

**ISMTA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY, DEKALB
OCTOBER 26, 2018**

President Christopher Goldston called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. A quorum was established. Dr. Eric Johnson, Acting Director of NIU School of Music was introduced and shared a few words.

Linda Barker presented a verbal summary of minutes from the Fall 2017 General Membership meeting (available on the ISMTA website), noting one correction: Jennifer Cohen was Teacher of the Year for ISMTA. There were no additions or corrections. Minutes were approved.

Board Announcements

The portion of the minutes of the board are incorporated by reference.

Chris Goldston made general remarks regarding the conference schedule.

Bill Phemister extended thanks to the Waubensee Valley group (Nancy Sen) for hospitality and encouraged everyone to visit exhibits.

Linda Barker announced the name change for the Joliet Area chapter to Southwest Area MTA and suggested the creation of an online forum for local association presidents.

Yeeseon Kwon reported that ISMTA currently has 809 members, 19 local chapters and four collegiate chapters; overall numbers are down by about 20 from last year. Drawing from report submitted by Certification Committee Chair Susan Lipnick, Yeeseon shared that we have three newly certified teachers (two in piano, one in guitar).

Jeff Kleinsorge provided a recap of the financial report.

Chris reiterated general information regarding Competitions and AIM.

NEW BUSINESS

Bylaws Revision

Parliamentarian Laurie Marshall drew attention to the availability of the bylaws revision information on the ISMTA website and opened the floor for additions or corrections—there were none. Laurie motioned to accept the revision as presented. Dora Diephouse moved, seconded by Jane Brueggemann. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Lynette Zelis presented the slate of officers: Kathy Hoster for Secretary and Jungwha Lee for VP/Membership. Laurie Marshall opened the floor for additional nominations—none were submitted. Upon recommendations from committee, a vote was taken. All voted in favor. Lynette shared the selection of Frances Larimer for Teacher of the Year.

MTNA FOUNDATION FUND

Debi Inch shared her passion for the foundation and the rebate from MTNA to our state organization: \$2,830.00. Five Illinois teachers applied for enrichment grants. Debi announced the 2019 Foundation Fellow—Lynette Zelis. Debi discussed the conference raffle noting that all proceeds go to the Foundation.

Chris reiterated dates for upcoming conferences.

Meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Hoster
Acting Secretary