The meeting was called to order by President Barbara Fast at 11:00 a.m. Recording Secretary Jo Dee Davis called the roll. Twenty seven members were present, establishing a quorum.

The minutes of the May 29, 2014 board meeting were approved as written.

Memorials/Concerns:

Sue Halpain continues to improve in health. A card was passed.
Dennis Whiten passed away October 17, 2014
The son of Farren Mayfield passed away tragically on November 9, 2014. A card was passed.
Two regrets for non-attendance, Auda Marie Thomas attending a funeral, and Kathleen Wimberley with health issues.
Auda Marie Thomas continues to recover. A card was passed.
Dr. Lark Powers welcomed a new baby. A congratulatory card was passed.
Betty Moses, long time member, recently passed away.
Lily Wong’s mother passed away.

NEW BUSINESS

Recommendations from the Executive Committee:

Philelle McBrayer, on behalf of the Executive Committee, recommends the following changes be made to the bylaws:

1. Article III 2C: Name change of student members to collegiate members. MP

2. Article III 2D: Patron members may attend OMTA meetings and events but shall not vote. Following discussion a motion was made to remove Patron membership from Bylaws and add it to Policy and Procedures. MSP

3. Article VII 2B: The Vice President for Membership, Vice President for Auditions and Competitions, Vice President for Local Associations, Vice President for Communications, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer may be elected to no more than two terms consecutively. MP

4. Article VII 2C: A Committee Chair may be given approval to serve a longer term if a special circumstance would call for continuing service. MP

5. Article XI: In order to reduce the size of the Board, this proposal would discontinue the offices of Members—at-Large, eliminate Past Presidents from the Board and instead form a
Council of Past Presidents. The Immediate Past President would serve as a liaison between the present board and the council.

The OMTA Board shall be composed of the Executive Committee, Elected Board Positions as specified in Policy and Procedures, four Co-Presidents, Committee Chairs as specified in Policies and Procedures, and local Association Presidents, who are ex officio.  

6. Article XII 2B: An agenda for a meeting shall be mailed/emails to each member of the committee at least two weeks in advance of the meeting.

Article XII 3B: An agenda for a meeting shall be mailed/emails to each member of the board at least two weeks in advance of the meeting.  

Vice President for Auditions and Competition, Gloria Johnson, reported that the Executive Committee recommends a delay in the new awards system voted on in the May 2014 Board meeting for one year.  

The Executive Committee recommended that there should be a display of the new medallions at the local auditions, the state auditions, the state conference, as well as a picture on the website to allow an opinion to be voiced by members via their Local Associations. Kathy Wilson will be in charge of gathering the results from Local Association Presidents and that report will be taken into consideration at the 2015 Board meeting when a final decision will be made.  

President Elect, Karen Harrington submitted a proposal that in 2015-16 the Student Recital, including the Senior High, Collegiate, Marilyn Witcher and MTNA Winners, shall be held on Thursday preceding the State Conference. This would be on a trial basis. The two recitals would be combined into one, lasting from one and a half to two hours in length, and would include an intermission. Committee meetings will be held in the morning and the Executive Committee and Board meetings will be held in the late afternoon and evening. This proposal would lengthen the State conference and would cause participating teachers to register for one day of conference, who might otherwise just attend the Recital.  

Philelle McBrayer, reporting on Policy & Procedures, made the following recommendations:  

1. Increase rates for conference program book and membership list.

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B. Local Associations

¼ page $30
½ page $40
Full page $60

Membership List: Sell by electronic attachment $50

2. Non-members shall pay an annual fee of $120 to enter students in any OMTA auditions and competition.

3. There is an $11.00 meal allowance for anyone who judges four hours or more at any OMTA audition or competition. An exception may be requested where the least expensive meal option exceeds $11.00.

4. MTNA Composition Competition: In-state adjudicators shall be paid $20 per composition.

5. OMTA Composition Festival student entry fee:
   - Elementary $25
   - Junior High $30
   - Senior High $35
   - OMTA Collegiate Competition $40


7. Members will receive 50 year Membership Awards, the same as MTNA, and shall be given one complimentary banquet ticket. An additional ticket may be given if a family member or caregiver attends the banquet. This discontinues the 30 and 40 year OMTA Membership Awards.

8. Each member who becomes nationally certified shall be reimbursed 50% of the certification fee.

9. The Webmaster shall be appointed by the OMTA Board, rather than elected.

Commissioning Composer Chair, W.T. Skye Garcia recommended Dr. Noam Faingold, nominated by Dr. Roger Price, be our Commissioned Composer for 2016.

He also recommends recording the premiere performance of the commissioned work at the State Conference be adopted as standard procedure.

Teri Hlubek reported that there was not a Distinguished Teacher this year.
REPORTS

Treasurer William Spannagel made available a written report. The balance is $94,152.54. He addressed the board with the necessity to change the OMTA tax status from 501C6 to 501C3, and hire a tax attorney specific in knowledge to facilitate the change. After discussion, he made a motion to proceed in making the change from 501C6 to 501C3.

President Barbara Fast offered thanks to Jennifer Jennings for accepting leadership of the State Auditions and gratefully recognized Auda Marie Thomas for forty years of service in that position. President Fast reported on the MTNA Summit and that a big emphasis was the declining membership numbers in MTNA. Oklahoma is 4th for nationally certified teachers and an increase in membership, which makes us look good.

President-Elect Karen Harrington reported the conference hotel this year would be a Best Western in Stillwater. The group rate will be $105. The theme, ROUND UP, will be a Cowboy theme.

Vice President for Membership Beverly Fitch reported 399 current OMTA members. She reminded the local audition chairs to check for late dues that will cause a late fee charged for Auditions.

Vice President for Local Associations Kathy Wilson reported that all local associations have signed the FTC documents statewide.

President Fast reported Thomas Labe will be handling global e-mails for OMTA.

Historian Patty Ann Harvey reported that an archive has been set up at OCU for storage.

President Fast announced a new video created on national certification by Davis Dorrough, IMTF chair, and is available to view on the website.

CFO Chair Janet Romanishin reported a CFO balance of $38,074.37, which is the sum of three accounts. Nominations for OMTA Fellows should be coming in now as April 1st is the deadline.

MTNA Foundation Chair Michael Dean reported that one nomination was received this year for MTNA Fellow. A motion was made to accept Thomas Labe’s nomination by acclamation.

Michael Dean also recommended that a $50.00 card be donated from OMTA for the MTNA Conference State Prize Drawing.

East Co-Presidents, Ron Lewis and DeAnna Calhoun, reported on the success of the East District Conference in November, 2014, and that the 2015 conference is already in the works. The Sr. Competition is coming along well.
West District Co-President, Ada Sewell, reported that a Master Class was held at their conference for the students who were named as Alternates at the Jr. Competition. She described a new approach to the upcoming West District Conference in that the Junior and Competition Recitals would be combined into one, allowing the guest artist time to perform in the recital.

A motion was made to adjourn.  

MSP

Jo Dee Davis  
OMTA Recording Secretary