



## Minutes SFBAC-NATS Board Meeting

Sunday, March 3, 2012, 7:00 p.m., Wendy Hillhouse's home

*Present:* Wendy Hillhouse, Alison Collins, Meghan Dibble, Frank Ryken, Anja Strauss, April McNeely, Lee Strawn *Absent:* Victoria Rapanan, Jenny Cowgill

### I. **President's report: Wendy**

The following positions will be open for next year: president, VP Recitals, VP Singing Festival, VP Programs, Newsletter Editor, and Webmaster. Looking for nominees for the election this June.

What's next for SFBAC NATS? The board is considering how to bring our chapter into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Perhaps it's time to start communicating via facebook or other social media outlets. More on this discussion after the Singing Festival.

The 2012 National Conference is June 29-July 3 in Orlando. Wendy Hillhouse is going and she is inviting everyone who can to attend.

Our next board meeting is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, March 24. Additional board meeting dates to be confirmed in May and June.

### II. **Membership report: Frank**

We have 93 renewals so far for 2012 and 3 new members. Frank will continue to call 2011 members who have not yet renewed. The Membership Directory is printing and will be ready for the Singing Festival.

### III. **Corresponding Secretary: Alison**

Not much activity these days. Perhaps members are advertising their events through other outlets?

### IV. **Singing Festival report: April**

The Singing Festival is next weekend! We have 240 time slots filled, same as last year. We are please to be expanding our database of the bay area's qualified accompanists since we have added many new names. We'll be looking for member's feedback about their performance at the Fesitval.

Thank you to Katya Roemer and Alison Collings who will be organizing food for the singing festival.

Our Finals Judges will be Jeff Barnett, Sharon Kaye and Marie Luis Consolas.

We are still looking for volunteers; member volunteers as well as student volunteers. Contact April as soon as possible.

Parking for the Singing Festival will be posted online; and please note that street parking limits are not enforced on Sundays.

#### **IV. Recitals: Victoria**

There are two upcoming NATS Student Recitals; Tomorrow, March 4 in Danville, and Sunday, April 29 in San Jose.

#### **V. Webmaster: Meghan**

Meghan has started talking with a web designer to investigate rates for maintaining our website once she departs.

The fee for late renewal has been implemented online.

The online directory will be updated in the next couple of months.

#### **VI. Newsletter report: Anja**

The next issue of the newsletter, which will include singing festival information, is due. Please email your submissions to Anja.

#### **VII. Treasurer's report: Lee**

Lee made a motion to continue giving small monetary grants of \$60 to board members and \$100 to the board president for expenses incurred doing their work for the board in the 2011-2012 year, and the board approved the motion. Online voting: 7 yea, 2 nay.

Lee made a motion to provide a grant to pay our President's registration fees to attend the National Convention in Orlando. The board approved the motion. Online voting: 9 yea, 0 nay.

We will be offering grants to members who have never attended the NATS conference. Grants will cover the registration and a portion of hotel and air. An application is being drawn up this weekend and will be due March 20 with a notify date of March 25. Early registration due by April 1.

Oren Brown DVD's are still available for sale. Check the website for information.

#### **VIII. Programs report**

We are looking into the possibility of sponsoring a master class with a high profile performer/teacher. Any members who have personal connections with possible candidates for a master class are invited to share their possibilities with the board.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.