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SFBAC NATS Board Meeting

Sunday July 22, 2.30 pm, I-Hop, Foster City

Present: April McNeely, Audrey Howitt, Dorothy Barnhouse, Joshua Elder, Sue Field, Diana Rae Ryan, Sharon Kaye, Victoria Rapanan, Tina Baird

Absent: Ruthanne Crow, Meghan Dibble

Discussion of possible topics/presenters for future workshops:

1. Tina Baird is preparing material for a presentation on respiration, including 3D visuals. This presentation would take 1 or 1 1/2 hours and could be presented together with an Open Studio in which a few of us would give an open lesson. This was done a few years ago and was considered to be very valuable.

2. A year ago January at a national workshop, several heard Mei Zhong give a presentation on Chinese Art Song, and on Chinese diction, including how to work on diction problems Chinese speakers have with the European languages. Those who heard her felt this would be an invaluable presentation for our membership. This could either be an entire workshop, or else half a workshop, the other half

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possibly being dedicated to Russian lyric diction.

3. At the recent national workshop in Rhode Island several heard Babette Lightner give a presentation on movement, *The Anatomy of Wholeness*. Sue Field reports: This system gives valuable insights into stage fright and other irrational fears and offers solutions, to deal with these fears. She is a dynamic presenter, revealing, the strain many of us still hold, in our bodies, even when we feel we are in 'the perfect singing position'. This was extremely well received in RI .

Audrey pointed out there is always a smaller turnout for workshops in the Spring, which needs to influence our choice of Spring Workshops, depending on their cost. Sue Field will get cost and other logistic info about Babette, Diana about Mei, and Dorothy about a Russian Coach who worked with Sanford Dole's chorus. This info will be presented to the Board for further discussion. We will be applying for National Matching Grants for these.

Monthly Newsletter: Joshua Elder is looking into how to produce an electronic newsletter. The costs of postage have become

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exorbitant. However for the time being, the Newsletter will continue to be produced on paper and mailed on about the 1st of each month. The deadline for submission of information to Joshua is the 20th of the month.

Historian: Our chapter has need of an historian. Any volunteers?

Student Recitals: All are planned for the coming academic year. See announcements. Victoria Rapanan believes not enough of our membership is using these recitals. There was discussion of reasons for this. Are teachers unwilling to put in any but their very best students? What ideas do members have about this? Victoria will be writing to the membership to encourage greater participation.

Website: Meghan Dibble, our new Webmaster, has many new ideas for the site including : upgrading employment opportunities page, simplifying event calendar formats, new member interviews, spotlight on chapter members, creation of an online store using Paypal to pay membership dues, purchase DVD's, books, other materials useful to the membership, creation of a secure online member directory and

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member section, more detailed contact info for each member ...

SFBAC Membership Directory will be mailed in September. Please get any necessary changes to Diana Rae Ryan immediately.

Board Meetings: dates planned for coming year. All NATS members should feel free to attend these meetings.

September 9, 2:30 pm; Castro Valley at the home of Diana Rae

Ryan.

November 4, 2:30 pm; place TBA

January 13, 2:30 pm; place TBA

Feb 3 or Feb 17; place TBA by our new Festival Chairman, Ruthanne

Crow.

April 6, after the Workshop; place TBA

May 18, 2:30 pm; place TBA

Annual General Meeting: June 8, potluck, time and place TBA