

ISMTA BOARD MEETING MINUTES
ZOOM MEETING
APRIL 24, 2020

Board members present: Christopher Goldston (President), Yeeseon Kwon (President Elect), Chee Hyeon Choi (Vice President for Conferences), Linda Barker (Vice President for Local Associations), Junghwa Lee (Vice President for Membership), Jeff Kleinsorge (Treasurer), Jennifer Cohen (Competitions Chair), Nancy Liley (Educational/AIM Chair), Lynette Zelis (Immediate Past President), Janice Razaq (Director at Large), and Kathy Hoster (Secretary).

President Christopher Goldston called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. A quorum was established. A meeting agenda was presented. Yeeseon Kwon motioned for approval of the agenda, seconded by Lynette Zelis. The agenda was approved. Minutes from the November 1, 2019 board meeting were presented. Lynette Zelis motioned for approval, seconded by Jeff Kleinsorge. The minutes were approved.

BOARD REPORTS

President's Report – Christopher Goldston

Christopher offered a written report noting the success of the November 2019 ISMTA State Conference. Competitions and AIM are doing well, finances extremely so. Overall membership is up, in part due to the MTNA 2020 National Conference which was scheduled for Chicago, though a decline should be expected due to COVID-19. Our 2020 Foundation Fellows, Christopher Goldston and Janice Razaq, will most likely be recognized in 2021. President Elect Yeeseon Kwon is expected to attend the MTNA summit this September.

Treasurer – Jeff Kleinsorge

Jeff provided a detailed financial report, discussed plans for online banking, and renewed his commitment to exercising cost-saving measures.

Conferences – Chee Hyeon Choi

Chee proposed the option of a virtual 2020 ISMTA Annual Conference which was discussed at length. Deadlines for proposals would be extended.

Local Associations – Linda Barker

Linda shared notes from the most recent Advisory Council meeting. Discussion included the rescheduling of spring events due to COVID-19, current challenges within local chapters, accessibility of contact information along with a number of questions posed by chapter presidents.

Membership – Junghwa Lee

Junghwa offered a detailed report highlighting strong membership numbers. Suggestions were given to appeal to collegians and non-piano members to foster participation and sense of community.

Competitions – Jennifer Cohen

Jennifer provided an inclusive report noting the increase in both ISMTA and MTNA participation numbers. Jennifer expressed gratitude to several individuals who have long served our organization and will be stepping down; she then shared names of members who will be assuming these positions. A thorough discussion was had regarding future competitions and included the option of video submissions in lieu of a live event. Primary concerns focused on consistency in quality and the availability of venues offering a suitable performance setting.

AIM – Nancy Liley

Nancy reported ongoing corrections to the AIM workbooks and the creativity of local chapters in holding AIM exams (both online and video options). The deadline for payment of student fees has been extended to June 1st. Two out-of-state groups continue to purchase and use AIM materials. The AIM Committee will be nominating Jia-Yee Tang to replace retiring member Melissa Dalley, the designer of AIM Theory Exams via Finale. A motion was made to purchase Finale, including updates, for Jia-Yee Tang for as long as she holds a position on the AIM Committee. Yeeseon Kwon moved to purchase Finale, including updates, seconded by Jeff Kleinsorge. All voted in favor. Further discussion was held regarding the extent of Jia-Yee's responsibilities which would include work on materials for strings.

Immediate Past President – Lynette Zelis

Lynette will prepare a slate of nominees for the 2020 Annual General Meeting.

Director at Large – Janice Razaq

Janice prepared a report summarizing information from the Group Piano and Wellness Coordinators.

Christopher Goldston closed the discussion noting the potential for a shorter board meeting in July or August. Jennifer Cohen motioned for adjournment and was seconded by Janice Razaq.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Hoster
Secretary