

Minutes
SFBC-NATS Board Meeting

Saturday Dec. 6, 2014, 3:00 p.m, via Google Hangout

Present: Theresa Cardinale, Audrey Howitt, Victoria Rapanan,
Katya Roemer, Frank Ryken, Lee Strawn, Katie Tupper

Absent: Alison Collins, Nanette McGuinness, Alexandra Mena, Justin Montigne
Katya initiated the chat. Victoria called the meeting to order at **3:15 p.m.**

I. **President's report: Victoria**

All materials have been sent out for the NATS Cal-Western Regional Auditions at Sacramento State Univ, Jan 17-18. Besides auditions, there will also be a guest artist recital, master classes and presentations, similar to a convention atmosphere. The application deadline is Dec 21.

It is exciting to see so many chapter members involved in our activities (new members and previously inactive members), from recitals to the Regional Auditions to Facebook and social gatherings!

II/III. **Webmaster and Corresponding Secretary's Report: Justin**

I'm working on setting up online registration for the Singing Festival. It will be ready for test registrations sometime next week, and I'd appreciate your help in that. More info soon.

If you have items for the website, please send me email about them. I won't necessarily remember to update it on my own as things are announced, but I will task specific requests in my inbox. Thanks for helping me stay current.

Our email list is still growing. I add new members as soon as Frank sends me their info. I will try to post any new messages you send within 24 hours.

Our social media activity on the page and group have been robust and engaging. Keep up the good work!

That's all from me. Please let me know if you have any requests or questions.

IV. **Membership report: Frank**

The membership report is 185 members. Open enrollment continues on the NATS website. They send the new enrollees' printout to Lee Strawn and he forwards it to me. I'll be sure to notify Justin of new members to be included in the email communications.

V. **Treasurer's report: Lee**

We are in very solid shape, financially. The Popeil Workshop brought in a profit of \$1,500. With the Board's approval that money will go into our Scholarship Funds for use at the Singing Festival.

VI. **Program report: Katya and Audrey**

Our workshop on Commercial Singing Techniques with Lisa Popeil was a great success. We had about 70 registrants for the workshop and cleared about \$1500 (more detail can be found in Lee's Treasurer's Report) Saturday's workshop was full of helpful information on techniques not only for

belting, but also for jazz, country and R&B. On Sunday, auditors were able to watch Ms. Popeil incorporate these techniques into lessons. Ms. Popeil was very generous with her time and with her energy. It was truly a fascinating weekend. Lisa Popeil is finalizing a digital download of the workshop. A link to purchase and a discount code will be available on our web site.

We sent out a survey to all participants and have received 17 responses. The survey responses in general show that participants felt that the presenter's workshop was a great value for the cost, and that the online registration was easy. The venue got good responses as well. The participants loved the presenter and would like to see her come back.

We also discussed ideas for future workshops. We will be sending out a survey to membership to see what workshops they might be interested in participating in.

VII. Singing Festival: Theresa and Alexandra

The Rules Document and Teacher Information Document for the Festival will be ready to send to membership in the next 4 days. New work has been done on Repertoire guidelines. Online Registration is being prepared and will open December 26 through Feb 1. We are starting a campaign to get volunteers to participate so we have enough helpers. The Festival Committee will meet in January.

VIII. Newsletter report: Alison

The Winter Newsletter will be published between 12/15-12/17. There will be two new regular features: "New Members" and "Members' Corner." Deadline for submission is 12/10. So far, I have received one submission for either of the two new sections. Thank you, Katya Roemer!

IX. Recitals: Katie

Great recitals this Fall, and we have 2-3 more in the works. Upcoming Recitals:

SFBAC NATS Student Voice Recital

Date: February 1, 2015

Time: 3:00PM Recital (1:30PM Rehearsal prior to recital)

Location: The Atrium, San Jose

Coordinator: Jennifer Sandusky

Call for ALL Levels/Singing Festival Categories

SFBAC NATS Student Voice Recital

Date: February 22, 2015

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Location: Cafe 4, Castro Valley

Coordinator: Victoria Rapanan

Piano Accompanist: Daniel Lockert

Focus: Musical Theater, American Songbook, Contemporary

SFBAC NATS Voice Teacher Recital

TBD (Late March/April?)

Coordinators: Alexandra Sessler and Katie Tupper

We are still looking for recital coordinators in SF, Marin, and Santa Cruz.

Meeting adjourned at **4:20 p.m.**

Board Member	Vote	comments
Victoria Rapanan	yes	Please correct: For Feb 22 recital, time is 3:00 and focus is Musical Theater, American Songbook, Contemporary
Katie Tupper	yes	
Theresa Cardinale	YES	
Alexandra Mena	YES	
Frank Ryken		
Alison Collins	Yes	
Lee Strawn	yes	
Nanette McGuinness	YES	Changed KT's report per VR's request. Changed KR/ AH's report per KR's request.
Justin Montigne	YES	
Audrey Howitt	Yes	
Katya Roemer	YES	Lisa Popeil is finalizing a digital download of the workshp. A link to purchase and a discount code will be available on our web site.