The meeting was called to order by President Barbara Fast at 4:00 p.m. Recording Secretary Jo Dee Davis called the roll. Twenty five members were present, establishing a quorum.

Memorials/Concerns:
Tom McCollum – OMTA Past President passed away
Ernestine Scott – Passed away on May 7th
Mary Ann Head – Husband was hit by car on May 7th and is facing surgery
Virginia Atkinson – In hospice care
Ann Sheldon – Recently moved into retirement home

Karen Harrington, President-Elect, announced that 71 have registered for the 2015 State Conference. The 2016 State Conference is going to be held June 2 – 4th, 2016 at OC, and the on-site coordinator will be Kathy Thompson. Karen Harrington gave Heather Lanners a hearty thanks for her wonderful job as the on-site coordinator for this year’s State Conference at OSU, Stillwater.

NEW BUSINESS

Recommendations from the Executive Committee:

Philelle McBrayer, on behalf of the Executive Committee made the following recommendations:

- **DISTRICT CONFERENCE**- A recommendation was made to reduce the allotted amount of $1,000 for East/West District Conferences to $600. The consensus by past co-presidents was that the $600 would be an ample amount to cover the expenses. It was recommended to pay an OMTA member who serves as the Conference Artist the amount of $300, and an OMTA member who serves as the Conference Clinician the amount of $100. It was recommended to discontinue the giving of door prizes at the East/West District Conferences. [MP]

- **STATE CONFERENCE**- A recommendation was made for OMTA members who present sessions at the State Conference. These members will be reimbursed only for their conference registration and copying expenses. [MP]

- A recommendation to categorize patrons by their monetary contribution is as follows:
  
  - $100 – 249/ per year Bronze
  - $250 – 499/ per year Silver
  - $500 – 749/ per year Gold
  - $750 – more/ per year Platinum
Terri Hlubek, on behalf of the Executive Committee, made the following recommendations:

- A recommendation was made that no OMTA member be compensated for services rendered, with the exception of District Conference Artists, District Conference Clinicians, and Judges.
- A recommendation was made that we adopt the following policy: No refund will be given for entry fees if an OMTA audition or competition is cancelled due to inclement weather.
- A recommendation was made to create a box on the District Achievement Entry Form for teachers to opt out of working at the State Auditions by paying a fee of $25 in lieu of working, for a trial period of one year.

Gloria Johnson, on behalf of the Executive Committee, made the following recommendations:

- On the District Achievement Auditions entry form, leave the statement “I can work all day, half day” on the form, and add this statement, “I have 6 or more students entered and will pay a $25 fee as I cannot work that day.” There will be a one year trial period for this motion.
- A recommendation was made that the Fall OMTA Junior Competition would allow 7th & 8th grade voice students to enter. The website would be updated to address requirements and a list of repertoire. This would encourage the study of the art song repertoire. There would be a two year trial period for this proposal.
- A recommendation was made for State Audition awards. Trophies will be retained for the 1+ award, a silver medallion will be awarded for the I rating, and a bronze medallion will be awarded for the I- rating.

REPORTS:

Skye Garcia, Commissioned Composer Chair, reported that Dr. Igor Karača, the commissioned composer. was prepared to perform his original composition, Filigree, at the 2015 State Conference. He announced the commissioned composer for State Conference 2016 will be Dr. Noam Faingold. Skye Garcia has made his report available online. He also requested a committee member to join their committee from the East District.

Barbara Fast, President, reported the increase of OMTA members to 399. Oklahoma received the Membership Growth and Stability Award in recognition of Membership Recruitment and Retention Activities from MTNA at the MTNA Conference. She reported that OMTA is ranked 3rd by MTNA in national certification.

Karen Harrington, President-Elect, welcomed all to the OMTA State Conference in Stillwater.

Terri Hlubek is still working towards OMTA 501c3 tax status. She reported that William Spannagel is processing all financials in a timely manner.
Beverly Fitch, VP Membership, reported a membership of 401 as of May 28th. She said that 2015-2016 dues must be paid by June 30th. She reported that there were 3 members who were to be recognized for 50 year membership at the OMTA Awards banquet. Jennifer Tripi is working on a new membership letter, and Davis Dorrough is making Facebook more appealing and helpful as a tool for all members. Linda Fields is working on brochures and posters to place in local music stores and college campuses to recruit new membership.

Gloria Johnson, VP of Auditions & Competitions, thanked everyone for the support she has had in the many years she has worked in OMTA. She will be retiring from her office this year.

Kathy Wilson, VP of Local Associations, is working with smaller associations to let them know that OMTA is available to help them meet their goals.

Thomas Labe, VP of Communications, reported that OMTA will be completely online this summer.

Patty Ann Harvey, Historian, requested noteworthy information and news be sent to her for the OMTA scrapbook.

Davis Dorrough, IMTF Chair, reported the effectiveness of developing Facebook in the organization.

Janet Romanishin, CFO Chair, stated the effectiveness of raising money through the CFO Fellows award.

Michael Dean, MTNA Foundation Chair, shared the progress of raising donations for Thomas Labe, OMTA’s 2016 MTNA Foundation Fellow.

Kathy Harris, West District Co-President, reported that Ada Sewell is stepping down as West Co-President and nominations were being taken for that position.

Mary Sallee made a request to those giving public programs using ASCAP music by living ASCAP composers to please submit the program information to MTNA. This is necessary for compensation to be made to the ASCAP composers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

With heartfelt appreciation, the board acknowledged the 50 years of outstanding service Auda Marie Thomas has faithfully given OMTA, 48 of those years serving on the Board. With regret, the board accepted her resignation. Mary Sallee and Robert McFadden, Past OMTA Presidents, were also attending their last board meeting. Our Past Presidents are now invited to be on the Council of Past Presidents, in lieu of serving on the OMTA Board, due to 2015 change in OMTA Bylaws.

A motion was made to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jo Dee Davis
OMTA Recording Secretary