



*A Message from your President:*

As always, the year seems to be racing by! Things are moving along well for NDMTA and there are a number of good things to report.

First, the Leadership Summit in Cincinnati was a wonderful event. It was an honor to represent North Dakota. I learned a great deal while at the conference. We attended sessions on MTNA budget, certification, legal issues, Foundation, competitions, and much more. North Dakota was mentioned at the Foundation meeting as a premiere example of state giving. The average number of members per state who give to the MTNA Foundation is 7%, and North Dakota tops the list with 25% members giving to Foundation. This is one way our state can shine, so thank you to all those who have given to Foundation and I hope all our members will consider a gift in the coming year!

Another area where our state shines is in national certification. We are 11<sup>th</sup> in the nation in terms of percentage of teachers who are nationally certified. I do want to say that the national certification process has been greatly simplified. If any of you are curious about becoming nationally certified, please give me a call as I have been working with the new system and would be happy to discuss it with you.

Hearty thanks are due to some of our hardworking members. First, the NDMTA competitions went off without a hitch. Many thanks to Sue Nagel for the excellent job she did running this year's competitions. I also want to thank Valley City State University for hosting the competitions once again. A special thanks is offered to Michelle Schumacher for her hard work on the directory. Thank you also to Sandy Enget and Michelle Schumacher for their work collecting ads to cover the cost of the directory. They both went above and beyond! Thank you to Lisa Schuler for her work with the Commissioned Composer and to Kathleen Johnson, who has been working on our new webpage. It should be up and running by January 1<sup>st</sup>!

The Fargo-Moorhead Music Teachers are working on this coming summer's NDMTA state conference and already have planned excellent events for us. I recently sent a contract to the UND Piano Trio to be our guest artists at the conference and am looking forward to their performance.

Lisa Schuler and I will be representing NDMTA at this year's MTNA conference. We are both looking forward to attending the conference and I do hope that many of you are planning to attend as well. I always learn so much at MTNA conferences and come away feeling rejuvenated and excited about my teaching.

Beth Gigante Klingenstein



## **Foundation News**

Submitted by Kathleen Johnson

### **D. Eileen Geske is Officially Our 2013 Fellow!**

Congratulations to Eileen Geske! It is exciting to report that we have raised the \$1000 to complete our goal for the naming of the 2013 MTNA Foundation Fellow, D. Eileen Geske, sponsored by the NDMTA! She is a worthy teacher of this honor and we are so delighted to extend it to her!

### **Foundation Contributions for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarters**

Thank you so much to the many that have made it possible to give the honor of Foundation Fellow to Eileen Geske. Below are listed the names, sent from the MTNA, of those who have contributed in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarters of this year. If you have contributed and your name isn't in the lists be patient and wait until the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter contributors are published in the next Newsletter. I personally know of a few names that aren't included below and the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter report won't be sent out until after Dec. 30th.

Named contributors to the MTNA Foundation as received from the MTNA for the second quarter, April 1<sup>st</sup> – June 30<sup>th</sup> are as follows:

Judy Dietzler, Arlene Gray, Marjorie Johnson, Carma Kulish, Michael Olson, Myung Park, Frank Pearson, and Mary Schneider.

Named contributors for the third quarter ending September 30<sup>th</sup> are as follows:

Sharon Gegelmann, Don Geske, Janice Herr, Kathleen Johnson, Marjorie Johnson, Karen Kalinowski, Priscilla Keogh, Marilyn Knutson, Isla Law, Anne Morris, Mary Motta, Susan Nagel, Alpha Roeszler, Mary Schneider, Darla Sheldon, Linda Wallevand, Wanda Wavra, Monica Wolfe and Clara Christ, Fargo Moorhead MTA and the North Dakota MTA (cash contributed at our state conference in Bismarck).

Do keep in mind that if you contributed cash, the MTNA doesn't recognize the individual names of cash donors. Read "Clearing the Cobwebs" below for an explanation.

### **Clearing the Cobwebs Away Concerning Foundation Fellow Giving**

A clarification concerning Foundation Fellow Giving was issued by Jenny Thomason, the Executive Assistant of the MTNA. This is to assure compliance with all IRA regulations regarding tax-deductible contributions. She writes:

*“..... a contributor's gift must be made payable to the MTNA Foundation Fund. Therefore, the state affiliate cannot accept a contribution toward a fellow, deposit it into the state bank account, and issue one check to MTNA with a list of named contributors. If the contributor makes the check payable to the state affiliate and the state affiliate is not 501 (c)(3), please endorse the check over to the MTNA Foundation Fund. The contribution is not tax-deductible. Any check received from a state affiliate checking account will be credited only to the state, not the individuals who contributed to the state.”*

When you are contributing by check, the gift must be made payable to the MTNA Foundation Fund with the name of the Fellow that you are honoring on the memo line. If it is cash and donated at a local association fund drive or state conference, a check will be written by the local association or state affiliate for that amount to the MTNA Foundation Fund with the Fellow being honored written on the memo line. The local association or state affiliate will be recognized for the contribution, not the individual and therefore not tax deductible to the individual.

All of these guidelines are on the MTNA website. Contributions can also be submitted online using a credit card and there is a place to name the Fellow you are honoring:  
<http://www.mtnafoundation.org/fellow-program/>.

### **Foundation Works For You – Grants Applications due Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

The MTNA Foundation works for each one of you. There are many avenues that may be used to enhance teaching so the students can benefit. Available are Teacher Enrichment Grants, Local Association Grants, and State Affiliate Grants and Program Enrichment Grants. All applications for grants are due Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013, so get on the ball if you are interested in a grant. Information and applications are available at [www.mtnafoundation.org/](http://www.mtnafoundation.org/).

The MTNA Foundation also supports numerous awards including the MTNA Student Competitions, Collegiate Chapter of the Year Award, the American Music Teacher Article of the Year Award, Distinguished Composer of the Year Award, Studio Teacher Fellowship Award, and the Frances Clark Keyboard Pedagogy Award.

Please send future newsletter articles to editor:  
[jessicalynjust@hotmail.com](mailto:jessicalynjust@hotmail.com)  
Deadline for February newsletter articles is Feb 10.

*MTNA has a number of great programs for the independent studio. Check these out – they may be perfect for your studio!*

MTNA's Music For Everyone is a three-pronged program designed to help music teachers improve their studios and motivate their students. MTNA has recently revised the program and music and materials are now available online.

### **Music Achievement Award Program**

The purpose of MTNA's Music Achievement Award Program is to help encourage ALL the students in the teacher's studio, especially the "everyday" students, to continue their music study and to strive to achieve goals that will not only help them become better musicians, but also will enhance their love and appreciation of music.

### **Music Study Award Program**

The MTNA Music Study Award motivates students by acknowledging their commitment to music lessons. As students progress through music lessons, this program offers elegant certificates celebrating their accomplishments.

### **Studio Festival Program**

The MTNA Studio Festival Program will allow students to soar musically in a nationally sponsored event, held in your own studio. This program is another way to showcase your students' musical talents in an exciting and meaningful performance opportunity. In addition to enjoying a stimulating performance experience, your students will receive a supportive critique from an experienced musician.

For more information and to order program supplies, visit <http://www.mtna.org/programs/music-for-everyone/>.

## **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 6, 2012 IVN MEETING**

President Beth Gigante-Klingenstein called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken with 16 members in attendance: Beth Klingenstein, Lisa Schuler, Carma Kulish, Sharon Gegelmann, Mary Leaf, Arlene Gray, Lynda Pearson, Kathy Bresee, Nancy Harsch, Anne Morris, Karen Dalager, Kathleen Johnson, Darla Sheldon, Ann Holmen, Ellen Croy

### **Report of Officers**

Secretary report Ann Holmen read the minutes from the June 21, 2012 state meeting. After corrections Carma Kulish **made a motion to accept the amended minutes: seconded by Mary Leaf-Bismarck. Motion passed.**

Presidents Report: President Beth attended THE MTNA Leadership Summit in Cincinnati and found it extremely valuable. She worked with FMMTA on the 2013 conference details (i.e. location at NDSU, Nariaki Sugiura Trio – concert artists). She contacted various board members /committee chairs to discuss duties including a: conference committee, b: certification, c: Directory d: membership, e: newsletter, f: MTNA Competitions. She also surveyed ideas on "blast Emails". Currently, she is

working on the 2012 competitions, 2013 NDMTA Conference, and reviewing the NDMTA constitution.

Vice President: Lisa Schuler has updated the Vice Presidents job description. She has written articles for the NDMTA newsletter, as well as coordination the IVN board meetings on Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>. She has now acquired duties of grant coordinator, therefore is following up in this regard.

Treasurer: Kathy Bresee reported that quarter #1 total assets were \$30,932.81. Income of membership dues are \$2227.50, certification \$100.00, resulting in a total income of \$2328.07. The expenses for this quarter total \$73.11 leaving an ending balance of \$11,389.68. Kathy brought up both auditing and that she filed the eCard.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

MTNA Competitions: Sue Nagel diligently worked on the entries for the competition in Valley City at VCSU. Currently, we have 12 entrants from Minot and Fargo. Door monitors and timers are still needed.

Commissioned Composer: Vice President Lisa received the contract from Mike Halstenson. She received confirmation of Mary Leaf's composition by MTNA. She is to contact Mike Halstenson regarding recording his composition and reconfirm the date and time of his performance at conference.

Advertising: Carma Kulish received the materials from Sandy in Bismarck. Sandy has been helpful in obtaining ads from the Bismarck area. Carma has had difficulty in contacting other previous advertisers. She plans on updating the current form letter and contact list. She will be contacting other advertisers advising them of our online advertising program. We will need at least \$900 from directory ads to cover our publishing fee. She will correspond with Michelle with regards to a deadline date as well.

Certification/Teacher of the Year: Lynda Pearson has sent out correspondence regarding certification. The certification committee is conducting a survey concerning the revamping of state certification to meet national standards. This restructuring will be presented at the June conference. Teacher of the year applications are available online. Beth Klingenstein will present a session on the New MTNA certification as well as state certification at the 2013 conference.

College Faculty/Collegiate Chapter: No report

Directory Editor: Michelle Schumacher is working on the directory and waiting to receive ads from Carma Kulish.

Foundation: Kathleen Johnson stated we have \$961 towards Eileen Geske's foundation fellow nomination. She will send out an email announcement when this is completed. Kathleen announced that the NDMTA 2014 Foundation Fellow's name cannot be released until after the National Convention. A motion was made: **Kathleen moved that she will also purchase our state pride gift for about \$50. Seconded by Darla Sheldon.** Beth mentioned that ND contributes 25% to the Foundation as opposed to the national average of 7%. Kathleen reminded us of using the Foundation for continuing education.

Grant Coordinator: Currently working on obtaining funding for conference activities.

Historian: Nance Harsch has taken convention pictures and is placing them in the scrapbook.

IMTF: Darla Sheldon asked Cathy Sando to be the presenter at the 2013 Conference for the IMTF luncheon. Her topic will be "Tree Piano Studio" with pictures and possible a Power Point presentation. She is to contact Nance Harsch regarding her equipment needs.

Membership/technology: Amy Mercer worked on updating the membership, with a current enrollment of 109 members.

Newsletter Editor: No report

NODAK: Arlene Gray reported that the competitions will be held on Wed. June 19<sup>th</sup> in the Reineke Fine Arts Center, (Fargo NDSU) from 9-4, concluding with an evening winner's concert.

Rally: Sheryl Kjelland is working to get materials ready for the fall rallies. Langdon's rally is on Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>, with Northwest not having a rally. She is waiting to receive rally materials from Illinois.

Nomination Committee: No reports

### **Local Association Reports**

Local presidents from Badlands, Bismarck-Mandan, Langdon Area, Devils Lake, Fargo-Moorhead, Northwest, Upper Valley and Valley City gave their reports.

### **BUSINESS:**

1. 2013 STATE CONFERENCE: The 2013 conference report was given by co-chair Nancy Harsch. The following information was relayed:
  - a. Dates-June 19-21, 2013 at NDSU.
  - b. She needs information about the competitions and the commissioned composer.
  - c. Discussion followed between Nancy and Beth regarding the fees for college use (i.e. free to \$600 per day). They will follow up on this situation.
  - d. A no host Board meeting will be Wed At 4:00 pm at Marlin's Family Restaurant.
  - e. Presenters: Beth Klingenstein, Mary Leaf, and a roundtable discussion.
  
2. "Blast Emails. Pres. Beth began by stating that she visited with other state pres. and colleagues at the MTNA Leadership Summit.  
PROPOSAL: North Dakota MTNA to offer email blasts to other organizations. Put "Advertising" in all blast email titles as a form of opt out.  
Create a way that the email addresses cannot be copied (put in Bcc?)  
Accept business and arts related requests at the same cost.  
Discussion ensued in the following areas. The addresses may not be used for further emails. Carma suggested that the mailing labels should come from the directory editor. We should come up with a statement in the front of the directory stating not to use or if you do the party will be assessed \$150.00. Arlene questioned who would monitor this. These funds would possibly used for fundraising for NDMTA. We would like Carma to include this in the advertising letter. Board members are concerned about the "opt out" clause. We may need a disclaimer in the front of the directory that the addresses cannot be used without permission.

3. Lynda Pearson : She is preparing applications for Teacher of the Year. She expressed concern over the dwindling number of people participating in the Teacher of the Year program. Upper Valley may pursue Local Affiliate of the Year. We will revisit this at the Jan 26<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.
4. Kathleen Johnson (acting technology chair) began discussion on her findings about web pages. The BOARD agreed we need to revamp and design a new web page for NDMTA. **Kathleen Johnson moved to redesign the NDMTA web site for the cost not to exceed \$1500 using the services of Handmade Designs. Seconded by Darla Sheldon. Motion carried unanimously.** Concerns presented were as follows: A. create a link to advertisers B. we maintain site control as much as possible C. create a link to the locals D. find a teacher feature E. add-edit-delete feature as much as possible. Kathy Bresee requested that Kathleen get a proposed yearly fee schedule that Kathleen get a proposed yearly fee schedule from Handmade Designs for Budget purposes. The Advertising Chair, Carma Kulish also needs to be involved with soliciting webpage advertising. The site is to be upgraded by January 2013.
5. Discussion as to next meeting date: January 29, 2013.
6. Discussion as to which media to use for the next board meeting due to reoccurring IVN problems.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. MTNA /NAMM FOUNDATION GRANTS of up to \$500 to attend MTNA Pedagogy Saturday and learn more about RMM
2. NDMTA/MTNA Competitions, VCSU: October 26-27
3. Next newsletter due Date: November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012
4. 2013 MTNA Conference ANAHEIM, CA
5. 2013 NDMTA Conference Fargo, June 19-21, 2013
6. NODAK Fargo: June 19, 2013
7. Next IVN meeting: January 26, 2013

#### Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann Holmen  
Secretary