



## Minutes

# SFBAC-NATS Annual General Meeting

Sunday, June 12, 2011, 2:30-4:00 p.m., Wendy Hillhouse's studio

Present: Dorothy Barnhouse, Alison Collins, Jenny Cowgill, Meghan Dibble, Wendy Hillhouse, Victoria Rapanan, Frank Ryken, Katya Roemer

Meeting called to order by Wendy at 2:50

- I. President's report: Wendy Hillhouse
  - A. Donna Olson and Bonnie Brooks were given grants to attend the NATS workshop on Musical Theater
  - B. We are working on a budget for our chapter.
  - C. National NATS will now be collecting dues. We will still need to come up with ways to accept donations from members for our scholarship funds.
  - E. Arden Sugarman is forming a sub-group of the SFBAC chapter in the North Bay. They will do an area workshop with Bonnie after she attends the NATS musical theater workshop. We would like Bonnie to give workshops in other areas of the Bay Area so that the entire membership can benefit.
- II. Membership report: Frank Ryken
  - A. We have 119 active members.
  - B. We are continuing our membership initiative to invite people to join the chapter. We are going to send out a letter to the membership asking them to recruit their friends to join.
- III. Corresponding Secretary report: Alison Collins
  - A. The newsletter will now be sent to the membership through Alison.
- IV. Singing Festival report: April McNeely
  - A. The singing festival will be 3/11/2012 at San Jose State University from 9 am to 9 pm. Rental cost for the facilities is \$1500.
- V. Recital report: Victoria Rapanan
  - A. Victoria is going to look for people to give clear commitments to organizing recitals.
  - B. There will be an Intermediate level recital in September organized by Dorothy Barnhouse. This recital will be at the Community Music Center in San Francisco.
  - C. We would like to develop a pianist agreement for recitals to ensure that pianists are adequately preparing and supporting our students.
- VI. Newsletter report: Anja Strauss (in absentia)
  - A. As of January, 2001, we switched over to an electronic version of the newsletter. Anja is looking for members to submit newsletter ideas and to be part of the "Have you met" section.
- VII. Treasurer's report: Dorothy Barnhouse
  - A. Dorothy shared the annual report with the board. The report will be posted online.
  - B. Today is Dorothy's last meeting as treasure. Lee Strawn will take over next year.

- VIII. Recording secretary's report: Jenny Cowgill
  - A. Nothing to report
  
- IX. Webmaster's report: Meghan Dibble
  - A. Program chairs: please update your portion of the website through Meghan
  - B. Members: contact Meghan to create a one page website on the SFBAC NATS website. It is free advertising!
  
- X. Program report: Wendy Hillhouse
  - A. We are looking for a new program chair.
  - B. The summer performance workshop will be at the Santa Clara Performing Arts Center, July 18 through July 23. Monday through Friday will be in the evening only, Saturday will be all day. The workshop will include 10 singers. The workshop will include master classes and a culminating performance. The workshop will cover all styles of music. Singers will be asked to bring two pieces. The cost of the workshop is \$350.
  - C. We are planning to post workshops on the website so that members who are not able to come will be able to watch them online after we hire part-time help for maintaining the website.
  
- XI. Open Discussion & question period
  - A. We are looking at ideas to making it easier for members to get to the workshops such as a chapter symposium or a regional convention that contains lots of workshops in one week or weekend.
  - B. We may want to create sub-groups of the chapter based on geographical location since the chapter is so large. This may encourage more participation. The board would support anyone who wants to utilize our resources to begin a sub-group.
  - C. We want to find ways to ensure that the chapter remains relevant to the vocal music community and to the general community in the Bay Area. Frank Ryken is taking on the responsibility of publicizing events.
  - D. Frank suggested making the singing festival a regional event within the chapter. Areas could be South Bay, East Bay, North Bay, San Francisco, Santa Cruz. This might make it easier for teachers' students to participate and it would require a singing festival committee in each region.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50.