



Ontario Chapter

GENERAL MEETING: May 2, 9:00 am; Geiger Torel Room @ University of Toronto

MINUTES

1. Call to Order
2. Welcome, Opening Remarks: Elizabeth McDonald
3. Approval of minutes: Linda Condy, 2nd Brooke Dufton
4. Updates and announcements - a big year for NATS! New faces, highest enrollment to date in November, new payment methods, etc.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Bethany Horst
Amanda Brunk
James Mclean
Shannon Coates
Linda Condy
Alison Moodie
Jennifer Higgin
Mary-Lou Fallis

Elizabeth McDonald
Karine St-Pierre
Brooke Dufton
Kim Barber
Barbara Dunn Prosser
Tannis Sprott
Lorna MacDonald

INTRODUCTIONS: Dr. Brian Horne, Regional Governor

- Exciting changes in the works, regarding NATSAA (bi-annual art-song recital competition)
- Regionals 2015 review; Anderson University, 140 in attendance
- **Regionals 2016 on February 27th - Western University**
- NATSAA has streamlined and cancelled the District round - starts at the Regional round
- Cross-border concerns? Passports? An ongoing discussion with our American counterparts about the logistics of crossing boards - currently this is a barrier to hosting larger events for the full membership
- Partnering of NATSAA and Regionals? Suggestion to have them as separate events in a central location. Proposing late-March or early-April.
- NATS Foundation: Commonalities in regions and districts, great goals and like objectives. Collects funds via membership dues process, or larger endowments. Supports 1/3 of NATS intern programme, scholarships, etc.

5. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

5.1 Barbara Dunn Prosser (District Governor):

- Regionals at Western University - NEW building
- NATSAA - TBA location and final date

5.2 Shannon Coates (VP Membership):

- Membership increase (99 members, 26 new members)
- Legacy page is in the works, TBA

5.3 Linda Condy (Treasurer):

- Accounts review of financial statement, fully balanced
- Scholarship cheques: often uncashed. Shortfall of several thousand dollars to cover scholarships, due to ties, high numbers, etc.
- Donated money for Alexandra Asher to attend Regionals
- York is at capacity for space - if Auditions continue to grow, we'll out-grown the venue
- Looking for sponsors (music vendors, institutions, fundraisers, etc)
- **Brooke Duffton - replacing Linda (Linda assisting with final matter through June)**

5.4 Alison Moodie and James Mclean(VP Projects):

- Meeting this past November was at Canadian Music Centre, with mini-concert
- Fall meeting - November 20-21: Waterloo Inn - more information coming in the fall; suggestions are welcome (address them to Alison)
- Recruitment fair? Successful? Space and prioritizing: Universities, Summer Programmes, Vendors...any suggestions would be welcome (address them to James)

5.5 Bethany Horst (Auditions):

- Amanda Brunk assisting at next year Auditions
- Applications open: September 8th
- Application deadline: October 16th

5.6 Stephanie Higgins (U of T, SNATS - new president)

- Activities for the year included:
- Nuit Blanche 2014: "Every hour on the hour" performances - great success!
- Active FB page, twitter account, instagram
- Great opportunity for members to perform at fall meeting at CMC
- Annual blood-drive in memory of Lynn Blaser
- Symposium "Vocal Health and Pedagogy." Presentations from Masters and Doctoral students

5.7 Amanda Brunk (WLF SNATS)

- Membership of 13
- Masterclass series; teaching MC (x4 with different focus ie. young singers, male voices, etc.), with a master-teacher apropos the Intern programme

OTHER BUSINESS:

-Brooke Duffton to be acting Treasurer, appointment

-Adjournment: Linda Condy and Barbara Dunn-Prosser