

**ISMTA BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
ZOOM MEETING  
NOVEMBER 6, 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). Also in attendance: Pei-I Wang.

President Christopher Goldston welcomed attendees and called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. Minutes from the October 2, 2020 board meeting were approved.

**BOARD REPORTS**

**President – Christopher Goldston**

Chris shared the election results: Jeff Kleinsorge for President-elect; Junghwa Lee for Vice President—Membership; and, Kathy Hoster for Secretary. Yeeseon Kwon will advance to the office of President. Lynette Zelis will continue on the board as Director at Large, and Christopher Goldston will remain on the board as Immediate Past President. Chee Hyeon Choi was enthusiastically recognized for the countless hours she, along with Chris, spent in preparing the Virtual Conference setup on rather short notice. Chris highlighted the positive response to this year's competitions and expressed gratitude to Jennifer Cohen for providing videos of winners for conference-weekend viewing.

**Treasurer – Jeff Kleinsorge**

Jeff shared a healthy account balance of over \$181,000.00 due, in part, to lack of travel and catering expenses.

**Membership – Junghwa Lee**

Junghwa provided a current membership number of 735 and a continuing goal to reach 775 by the end of the national conference in March 2021. She shared a concern expressed by some long-time members regarding the wording of a recent MTNA email which contained statements they cannot support; they responded by requesting resignation of their membership. Board members discussed ideas for follow-up communication. Junghwa also apprised the board of the forthcoming resignation of Susan Lipnick from her position as Certification Chair and encouraged a search for her replacement--a certified teacher.

**Conferences – Chee Hyeon Choi**

Chee Hyeon has prepared a conference program book which will be uploaded to the ISMTA website.

**Local Associations – Linda Barker**

Linda reiterated information from her most recent meeting with local presidents and coordinators, including the challenges associated with virtual events and the positive response to a Facebook page for information and ideas to be shared within the group. She also shared members' concerns regarding the ability to reach out to other members as contact information is no longer available on the website. Linda also stated that, after many years of service, she will be resigning her position as of January 1, 2021 and recommended that her replacement be sought. Suggestions should be sent to incoming president Yeeseon Kwon.

### **Competitions – Jennifer Cohen**

Jennifer's report showed a record number of entries facilitated by video submission. It was noted that many performances were recorded in the home setting. Judges noted a high level of student proficiency. The ease of submission and the excitement generated by this method will be considered for future competitions.

### **AIM – Nancy Liley**

Nancy mentioned the upcoming Virtual Conference AIM session—a presentation of favorite teaching pieces prepared by AIM Committee members.

### **Immediate Past President – Lynette Zelis**

Lynette suggested motivational ideas: ISMTA teacher scholarships, collegiate awards and presenter stipends.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Appointment of Director at Large and Treasurer**

Junghwa Lee made a motion to appoint Lynette Zelis to the office of Director at Large and Pei-I Wang to the office of Treasurer. Jeff Kleinsorge seconded the motion; all voted in favor. Motion passed.

### **Administrative Assistant**

In response to the untimely resignation of the most recent administrative assistant, Yeeseon Kwon broached the imminent need for a knowledgeable and efficient replacement. Based on his working knowledge of the ISMTA website, Christopher Goldston was recommended as the most qualified person to fill the position.

Yeeseon Kwon made a motion that ISMTA hire Christopher Goldston as administrative assistant. The motion was seconded by Janice Razaq; all voted in favor. Motion passed. Christopher will follow up with Yeeseon Kwon and Jeff Kleinsorge for job expectations.

### **Virtual Competition**

Chris and Jennifer will continue discussion of this spring event with the prospect of seeing greater activity and potential new members for ISMTA.

### **Commissioned Composer**

The board will begin the search for a new chair as Amy Jo Sawyer will be stepping down.

### **ISMTA 2021 State Conference**

Currently, the conference is scheduled to be held at Eastern Illinois University.

### **Mailing Labels**

The board discussed the advantages and drawbacks to offering membership mailing labels on the ISMTA website. The website also offers the option to purchase an e-blast to the membership. Linda Barker motioned to increase the purchase price of an ISMTA e-blast to \$100.00. Jennifer Cohen seconded the motion; all voted in favor. Motion passed. It should be noted that in the ISMTA Policies and Procedures, e-blasts are free to ISMTA local associations promoting events for their chapters.

Jennifer Cohen motioned for adjournment and was seconded by Yeeseon Kwon.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Hoster  
Secretary