

NWSMTA November 18, 2024 General Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by Lois at 9:58am at New Apostolic Church

Meeting minutes read by Recording Secretary Helen Chang

There were not enough members at the meeting to approve the October minutes. Lois would be sending out an email for electronic vote on New Music Chicago Collaboration and October Minutes approval

Aim-The deadline to register students for Level 3-12 Theory Exams is December 15th and the exam will be held on January 26th at Harper College. Please go to website for online registration. Teachers must mail one check for all their students' entries to Mary Anne Block (postmarked December 15th). Please go to the Aim Page for all fee details, dates and deadlines, teacher work requirements and procedures. All Level 12 students taking the performance exam must have their repertoire approved by ISMTA state regardless if their pieces are listed in the syllabus or not. Program approval by Stephanie Myers (hisamimyers@gmail.com) is required 5 months before April 13th or the latest by March 31st. Go to <https://ismta.org/aim/> to download Level 12 Program Approval Submission Form. Submit your form to Stephanie before Nov.13th! If you couldn't make it to the Oct. 28th Aim Workshop, A great place for information is [the](#) NWSMTA Aim page. A recording of the workshop is available through the link on the November Newsletter.

Midwest MKPC-Brenda Huang is in Taiwan and she has provided a lot of pertinent information. It was shared via email by Lois and a constant contact will go to the entire membership later this week

Sonatina/Sonata Festival 419 Student Entries, 401 performed 72 teachers entered (20 non-members). It is the highest participation in NWSMTA history. As a result of SSF 6 teachers became members of NWSMTA so they can enter students at a lower cost.

SSF Gold Medal Recital-Since no one would step up to Chair the Gold Medal Recital, Lois Guderian served as Surrogate Chair for the Gold Medal Recital. In the last week leading up to the Festival, Grace Lee accepted the role of Coordinator for the Gold Medal Recital. Due to the massive number of entries, the number of awards in the gold medal category, the restrictions in registration time for the GMR and volunteers, 78 students out of 188 Gold medalists were able to enroll in the recitals this year. Overall, for the 78 students, it was a positive experience. Students and parents were very happy. Thank you to the Teachers that helped at the Gold Medal Recital.

Teacher's Musicale-SuZanne Ray-considering moving the Teacher's Musicale to Sunday to accommodate teachers that work in the local schools. Also, an evening or weekend concert it would allow the teachers to get more publicity. Lois suggested that a Sunday afternoon concert might restrict several teachers from participating due to their Sunday responsibilities and activities in their church jobs. Please send Suzanne ideas via email.

Technology Advisory Committee met to discuss what is needed to improve NWSMTA's capacity to provide meetings with Zoom connection in a better, more time efficient manner. A survey was sent to the Technology advisory Committee. Upon request, Suzane prepared an agreement that our presenters should sign before we post their work electronically. The document was sent to the Board.

Maureen moved to adjourn the meeting and SuZanne second the motion