

CMS Business Meeting Minutes 3/18/2022

Elisabeth Hoegberg, Nick Ross, Ben Fuhrman, Junghwa Lee, Steve Weimer, Gene Trantham, Joel Matthys, Ralph Lewis, and Tayloe Harding in attendance

Technical difficulties kept the meeting from starting until 7:10pm

- 1) Call to Order, Nick Ross - president
- 2) Approval of 2021 Minutes? Approved by Gene Trantham, seconded by Ben Fuhrman.

3) 2022 Treasurer's Report (Junghwa Lee)

Discussion of healthy budget and decision to buy air purifiers for the chapter. Full amount was charged as attendance type (online or in-person) was the choice of the attendees.

Standard expenses – speaker honorarium (all from the chapter now), suggestion at the president's meeting to have a common speaker (Nick did not approve without getting funding from National office). President's travel to national conference – worthwhile to find officers. Awards for student paper/presentation. Healthy balance, even though the purifiers took it down a bit.

4) 2022 Conference Report (Ben Fuhrman)

35 submissions in total, 3 scores were rejected, 3 proposals were rejected originally due to points, but we decided to put them in anyway due to the availability of time.

Compositions were excluded due to violations of the submission rules. Need to get more people to submit.

5) 2023 Conference Location is TBA

2023 location fell through, Gene Trantham will look into BGSU as a possible location. Appeals for other locations. Minneapolis was the goal (airport, and MN is due), but is no longer viable for 2023. BGSU has easy airport access, and great spaces, so it would be good...

Addendum 4-29-2022: BGSU has been confirmed for the 2023 GL Regional conference location.

6) Discussion: Ideas to increase chapter engagement

Call for suggestions?

Ralph Lewis – recent student, just finished doctorate, loves CMS, but people think that having to join before applying is touchy, and that it's difficult to know what to submit for paper abstracts. Need to get more time in the process and have examples of proposal

language for papers/recitals/etc. so people aren't writing the entire paper beforehand. This will lower the pressure and make it easier for people to submit.

Elisabeth Hoegberg – follow up on Ralph's mentoring suggestion. CMS has less of a gatekeeping than SMT or similar. But people's awareness of CMS is just the music vacancy list. Get a membership list for the chapter and do a survey of what would get people more involved?

Ben Fuhrman – Publish papers/etc. on the CMS website as an archive? Document everything as video/PP slides/etc. on the site.

Gene Trantham – submit really good papers to the symposium. Conversations that publishing abstracts is good because you don't need to edit/format like you do in papers. Ben's idea is difficult to do in terms of workability, and reputability. Encourage people to submit to CMS's regular publications.

For this chapter – lower submissions is due to the pandemic issues. Will probably pick up more afterwards. When chapter meetings are more centered on Chicago or driveable locations, we get more people. Pandemic is affecting travel budgets, cuts at schools to faculty perks, not scholarships. Gas prices also don't help (\$4.59 today). Patten of East/Central/West/Central means that attendance swings. Suffering from the pandemic, but Ralph's point about scheduling is good.

Tayloe Harding – nothing to add.

Junghwa Lee – colleagues are not aware of regional conferences, most think the national conference is for chairs only. Composers weren't aware of the Composers' Concert and other opportunities.

Nick – got involved through MVL, then going to conferences.

Others agree

Gene – we need to get the word out more as members. We may need to send out more emails. Target the area around the conference location – direct contact to schools within two hours or so to encourage submissions and attendance.

Nick – Brian Kai Chin's idea to put up deadlines for ALL conference on the frontpage to make it easier to find.

Steve – calls for scores to SCI?

Nick – targeted emails to universities might be good. Ask students to attend (if it's not on spring break!) and give them free entry if they're the host universities students.

7) Other Business?

Nick – location for next year, need to find chairs.

Ralph – sneak grad students or recent grads in as performers so they don't have to pay, necessarily.

Nick – talked about allowing students to come for free. Very complex issue and the National office sees disadvantages to making it free.

Ralph – clarification – have the students perform or otherwise work so they experience, and see what the org/conferences are about.

Nick – suggestions for chairs or locations are welcome. Hopefully BGSU will work out... Going to Canada would be nice, but it would be an issue in terms of travel for many US-based members.

Gene agrees, and thanks officers, especially during the pandemic.

Nick mentions new officers who are coming in (on CMS GL Regional subsection).

Adjourned.