

MINUTES OF THE SFBAC BOARD MEETING JANUARY 24, 2010

Present: Wendy Hillhouse, Tina Baird, Dorothy Barnhouse, Aleicia Byrnes, Alison Collins, Meghan Dibble, Grace Johnson, April McNeely, Victoria Rapanan, Anja Strauss

Meeting called to order by President Wendy Hillhouse at 3:05 PM.

We have received from national NATS the revised Student Auditions Guidelines and the NATS Policy on Copyright Laws, which we are required to follow for our Singing Festival. Dorothy offered to make a "Reader's Digest" of these guidelines for distribution to our members or other relevant people (such as students, parents, accompanists). The full guidelines will be put on the website.

The Oren Brown DVD project is proceeding.

Anja will email a description of the proposed position of Publicity Chair to all Board members. The board will discuss online the wording and procedure for adding a new board position.

We will have our usual biennial elections in June for all Board positions. The positions of Membership Secretary (now held by Grace Johnson) and Recording Secretary (now held by Tina Baird) will not have an incumbent running for re-election. Board members are required by our Bylaws to offer to resign after they have served for four terms; Dorothy offered to resign for this reason, The Board asked her to remain as Treasurer at least until the end of this term of office.

The present system of sometimes giving gifts to members who have extraordinarily given of their time to the chapter was reviewed and decided to leave in place as is.

Wendy discussed the nature of volunteer organizations, and the importance of trusting the chain of decision-making, especially in relation to contact with the public at large. We are all urged to give respect to decisions reached by other members, knowing that they have been arrived at after due consideration. Wendy will address this issue in her President's Letter in the next newsletter.

Membership Secretary report: Grace says that at this time we have received payment for 53 memberships (the deadline is February 1). We expect to have 158 chapter memberships all told. Member addresses will appear in the next directory. Any member wishing their address NOT to be in the directory needs to let Grace know immediately.

Corresponding Secretary report: Alison says that the email problems have been fixed. NATS information should be addressed to alison@alisoncollins.com.

Singing Festival report: April is assembling a committee, lining up people to be coordinators. A coordinator of volunteers is needed. The committee will meet in February; date TBA. Students could be recruited to be time-keepers, page-turners and help in other ways, in exchange for a portion of their entry fees.

Recitals report: Victoria reports that we now have eight venues; four of them are new, including a San Francisco one. We have 3 new recitals coordinators. Victoria feels that the increased interest is due to

the new budget guidelines. She will get the NATS insurance form for student recitals. Victoria will also write a summary for the Newsletter on how to sign our students up for student recitals.

Webmaster's report: Meghan says that she is ready to accept one-page bios and studio information for all members on our website.

Newsletter report: Anja states that 6 members have requested email subscriptions. She wants to make the Newsletter more interactive; for instance, to have a Question and Answer page.

Treasurer's report: We are financially healthy. We have 3 applications for the SFBAC grant for members to attend the Salt Lake City convention. For the Singing Festival, there will be a special account. This account will remain open only until May 31, therefore, cash all checks on time!

Recording Secretary's report: No special report.

Programs report: Aleicia states that the January 12 master class was excellent. Planning for the Spring Workshop (May 16, venue TBA) is well under way and promises an excellent workshop. The very successful Summer Performance Workshop from summer 2009 (it made a small profit) will be undertaken again in summer 2010. Aleicia and Meghan will work on that. Aleicia discussed the idea of surveying our members about programs they would be interested in attending, and her concern about poor attendance and singer participation at programs and workshops.

There was no new business. The next meeting will be held on March 14.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Baird, Recording Secretary