcome: Chapter President Jennifer Muñiz called the meeting to order at 12:50 pm. About 40 members were in attendance.

2. Approval of minutes from the 2016 Business Meeting at Indiana University, South Bend: Muñiz displayed the 2016 minutes, which are also available on the chapter website, part of our “green” initiative. Moved (Gene Trantham) and seconded (Bob Jones) to approve the minutes. Unanimous approval.

3. Treasurer’s Report: Nick Ross reported that while income from the 2017 conference is somewhat lower than projected the overall costs were less, with total expenses of \$3061.00. As a result, the current chapter balance is \$6324.64. Moved (Mike d’Ambrosio) and seconded (Sue Piagentini) to approve the budget. Unanimous approval.

4. 2017 Murray State University Acknowledgements: Muñiz thanked everyone who contributed to making the conference a success, including:

- Stephanie Rea and Mike d’Ambrosio, Local Arrangements Coordinators
- Justin Patton for recording and technology assistance
- Scott Thile for piano tuning
- Pamela Wurgler, Murray State Music Department Chair
- **2017 Program Committee:** Robert Jones (North Dakota State University, Chair), Margarita Denenburg (Heidelberg University), Elisabeth Hoegberg (University of Indianapolis), and Katrin Meidell (Ball State University)
- **2017 Composition Committee:** Mike d’Ambrosio (Murray State, Chair), Chiwei (Jerry) Hui (University of Wisconsin-Stout), and Steven Weimer (Murray State)

5. 2017 Conference Report: Robert Jones and Mike d’Ambrosio shared statistics from the meeting. 42 presentations were accepted with 24 rejected. The call for scores yielded 49 submissions with 10 accepted, resulting in a highly competitive acceptance rate of about 20%.

6. Report on 2018 conference at Otterbein University, April 6-7, 2018: Nick Ross, who will serve as local arrangements coordinator, shared information about the 2018 conference. Program and Composition chairs and committee members are yet to be determined. Nominations (including self-nominations) are welcome.

7. Report from Student Representative: Since Catherine Tlusty (North Dakota State University) was unable to attend the meeting, Robert Jones presented on her behalf. He reported that she attended the 2016 national conference and represented the chapter at the Board meeting. Discussion is ongoing about ways to get students

more involved in the chapter including providing additional mentorship opportunities.

8. Report from the CMS Student Advisory Council: Gene Trantham reported on student activities at the national level. In San Antonio, there will be an opening reception, group lunch on Saturday, mentoring sessions (watch for a separate call), and a special panel focused on student chapters. He reminded the student members that there are several ways to secure funds to assist in attending the conference, including serving as an intern.

9. Chapter and Meeting Statistics: Muñiz reported that registration numbers show 57 registrants at this year's conference, including 11 student members. Overall chapter membership numbers have dropped from 2016 (from approximately 1600 members to 1341). Barbara Bowker (from the CMS national membership committee) welcomes comments about how to bring in more members and obstacles to growing the membership. Jim Perone (CMS national Vice-President) brought up the idea of more super-regional conferences as well as whether or not we want to retire the "regional" designation. He reminded us that CMS members may present in any chapter. Ideas currently under discussion include expanding the idea of keynotes to include prominent ensembles to draw attendees.

10) New business:

- Nominations for GL committees, Board positions, and Student Representative are always welcome and may be sent to <jemuniz@iusb.edu>

11) Common Topic Discussion: Muñiz led a discussion on the Common Topic of *Reflect, Celebrate, Innovate*. Discussion centered on the following points:

- Add super-regionals at regular intervals (at least every 3 years); select conference locations closer to major cities and airports; limited funds restrict travel to more distant areas for many attendees
- Celebrate major milestones (eg: 40th anniversary of Great Lakes in 2022)
- Add more sessions for students, including c.v. and cover letter workshops, mock interviews, and other sessions that mirror those at national
- Since many schools don't provide travel funds, could conferences be live streamed, even for a fee? This feature is already available with Blackboard.
- The "Manifesto" has had an impact on membership numbers. This may adjust in time but is a serious concern.
- Have keynotes be more like "Ted Talks" to drawn in new audiences.
- Sessions by discipline at chapter conference (eg: performance, music education, history, theory) would provide great opportunities for networking.

12) Other business/Adjournment: With no further business to discuss, Bob Jones moved and Nick Ross seconded to adjourn the meeting at 1:50 pm. Unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Clifton, Immediate Past-President (Molly Cryderman-Weber *in absentia*)