The meeting was called to order by President Barbara Fast at 4 pm. She welcomed guests Jessica Headley, incoming OMTA Fellow Chair, Heather Lanners, incoming President-elect, Megan Ownbey, incoming Treasurer, and Jennifer Tripi, incoming Vice President for Membership.

Twenty-one members were present, establishing a quorum.

The minutes of the January 16, 2016 board meeting were approved as read.

Memorials/Concerns:

Four members have passed in the past year. Virginia Atkinson, Miriam Spindler-Lynch, Auda Marie Thomas and Catherine Nixon.

Concern was expressed for Sandra Meyer about the recent illness of her husband.

New Business:

President Fast acknowledged the By-Laws Committee, Philelle McBrayer, Karen Harrington, Terri Hlubek and Sandra Meyer, for the tedious work they did to update the By-Laws, Policies and Procedures, and Officer’s Responsibilities.

Philelle McBrayer recommended an amendment to the By-Laws Article VI – Districts, Section 6 as follows: The phrase “shall serve on the Auditions and Competitions Committee” shall be deleted from the description regarding Co-Presidents.

Executive Committee Report:

President Fast began the discussion by commenting that the East/West Conferences have evolved through the years, and that overall participation has been dwindling. Sandra Meyer was not able to attend the Executive Committee meeting and was brought into the Board meeting via phone for the discussion about this matter.

Sandra Meyer, Vice President for Auditions and Competitions, stated that a Junior Competition restructuring committee is in place which includes the following members: Sandra Meyer, Kathy Wilson, Kathy Harris, Kaye Shields, Tony Carrillo, Karen Harrington and Gloria Johnson. She felt the committee would have been able to present something very similar to what the Executive Committee is presenting before the board but expressed her greatest concern was over the timing of the changes. She expressed a concern for the existing center chairs needing to be contacted prior to the implementation of change.

After significant discussion, Sandra Meyer made a motion to table proposal #2 recommended by the Executive Committee. Skye Garcia seconded the motion.
The Executive Committee presented the following recommendations to be implemented for a one year trial basis.

1) Discontinue the East and West District Conferences. MP

2) There will be three Junior Competition Centers as follows: Tulsa, Shawnee and Oklahoma City. All students entering the Jr. Competition will play at one of these sites depending on the city or town in which their teacher lives. The Junior Competitions will be held in the Fall, no later than November 15th. The center for each Local Association will be determined by distance and the number of students predicted for the three centers. A recital and awards ceremony will be held on the same day following the competition. MP

3) The Junior Competition Chairs of the Tulsa, Shawnee, and Oklahoma City local associations will chair their respective centers with the help of a Junior Competition chair from each of the remaining local associations. MP

Reports:

Jennifer Jennings, State Auditions Chair, reported that between the District and State Auditions Competitions there was a profit, even though the award medals were a big expense as an initial purchase. (See report)

President Barbara Fast thanked the board for their stellar involvement and hard work in making her term as President an enjoyable experience. She noted the increase in teacher participation in this year’s State Achievement Auditions, as well an increase in overall membership this past year. President Fast also thanked Megan Winslow for her hard work in generating the emails to membership via Constant Contact. (See report)

Karen Harrington, President Elect, reported her work in preparing for the state conference titled “Music to Remember”, noting our special guest speaker, Cathy Keating. She thanked the many members who assisted in planning the conference. (See report)

William Spannagel, Treasurer, noted two corrections in income from East/West Conference had been made in his report. (See report)

Thomas Labé, Vice President for Communications/Webmaster, stated that deadlines are in place for changes posted to the OMTA website. (See report)

Beverly Fitch, Vice President for Membership, reported the year ended with membership at 409 members. She reported Leon Whitesell is being recognized for his 50 year membership in OMTA. (See report)

Kathy Wilson, Vice President for Local Associations, submitted a report describing programs and events of the various local associations throughout the state. (See report)
Terri Hlubek, Immediate Past President, announced that Sandra Meyer will be recognized at this year’s state conference as the 2016 Distinguished Teacher. (See report) Also listed in Terri’s report was the slate of officers to be voted upon by the membership at the business meeting. The slate is:

President: Karen Harrington
President-elect: Heather Lanners
VP for Membership: Jennifer Tripi
VP for Auditions/Competitions: Sandra Meyer
VP for Local Associations: Kathy Wilson
VP for Communications: Thomas Labé
Recording Secretary: Jo Dee Davis
Treasurer: Megan Ownbey
Immediate Past President: Barb Fast
Past President Advisor: Terri Hlubek
Parliamentarian: Jennifer Jennings
Webmaster: Thomas Labé
Collegiate Chapter Chair: Tony Carrillo
IMTF Chair: Davis Dorrough
College Faculty Forum Chair: Jeffrey Loeffert
Historian: Laurie Lightbody
CFO Chair: Jessica Headley
MTNA Foundation Chair: Michael Dean
Commissioned Composer Chair: Skye Garcia

Also recognized were the District Co-Presidents who were retained. From the East District, DeAnna Calhoun and Ron Lewis; and from the West District, Hyunsoon Whang and Kathy Harris.

Janet Romanishin, OMTA Fellow Chair, announced the recognition of four fellows at this year’s state conference. (See report)

Michael Dean, MTNA Foundation Chair reported that Thomas Labé was recognized as the 2016 MTNA Foundation Fellow and the 2017 Foundation Fellow will be Myra Schubert. He thanked those who helped raise the funds for this prestigious recognition.

District Co-Presidents East: Ron Lewis and DeAnna Calhoun and West: Hyunsoon Whang and Kathy Harris referred to their submitted report. (See report)

Skye Garcia, Commissioning Composer Chair, reported the 2016 Commissioned Composer will be delayed compensation until the composition is received. He also informed the board that the performance will be two of the four movement composition. (See report)

Davis Dorrough, IMTF Chair, had nothing to report.

Kathy Thompson, CCC Chair, encouraged involvement by the universities in getting a student chapter started. (See report)

Patty Ann Harvey, Historian, reported compiling several scrapbooks before passing them to incoming Historian, Laurie Lightbody. She suggested that a professional photographer be hired for future conferences so that quality photographs would be available for record. (See report)
Upcoming Event:

OMTA/MTNA Competitions, November 4-5, 2016, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Ok.

OMTA Executive Committee and Board Meeting, January 7, 2016, Tower Hotel, OKC

MTNA South Central Division Competition, January 14-15, 2017 – Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, Ark.


OMTA 2017 State Conference, June 1-3, Tower Hotel, Oklahoma City, Ok.

A motion was made to adjourn.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jo Dee Davis

OMTA Recording Secretary