The meeting was called to order by President Karen Harrington at 11:00 AM. She welcomed her guest, Philelle McBrayer.

Sixteen board members were present, establishing a quorum. The minutes were approved as amended.

Memorials/Concerns:

Three OMTA members have passed away since our meeting in June and four family members of OMTA members have passed away.

Ellen Jayne Wheeler, COMTA member
Donna Miller, COMTA member
Roberta Lewis, TAMTA member
John Ann Davis, mother of TAMTA member Jo Dee Davis
Martin Shackleton, husband of member Jean Shackleton
Claude G. Jones, father of member Claudia Morhinweg
Genevieve Hickman, mother of member Kathryn Hickman

Concerns were expressed for members who have had surgery or illnesses.
Steve Betts, surgery
Mary Sallee – surgery

Special Thanks to Terri Hlubek, for her superior assistance with Constant Contact communications and the website.

Special Recognition:
OMTA was recognized as State Affiliate of the Year by MTNA. Karen Harrington will receive the award at the MTNA Conference 2017 in Baltimore.

New Business:

The Executive Committee made the following recommendations:

A motion to increase the OMTA Conference registration fees $5.00 for each year, whether one day registration or full conference registration, and to cap the fee at $75.00 for total conference registration. The conference fee for full conference registration for 2017 will be $70.00.

A motion was made to simplify the state conference program booklet and eliminate the Guidebook app for smart phones.
A motion was made to provide the OMTA Conference Schedule and Information with the Guidebook app for smart phones and in addition, printed program handouts available at each session at the conference, as a one year trial.

MP

A proposal was made to create “Friends of OMTA” for friends and patrons listed on the OMTA website. The suggested fee to become a “Friends of OMTA’ friend or patron would be a minimum of $25.00 to maximum of $99.00.

After further discussion, a motion was made to form an ad hoc committee to explore the forming of a “Friends of OMTA” recognition program.

MP

A motion was made to offer incentives to incoming new members by giving free OMTA dues and State Conference registration fees for the first year of membership, and to make these incentives more widely known.

MP

Sandra Meyer made a motion to continue to consolidate the Junior Competitions for an additional year-long trial period.

MP

The Adjudication Committee reported on their work to date:
1) An Adjudicator Information Form, done on Google Forms, which will be used as the basis for the OMTA Adjudicator database.
2) A set of written criteria for the various ratings for piano, string, and voice, with woodwind/winds criterion in progress.
3) Writing and filming a video explaining the requirements for becoming an OMTA Adjudicator for District/State auditions, some tips on writing effective critiques, criteria for the various ratings and a summary of the OMTA Adjudicator Guidelines and the piano repertoire requirements. The video was shown to the board.

A motion was made to accept the video, ratings guidelines and online form.

MP

A motion was made to accept the nomination of Ann Gipson, as submitted by Jane Magrath, as the 2016-2017 OMTA Distinguished Teacher of the Year Award.

MP

President Harrington submitted the following members to serve on the Nominating Committee: Barbara Fast, Robert McFadden, Terri Hlubek, Danny Calhoun and Patsy Wylie.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Submitted on line as follows:

Karen Harrington, President

Heather Lanners, President Elect

Megan Ownbey, Treasurer

Jennifer Trippi, Vice President for Membership
Sandra Meyer, Vice President for Auditions and Competitions

Kathy Wilson, Vice President for Local Associations

Thomas Labé, Vice President for Communications and Webmaster

W.T. Skye Garcia, Commissioning Composer Chair
A nomination was submitted by Jonathan D. Nichol for Dr. Jeffrey Loeffert to be accepted as the OMTA Commissioned Composer for 2018. A motion was made to accept the nomination.
MP

Laurie Lightbody, Historian
A proposal was submitted to digitize OMTA historical documents and photos. A motion was made to make available to the historian $200.00 for the purpose of digitizing the OMTA historical documents and photos.
MP

Jeff Loeffert, CFF Chair

Jessica Headley, OMTA Foundation Chair

Michael Dean, MTNA Foundation Chair
A motion was made to accept the nomination of Barbara Fast as the 2018 MTNA Foundation Fellow by a statement of acclimation.
MP

Upcoming Events:

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

Senior Competition, February 18th, OBU, Shawnee – Ron Lewis, Chair

Senior Competition, February 25th, Tulsa University, DeAnna Calhoun, Chair


OMTA State Achievement Auditions, May 19-20, 2017, University of Oklahoma

OMTA Committee Meetings, Executive Committee, and Executive Board Meetings, June 1, 2017, The Tower Hotel, Oklahoma City, Ok.

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

A motion was made to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jo Dee Davis
OMTA Recording Secretary