



# *Ontario Chapter*

GENERAL MEETING: NOVEMBER 14, 2014, 6:00PM, CANADIAN MUSIC CENTRE, TORONTO

## MINUTES

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1. Call to Order
2. Welcome, Opening Remarks: Elizabeth McDonald
3. Approval of minutes: Gloria Gassi, Linda Condy, 2nd

Introductions: Barbara Dunn Prosser, District Governor  
Introductions of Jackie Short and Bethany Horst (present), Kimberly Barber and James Mclean, new to executive

Date reminder: NATS Conference 2016 - Chicago

In Attendance:

Bethany Horst  
Amanda Brunk  
Sheila Miller  
Colleen Manson  
Norma Churchill  
Linda Condy  
Mark Daboll  
Carlene Pauls  
Joanna Chapman-Smith  
Jennifer Higgin

Ellen V  
Karine St-Pierre  
Brooke Dufton  
Shannon Coates  
Gloria Gassi  
Barbara Dunn Prosser  
Jackie Short  
Alison Moodie  
Elizabeth McDonald

## 4. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

### 4.1 Barbara Dunn Prosser (District Governor):

- Looking forward to the coming year!
- Invites membership to present issues throughout the year – will forward any issues to Brian Horn, Regional Governor
- Reminder: NATSAA, 2016, FYI

### 4.2 Shannon Coates (VP Membership):

- New policies from big NATS: upon paying your NATS membership, you're prompted to pay your **local chapter fees**
- There continues to be some confusion/lack of clarity regarding BIG NATS vs. district NATS (this new policy may connect the two better)

- Sending a general mailing, re: invitations to new members, networking and recruitment
  - Clarified criteria for qualifying for membership (much more relaxed than in the past) – Please encourage colleagues from private studios and highschoools to join
- 4.3 Linda Condry (Treasurer):
- Accounts review of financial statement
  - YTD changing; March-February
  - New method of dues collection easier for chapter treasurer. Commented re: Paypal, Scholarships, Investments. Review of fees for costs for auditions at York, etc.
  - We are healthily in the black!
  - There are new bank fee; asking banks for donating of new fees?
  - New sponsorships for Auditions? Vendors? Music Plus?
  - Announcing Linda's last year as treasurer - seeking new member for position (can shadow through next auditions) – Potential candidate for treasurer: Brooke Dufton
- 4.4 Alison Moodie (VP Projects):
- May 2015 meeting: Body mapping, movement, yoga for singers.
  - Welcomes suggestions for May event?
- 4.5 Bethany Horst (Auditions):
- Largest NATS to date: 284 students, 51 teachers, 48 adjudicators
  - Michelyn's last official year as coordinator; Bethany shadowing event
  - Michelyn will be available for assistance next year
  - Amanda Brunk interested assisting at next year Auditions
- 4.6 Karine St-Pierre (U of T, SNATS)
- Acknowledged great team at Snats U of T: Douglas Brenton, Shannon Coates, Charlene Santoni, etc.
  - First event was "Nuit Blanche," performances 7pm-7am
  - Planning "Blood Drive" early January, in honour of Lynn Blaser
  - Hart House Recital, Feb 11, 12pm.
  - SNATS Pedagogy Symposium, March 7
  - Possible May event, Masterclass series
  - Active FB page, twitter account, instagram
- 4.7 Amanda Brunk (KW SNATS)
- Process of changing name to WLU SNATS
  - Building membership, at Laurier and elsewhere
  - Planning for MC for spring, wherein SNATS members can teach and be advised

#### NEW BUSINESS:

-Call for Second Replacement for Coordinator of Auditions to join Bethany Horst, sent by Elizabeth

-Report from Linda Condry (Leadership Award): BOSTON 2014

- Inclusion of pop-rock and MT, many styles and genres represented talk about genres
- Panels on teaching; all ages, genders, styles, genres
- Great Masterclasses, Thomas Hampson, Andrew Lippit, etc.
- Competitions were a highlight: NATSAA, MT competition, original Art Song Competition.
- American Academy of Teachers of Singing present

-Bylaw Amendments: Change our year-end

Linda Condry Vote for Proxy

Jennifer Higgin 2nd

Quorum achieved

Motion passes

Adjournment

NOTE: These minutes have not been passed and will be voted on during the May 2, 2015 AGM.

