President Terri Hlubek called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. A motion to approve the written agenda was made and passed. MSP

Recording Secretary Kathy Wilson called the roll. Twenty-five members of the board were present, establishing a quorum. The minutes of the June 6th Board meeting were approved as written. MSP

President Hlubek reported that OMTA member Christi Brewster, whose home was heavily damaged in the recent tornado, has received $1,000.00 from the Texas MTA and $447 from Mid Missouri Area MTA to help with her recovery. She and her family are working toward being able to move back into the house. President Hlubek also reported that Mary Ann Head had written a thank you note to the Board to express appreciation for being elected as our MTNA Fellow.

Immediate Past President Sandra Meyer requested nominations and/or volunteers for the Nominating Committee. After discussion, Auda Marie Thomas moved that a change be made to the OMTA Policies and Procedures stating that the Nominating Committee shall include one Past President from the West District, one Past President from the East District, and one OMTA member from each District. The Immediate Past President will serve as Chair. MSP

Ron Lewis volunteered to serve as the Past President from the East District and Auda Marie Thomas volunteered to serve as the Past President from the West District.

President Hlubek presented the following proposal to discontinue the state certification program. A Powerpoint presentation compared OMTA’s certification requirements with MTNA’s certification process. During the discussion that followed, President Elect Barbara Fast suggested that Board members look up Nebraska’s program as a model. President Hlubek asked Board members to take the proposal to their local associations for review and discussion. This proposal will be voted on at the January, 2014 Board meeting.

1. Change the Bylaws to discontinue the State Certification Program and enact the following:
   • Declare all those who are currently state certified as permanently state certified
   • Discontinue accepting applications for state certification
   • Discontinue the state certification renewal process
   • Accept state certification from those who are currently working to complete the requirements of state certification
2. Propose that OMTA take positive steps toward encouraging members to become Nationally Certified Teachers of Music (NCTM), enacting the following:
   • Offer rebates of up to $100 to the first five members who become nationally certified each year
   • Sponsor mentoring groups or classes to assist members in applying and preparing for national certification
   • Identify members with technology skills who are willing to assist applicants with the video recording portion of the requirements.

3. Propose that OMTA pursue other incentive programs to foster volunteerism, such as connecting volunteer hours to the number of students entered in a program, and emphasizing that volunteerism helps keep program costs affordable for our students.

President Hlubek presented a recommendation from the Executive Committee to reduce the size of the OMTA Board, making it easier to field a quorum. This would be done by removing the local association presidents from the Board. The Vice President of Local Associations and the District Members-at-Large would then serve as representatives for the local associations. Parliamentarian Karen Harrington proposed an amendment to the recommendation stating that local association presidents would be invited to attend OMTA Board meetings, but would not have voting rights. MSP as amended.

Melissa Johansen moved that local association presidents who attend OMTA Board meetings pay for their own Board dinners or luncheons. MSP

Past President Sandra Meyer presented the recommendation from the Executive Committee to revise the position of “Webmaster” to Vice President for Communications. This person would be a member of the Executive Committee and be responsible for managing and updating the website, printed communications and Constant Contact or MailChimp emails to the Executive Committee, Board and general membership. This officer would have a committee to assist them in their tasks. MP

President Hlubek presented a recommendation for our Policies and Procedures stating that State Officers are strongly encouraged to open emails on a daily basis and respond in a timely manner. Officers who will be incommunicado for any length of time should inform the OMTA President. MP

President Hlubek stated that the Executive Committee had made a recommendation that all OMTA committees should designate someone to serve as Secretary and take minutes at the committee meetings. Minutes should be sent to the members of the committee, the OMTA President, the OMTA Recording Secretary and the OMTA Webmaster within fourteen days. MP
The Executive Committee recommended that the CFO donation be raised from $100 to $150 and that donors are encouraged to purchase a banquet ticket for the honoree.  

The Executive Committee also recommended that the deadline for CFO Fellow submissions be changed to March 1st.  

**President-Elect Barbara Fast** presented the recommendation from the Executive Committee to raise the state conference fees to the amounts listed below.  

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**President Hlubek** asked the Board to approve the proposed updates to wording in the OMTA Constitution and Bylaws, which are detailed in the included report. These wording changes reflect the use of email communications and the OMTA handbook being replaced by the new OMTA website.  

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Immediate Past President Sandra Meyer** reported that the Transition Committee has almost concluded its interviews with members of the Executive Committee. She also clarified that MTNA Fellows are nominated by OMTA Board members, and not the membership. Board members were reminded that October 1st is the deadline for submitting Distinguished Teacher of the Year nominations.

**Webmaster Thomas Labé** announced that submissions for the website can be turned in to him anytime. He will ask local associations to designate someone to edit their association’s page.

**President-Elect Barbara Fast** announced that the 2014 OMTA Conference will be held at Tulsa University. Marvin Blickenstaff will be the clinician and Peter Mack will be the guest artist/clinician. Jane Magrath will present a session on adjudication.

**Vice President for Auditions and Competitions Gloria Johnson** reminded audition chairs to send their dates and deadlines to her as soon as possible.

President Hlubek thanked Sandra Meyer for arranging the lunch.

Motion to adjourn at 12:40 p.m.  

Kathy Wilson  
OMTA Recording Secretary