



Ontario Chapter

GENERAL MEETING: November 20, 7:30pm; Timeless Cafe, Waterloo

MINUTES

1. Call to Order
2. Welcome, Opening Remarks: Barbara Dunn-Prosser
3. Approval of minutes: submitted by Bethany Horst - Michelyn Wright, Linda Condy, 2nd
4. Updates and announcements

IN ATTENDANCE:

Bethany Horst
Amanda Brunk
James Mclean
Shannon Coates
Linda Condy
Alison Moodie
Brooke Dufton

Stuart Graham
Catherine Robbin
Carol McFadden
Kim Barber
Barbara Dunn-Prosser
Amie Debrone
Michelyn Wright

INTRODUCTIONS: Barb Dunn-Prosser

- **Regionals 2016: February 27th at Western University**
- **Annual Meeting and Workshop: May 7th, 2015, in Toronto - Stuart Graham with Bernard Turgeon: Neural Linguistic Programming in Teaching Voice (with a lecture and masterclass)**
- **NATSAA: April 2, 2016 in Detroit**

5. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

5.1 Barbara Dunn Prosser (District Governor):

- CHANGES to NATS (particularly age limits, ranking vs. grading, categories...)
- Please review and email Barb or Elizabeth with thoughts
- Looking to take a poll of entire membership regarding compliance

5.2 Shannon Coates (VP Membership):

- Membership increase (130 members, 30 new members)
- Because you can register with us via Big-NATS website for the Chapter
- Potentially public welcoming of new members at Auditions Meeting at 10am
- Toronto Voice Conference? Should we be reaching out to CCM members?

- At Festivals we adjudicate or attend - possibilities to network with other teachers, particularly CCM to inform them of NATS' MT classes

5.3 Brooke Dufton (Treasurer):

- Accounts review of financial statement, fully balanced
- Paypal by far most popular form for payment for auditions
- New Donations just received, healthy balance
- Move to approve budget report: Kim Barber, 2nd Michelyn Wright
- Stuart Graham requests a "final settings page" whereby confirmation is received ie) "your payment has been received" - currently the browser just closes upon completion and is confusing

5.4 James Mclean(VP Projects):

- York, Toronto, Laurier for University representation (Western did not organize in time)
- Singers Theatre and some other new vendors for training
- Recruitment fair? Successful? Space and prioritizing: Universities, Summer Programmes, Vendors...any suggestions would be welcome (address them to James)

5.5 Bethany Horst (Auditions):

- 216 applicants/44 teachers/~25 pianists (9 OA's)
- Overall pleased with correspondence and communication with teachers (and students)
- Laurier is a great space: John Hergel and Kim and Dan great resources
- Teachers' Lounge with lunch and beverages provided
- NEXT YEAR: WESTERN, NOV 19, 2016 (potential conflict with space/opera weekend)

5.6 Amanda Brunk (WLU SNATS)

- Membership of ~20 (including some non-Laurier/community members)
- Masterclass series: meet and greet in September with collaborative pianist from Laurier - social evening, casual singing
- Masterclass 1: coached on their teaching of younger singers/adult beginners, MT repertoire (belt-mix, acting coaching), with Stephanie Rothenberg (Broadway, Stratford Festival)
- Fundraiser Concert in the works for spring

5.7 Shannon Coates (reading message from Stephanie Higgins - U of T SNATS)

- Thanked Diane Nelson for donation of diverse score and text collection to SNATS for fundraiser (Book Sale and Silent Auction - TBA January)
- Hope to involve Big Nats and our SNATS counterparts at other Ontario Universities to participate in our Annual Vocal Health and Pedagogy Symposium this spring.

5.8 Catherine Robbins - New Business

- Previous Aldeburgh Connection - now ART SONG FOUNDATION OF CANADA
- Providing bursaries for students or pianists accepted to international art song programmes
- Board expansion, new members
- Accepting donations to maintain funds - reaching out to alum of Foundation

Adjournment - Linda Condy