

CMS-Mid-Atlantic Annual Business Meeting  
March 6, 2021  
Virtual Meeting via Zoom Conference

Meeting called to order at 11:30am by Tomoko Deguchi.

Present: Richard Marcus, Soo Goh, Andrew Hannon, Jennifer Snodgrass, Julianne Lard, Tomoko Deguchi, Richard Anatone, Anne Neikirk, Jonathan Kolm, and Bradley Green

- I. Approval of of 2020 business meeting minutes  
Minutes **approved** as submitted.

- II. Report from the President

Outgoing board members: Vicki Curry (Music Theory), Justin Alexander (Performance), Elizabeth Sullivan (Member-at-large), Soo Goh (Secretary-Treasurer)

Incoming board members: Richard Marcus (President-Elect), Richard Anatone (Music Theory), Ashley Barret (Performance)

Vacant: Member-at-large (appointed position), Secretary/Treasurer (should be appointed until next election?)

- Tomoko asked incoming board members present at the meeting to introduce themselves: Richard Marcus, Richard Anatone, Ashley Barret (absent).
- Board positions needed to be filled: Member-at-Large and Secretary-Treasurer
- Outgoing Chapter President, Tomoko Deguchi expressed her regret of not being able to meet board members in person during the last two conferences due to the pandemic. With 2 years of experience as Chapter President, she offered to the board with any future endeavors.
- Accomplished this past year: By-laws were revised for clarity. Non-monetary award for composition was established to acknowledge submission that wasn't able to be programmed for various reasons.
- Andy Hannon is the new incoming chapter president.

- III. Report from Secretary-Treasurer

For the 2021 CMS-MA Regional Conference, there were a total of **37 registrations**.

CMS Member Registration - 27 x \$10 (28 total from members)  
Member Registration - 1 x \$90  
Retired Members - 3 x \$10  
Student Members - 4 x \$10

Non-member student - 2 x \$10

Non-member - 1 x \$90

Total - \$540

For every conference registration, \$10 goes to the CMS executive office to help offset administrative and staffing costs.

The chapter received a \$15 donation. Sometimes members will round up with paying their annual membership fee and designate how it should be earmarked. This \$15 donation amount came from members that came from that source.

After subtracting the administrative fee, we have a profit of \$175. The chapter does not strive to make a profit from conferences, but to break even. In this case, we are grateful for additional registration fees and member donations that gave us a small profit. Any profits contribute towards future conference costs. COVID-19 resulted in the cancellation of our conference last year at App State. Due to the uncertainty of this year's conference, during the March 14, 2020 meeting, the board chose to forgo awards for this current conference. Typically, the national Society will provide program support of up to \$750 for each Regional Conference which covers (1) travel, (2) lodging, and (3) meals of guest speakers. This support was unavailable this year. Fortunately, this year's virtual conference has allowed us to continue to engage amongst colleagues and also allowed the chapter to save costs.

Finally, our starting balance in August 1, 2020 was \$3,148.48. After accounting for this year's conference, our current balance stands at **\$3,323.48**. This is an increase of \$175.

Questions - Tomoko asked about the general sentiments of the possibility of holding in-person conferences next March. Members are optimistic about this possibility. Soo suggested that even if the conference returns to in-person conference, it can be made more accessible to those who are unable to travel through Zoom access.

#### IV. Report from the Program committee chair

- Andy Hannon thanked Tomoko for her service to the chapter.
- Program committee included Justin Alexander, Laura Hicken, and Harlen Zachary.
- There were not a great number of proposals for this conference. As a result all proposals were accepted and able to be programmed.
- Nick Cline and Andy Hannon worked together on the conference schedule.

V. Report from the Composition Committee Chair

- Since Nick Cline was not present, Andy Hannon offered to fill-in some details.
- On the composition committee were Gregory Carroll and Leah Reid
- Andy does not know how compositions were received.
- There is an advantage of a virtual conference - pieces that may not be programmable on an in-person conference due to logistics, ensemble size, technology, etc, are now possible on a virtual conference.
- Tomoko mentioned that if we return to regular in-person conferences, we would be able to use the fees collected to award student papers, student composition award, the Ruskin Cooper award, invite keynote speakers, and a guest composer.

VI. Old Business

No old business

VII. New Business

Utilizing Board Members

- Tomoko expressed the challenge of finding members to run for board positions.
- National office informed Tomoko that board members and conference committee members should be separate.
- Board members were asked to be session chairs, but not many board members actually attended the conference.
- Rather than make regional conference attendance mandatory, how do we get them more involved?
- Anne Neikirk asked if board members were encouraged to attend. Tomoko indicated they were.
- Anne Neikirk suggested that perhaps there could be a travel stipend for board members to attend regional in-person conferences.
- Andy Hannon mentioned that it will take time to cultivate a culture of board members attending regional conferences.
- Past chapter president, Jennifer Snogross shared that there used to be multiple short board meetings throughout the year, even if it's just a short 30-minute meeting. Current by-laws does not state that board members need to attend regional conferences. There needs to be more efforts to encourage CMS membership from without our own institutions. Students in particular should also be encouraged to present and attend regional conferences.

Host institutions

- UNC-Charlotte was interested in hosting next year's conference, but was unable to commit at the moment. James Madison University was interested, but was unable to commit for this year's conference. John Leupold at Washington College had expressed interest in hosting this year's conference, but due to timing issues, was also unable to commit. Richard Marcus indicated that William & Mary is getting a new building scheduled to open in fall 2022 (possibly spring 2023), and they are interested in hosting as well.

#### Revision of constitution

- Peter Park suggested that the chapter's constitution be reviewed and updated.

#### Other business

- Soo suggested that the chapter's membership list be obtained from the national office to identify past presenters so that they may be approached to host future conferences, with the incentive of allowing them to form the program committee. Board members might also be able to use the list to identify colleagues they might have known but unaware that they are in the same regional chapter now as to encourage them to be more active in the chapter.
- The board members or previous program committee members can help new program committees to host a successful conference.
- Andy Hannon stressed that the host institution should be identified as soon as possible as the conference proposal calls and deadlines approach quickly. Furthermore, the conference host needs to work with their institution's facility processes.
- Jennifer Snodgrass shared that she texted John Leupold at Washington College during this meeting and was able to get a confirmation for his willingness to host the next conference in 2022. Andy will contact John to set up a meeting to move this forward.
- Possible conference host locations - Washington College (2022) and William & Mary (2023)
- Richard Anatone shared that AMS-Midwest has two regional conferences/year. Their enrollment was up this year. Richard suggested that we might host an affordable short one-day remote fall conference and a regular in-person spring conference.
- Tomoko suggested that the composer's concerts can be programmed for both online and live.
- Richard Anatone asked if there has been any outlet for composers that compose in the more popular style. Anne responded that this is certainly a topic for further discussion. Although traditionally the concerts programmed are more towards the 'classical' style, it doesn't mean more diverse genres cannot be included. This may be a way to expand to a wider base.
- Richard Marcus mentioned the advantage of a virtual conference - the ability to invite guests from all over the world.

#### VIII. New Business

No new business.

#### IX. Adjournment

Andy Hannon motioned to adjourn. Anne Neikird seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 12:25pm

Respectfully submitted by Soo Goh, Secretary-Treasurer.