



Ontario Chapter

Annual General Meeting

5th May 2018 - 9:00-10:15 AM

Geiger Torel Room, Faculty of Music
University of Toronto, Toronto, ON

Minutes:

In Attendance:

Shannon Coates	Michelyn Wright	Lisa Cosens Brillon
Amanda Brunk	Linda Condy	Carol Hasek
Natasha Campbell	James McLean	Jennifer Higgin
Bethany Horst	Judith Lebane-Kane	Kim Barber
Joanna Chapman-Smith	Jeremy Ludwig	Lorna MacDonald
Tannis Sprott	Tannis Fast Vetter	

1. Call to Order
2. Welcome, Opening Remarks, Recognition of Founding Members: Shannon Coates
3. Approval of AGM 2017 Minutes submitted by Bethany Horst: motioned Linda Condy, 2nd Jennifer Higgin
 - 3.1 Discussion of stipend for the Executive
 - Include Project Coordinators in coverage
 - **Motion to create a bylaw that a stipend be distributed to NATS Ontario Executive Members (specifically, but not limited to: President, Co-Vice President (Projects), and Treasurer, and excluding the District Governor) and to the Vocal Showcase Coordinator on (or before) the beginning of the Vocal Showcase Weekend each November, and that the stipend amount and distribution be at the discretion of the District Governor.** Submitted: Shannon Coates, Motion: Michelyn Wright, 2nd Linda Condy

4. Reports from Officers

4.1 District Governor: Linda Condy

- BIG NATS looking to create template to recruit new members and gather information (and fees) from all Chapters and members
- Many oversights in regards to how Canadian and Ontario Chapters function
- NATS Ontario has unique obligations due to Canadian charitable status
- District Governor is an appointment, although we often nominate within our membership internally

4.2 Treasurer (statement attached): Lisa Cosens Brillon

- Income tax submitted late March
- Account summaries
- 2-day Vocal Showcase is more costly, but went smoothly (cash prizes, transfer fees from USD, etc.)
- Approval of the budget: Kim Barber, 2nd Lorna MacDonald
- Grateful to the Heels Foundation for ongoing generous support

4.3 VP Projects: Amanda Brunk

- November Showcase: Delta Waterloo - block of 30 rooms
- On-site evening event - Proof Restaurant
- Janelle Laarakker incoming Co-Coordinator of Projects
- Invitation to Dan Lichti's Retirement Party June 9th, Alma, Ontario
- WLU's "Daniel Lichti Award for International Study in Music" accepting donations (DAN DOES NOT KNOW ABOUT THIS AWARD, PLEASE REFRAIN FROM TALKING TO HIM ABOUT IT UNTIL AFTER 9TH JUNE)

Motion to make contribution from NATS Ontario to the Daniel Lichti Award for International Study in Music: Jennifer Higgin, 2nd Shannon Coates

4.4 Vocal Showcase Coordinator: Bethany Horst

- 300 singers over 2-days, 51 pianists, 50 adjudicators at York
- Changes pending to Handbook, fee structure, categories

4.5 SNATS Chapter Updates

4.5.1 **Uoft** - Daniel Robinson and/or Madison Angus (co-presidents) - Chapter Update submitted via email by Madison Angus (and read aloud by Shannon Coates)

- Book Drive, accepting donations for next year, raised \$500
- Blood Drive and Benefit Concert raised funds for Canadian Cancer Society
- Holding new elections for executive; turnover 'quick' as DMA/MM are only in leadership positions for 1-2 years

4.5.2 **UWO** - Laura Duffy (president) - Chapter Update submitted via email (and read aloud by Shannon Coates)

- Dress sale at local boutique, adjudication workshop (Dunn-Prosser), Master Class Workshop (Gassi)
- DMA, MM and UG membership (fewer of the latter)
4.5.3 **WLU** - Amanda Brunk (faculty advisor) and/or Mike Fan (president) -
- MC on teaching young singers (Horst)
- Membership growing; more interest from Community Music Program
- Nearing numbers required for official University Club status
- Vocal Health Symposium planned for next year

5. New Business

5.1 Nominations for Executive Positions:

- Shannon Coates - President (beginning second term)
- Amanda Brunk - Co-Vice President (Projects) (beginning first official term)
- Janelle Laarakker - Co-Vice President (Projects) (beginning first term)
- Lisa Cosens Brillon - Treasurer (beginning second term)
- Joanna Chapman-Smith - Secretary (beginning first term)

Motion to accept nominations for Executive Positions as stated: Linda Condy, 2nd, Kim Barber

5.2 Vocal Showcase:

5.2.1 Continue using NATS Auditions Software (AKA AuditionWare) in the way we have been using it, and find a way to comply with the new data collection regulations OR use NATS Auditions Software *outside* of the Big NATS umbrella and not comply with new data collection regulations?

Motion: To purchase customized software from Brad Mills, no longer registering through www.nats.org for Vocal Showcase (pending re-evaluation)

Approval: Kim Barber, 2nd Jennifer Higgin

5.2.2 Category fee changes

**Motion: To reset fees: \$20 (for Middle School)
\$25 (for High School)
\$30 (University)**

Approval: Jennifer Higgin, 2nd Lorna MacDonald

5.3 Motion to 'Deformalize' Fall General Meeting and recognize Spring General Meeting as Annual General Meeting (and update NATS Ontario Bylaws)

Motion: Shannon Coates, 2nd Linda Condy

5.4 Motion to dissolve Vice President (Membership) position (and update NATS Ontario Bylaws)

Motion: Shannon Coates, 2nd Kim Barber

5.5 Motion to change NATS Ontario Bylaws to reflect creation of two (or more) Co-Vice Presidents (Projects) positions, or Co-Chairs of any position

Motion: Shannon Coates, 2nd Lorna MacDonald

5.6 Offer NATS Ontario *only* membership for members who are retired from 'Big NATS' but who still wish to contribute to and be involved with NATS Ontario (ie Daniel Lichti)

Motion: PENDING

5.7 Other Business

- New Voice Syllabus 2019 - Requesting consult with NATS membership
- Opera.ca conference at UofT, next summit in Montreal September 20-21

6. Adjournment