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Notes from the President, Dr. Henning Vauth

Greetings! The academic year 2020/21 is coming to an end and some of you may already be on summer break. Take some well-deserved rest and enjoy the good weather!

During the June 2021 WVMTA Administrative Board meeting, the board has unanimously decided to make Dr. Scott Beard, whom we all miss terribly, an MTNA Foundation Fellow. This is the highest honor we can bestow on any member, and we want to honor his unwavering support of music education in the State of West Virginia and beyond with this initiative. I am sure he would appreciate this gesture. In the process, we must raise \$1,500 for the MTNA Foundation. Since the next conference (October 7-9, 2021! – please see information from Dr. Johan Botes' below) will take place at Shepherd University, Dr. Beard's home institution, we will provide an opportunity there to donate. Please keep an eye out for further announcements.

The budget committee and administrative board have also decided to continue the new Scholarship for an African American Applied music student (AAAMS Scholarship). Please see the announcement below and note particularly that students of all ages and levels are eligible. I am excited that we will be able to offer the scholarship as a gesture of inclusion and diversity for the second year, now. Please direct all inquiries directly to me.

I am extending the deadline for nominations for the WVMTA Teacher of the Year and the Distinguished Leader of the Year until August 1. Please send me your nominations to my Marshall email address at vauth@marshall.edu.

When you receive your copy of the August/September issue of the American Music Teacher, you will note that I am one of two nominees for the next MTNA Eastern Division President-Elect. I'd be honored to have your support and vote, and make sure West Virginia is represented in our organization beyond state borders. Thank you!



Please take care. I will hopefully get to see you, possibly F2F (as we now say) at the 2021 WVMTA conference in October!

Best wishes,
Henning Vauth
President, WVMTA

Notes from President--Elect, Dr. Johan Botes NCTM

The 2021 WVMTA State Conference will be held IN PERSON at Shepherd University October 8-9 with Yuhsuan Liao as site coordinator. Thank you Yuhsuan!!

Program

I am excited to announce that we will host the American violinist Andrew Sords as our Featured Guest Artist. He will be performing an evening recital on Friday, October 8th, with me at the piano, and he'll conduct a string master class on Saturday, October 9. It is a very special honor for us to welcome Andrew to West Virginia and I'm so glad we are reaching out to our fellow instrumentalists! Please check out his impressive biography on his website: www.andrewsords.com

On top of welcoming Andrew to our conference, we are also looking forward to a presentation by pianist Sheryl Iott, who just released her first book, called *Thinking and Playing Music – Intentional Strategies for Optimal Practice and Performance*, published by Rowman & Littlefield. She will talk about these strategies, aiming it towards the intermediate level student.

I look forward to bringing you more information about our presenters, further sessions, and the rest of the conference in the September Newsletter.



Accommodations

I have reserved blocks of rooms at the Quality Inn in Kearneysville and the Holiday Inn Express in Charles Town. Our usual Clarion Inn in Shepherdstown is currently undergoing reservations until the end of this year. The negotiated conference rates are significantly below the hotels' regular asking prices, so I encourage you to book early. Simply ask for the West Virginia Music Teachers Association rate.

- Quality Inn & Suites (1937 Short Road, Kearneysville, WV 25430)
Phone: 304-263-8888
Conference rate: \$74.99 per night, if booked by September 24, 2021
- Holiday Inn Express (681 Flowing Springs Rd, Ranson, WV 25438)
Phone: 304-725-1330
Conference Rate: \$96 per night, if booked by September 10, 2021

Call for Presentations

Please contact me at japbotes@gmail.com with suggestions for session topics that you would like to see at the conference, **or if you are interested in presenting**. Proposals for presentations should be submitted via e-mail attachment in a Word document or PDF format to me via email at your earliest convenience, and should include the following information:

- 1) Name(s) of presenter(s)
- 2) Short biography for each presenter
- 3) Workshop title
- 4) 35-word workshop description (for program)
- 5) 250-word proposal
- 6) List of special equipment needs (e.g. computer/projector, piano, etc.)

Call for Master Class Participants

If you have advanced students who would like to perform for our Featured Guest Artist Andrew Sords in the master class, please also write to me at japbotes@gmail.com.

Below is a short description for Sheryl's lecture.

“Thinking and Playing Music — Intentional Strategies for Optimal Practice and Performance”

Today's session will explore the cognitive topics that relate to the intermediate musician and demonstrate helpful practice strategies to facilitate efficient and effective practice. Making conscious choices to work in a way that supports the brains innate functions make practice not only more efficient and effective, but supports the flexibility and security needed for reliable and musically expressive performance.

Have a great summer and stay safe!
Johan Botes, NCTM

Registration Form - WVMTA State Conference October 8-9, 2021
Shepherd University, Shepherdstown WV

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Please check all that apply and send this printed copy with a check payable to WVMTA to:

Johan Botes, School of Music, Marshall University, One John Marshall Drive, Huntington, WV 25755

_____ \$35 WVMTA Member Registration Fee (by September 24th postmark)

_____ \$40 Non-Member Registration Fee

_____ \$15 Student Members of MTNA or NAFME

_____ \$20 WVMTA Banquet and Awards Ceremony (dinner will be served in the McCoy Rehearsal room on Shepherd University's campus and will be a "Grilled Salmon in a Moroccan Herb sauce" including a salad, Italian seasoned green beans, mashed potatoes, and a New York-Style cheesecake, with coffee, water and iced tea.)

_____ I would like to contribute \$_____ to the MTNA Foundation Fund.

_____ **\$ TOTAL (Make check payable to WVMTA)**

The Banquet will be held in the McCoy Rehearsal room on Friday, October 8 at 6pm

*Note: Teachers who enter students in the Mountain State Competitions must register for the conference.

2021 WVMTA Convention Program Ads

The WVMTA Board of Directors would like to invite you to consider a donation to the:

2021 West Virginia Music Teachers Association State Conference Program Book.

The 2021 WVMTA Conference will be held at Shepherd University in Shepherdstown on October 8 and 9, 2021. Your donation will provide an opportunity for you to visually display your conviction to the importance of music education in all our lives. Listed below are the prices and instructions for purchase of a range of ads--from full-page to "I'm a Music Education Supporter" one-liner, to be included in our conference program book. WVMTA is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) charitable organization and all donations to this association are tax deductible. WVMTA reserves the right to accept or deny ads for publishing.

WVMTA Conference Program book ads (please check)

- Full page (4.5" x 8") \$100
- Half page (4.5" x 4") \$55
- Quarter page/Business Card (4.5" x 2") \$30
- Eighth page (2.25" x 2") \$20
- "Music Education Supporter" (one-line listing) \$10

Please provide camera-ready artwork (b/w) or business card. **Deadline: September 24, 2021.** Mail or email (preferred) this signed contract, ad copy, and check (payable to WVMTA) to:

Dr. Johan Botes
Marshall University School of Music
One John Marshall Drive
Huntington, WV 25755
E-mail: botes@marshall.edu

Amount of check: _____ (USD)
Name of Advertiser: _____
Contact Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip Code: _____
Signature: _____
Date: _____

Notes from the Board Nominating Committee Chair, John Morrison

The board nominating committee has been hard at work lining up the next WVMTA board and we are excited to have a wonderful group of professionals to lead our organization into the coming years.

Congratulations to the following nominees who have accepted their nomination to serve on the next board of directors:

Immediate Past President: Dr. Henning Vauth

President: Dr. Johan Botes

President-Elect: Dr. Yu-Hsuan Liao

First Vice President: Miles Helmick

Second Vice President: Dr. Gerald Lee

Secretary: Rayme Pullen

Treasurer: Dr. Jacob Womack

We would also like to thank the current board of directors for the excellent work they been doing under the leadership of President Henning Vauth.

Sincerely,

WVMTA Board Nominating Committee

John Morrison (chair), Robert Ellis, Dr. Gerald Lee

WVMTA Treasurer's Report, Marie Borillo

On January 22, 2021, our bank account balance was \$29,521.21 The current balance of our 5-year CD is \$11,436.92 and our 1-year CD was valued at \$10,781.07.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Borillo

WVMTA Teacher of the Year Award

August 1st is the deadline to submit nominations for the 2021 WVMTA Teacher of the Year. According to rules as set up by the WVMTA Administrative Board on October 25, 1996: "Nominations will be limited to three." Also according to rules, the qualifications are:

- Demonstrates innovative teaching and creative musicianship and,
- Has held membership in WVMTA for at least five (5) years.

Nominees will be introduced in the September issue of WVMTA NEWS. Email nominations to: Dr. Henning Vauth at vauth@marshall.edu

Past Teacher of the Year Awards Recipients:

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| 1991 Peggy Johnston, NCTM | 1992 Christine Kefferstan, NCTM |
| 1993 Carol Beall, NTCM | 1994 Linda Seime, NCTM |
| 1995 Lena Lim, NCTM | 1996 Mary Wilson |
| 1997 Ray Martin, NCTM | 1998 Leslie Petteys, NCTM |
| 1999 Ruth Carder, NCTM | 2000 Catherine Crotty, NTCM |
| 2001 Bonnie Miltenberger | 2002 No award given |
| 2003 Lya Cartwright | 2004 Olive Meyer, NCTM |
| 2005 Mila Markun, NCTM | 2006 Scott Beard, NCTM |
| 2007 Elaine Tutt | 2008 Vicki B. Cavendish |
| 2009 Harriet Tucker, NCTM | 2010 Jan Jemison Smith, NCTM |
| 2011 Mary Ellen Morrison, NCTM | 2012 Hooi Yin Booey |
| 2013 Christene Kefferstan, NCTM | 2014 Carole Kriewaldt |
| 2015 No award given | 2016 James Miltenberger |
| 2017 Henning Vauth, NCTM | 2018 Mary Wilson |
| 2019 Jacob Womack, NCTM | 2020 John Morrison |
| 2021 | 2022 |

WVMTA Distinguished Leader of the Year

- This award is based on accumulated years of leadership and service contributed to the organization, over and above 10 years.
- This award will be based on whether the award was or was not already received by a particular member previously. The award CAN be granted to the same individual more than once.
- This award will be based on the recommendation, every year, of the current committees' research and records (If you are interested in becoming a future member of the Awards Committee, please notify Dr. Henning Vauth at vauth@marshall.edu). The Distinguished Leader of the Year Award was begun in 2006 and replaced the "Member of the year Award."

Member of the Year Honorees

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| 1991 Mary Shep Mann, NCTM | 1992 Bobby Loftis, NCTM |
| 1993 Judy Lambert, NCTM | 1994 Jane Mangus, NCTM; Sandra Hastings |
| 1995 Mila Markun | 1996 Marija Sommer, NCTM |
| 1997 Marguerite Bostonia, NCTM | 1998 Jean Douglass, NCTM |
| 1999 Connie Arrau Sturm, NCTM | 2000 Olive Meyer, NCTM |

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| 2001 No Award given | 2002 No Award given |
| 2003 James Miltenberger | 2004-05 No Awards given |

Distinguished Leader of the Year Honorees

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| 2006 Barbara Heckert | 2007 Carol Beall, NCTM |
| 2008 Mary Wilson | 2009 Karen Taddie, NCTM |
| 2010 Gary Mullenax, NCTM | 2011 Janna Kisner, NCTM |
| 2012 Scott Beard, NCTM | 2013 Mary Lynne Bennett, NCTM |
| 2014 No award given | 2015 Mary Ellen Morrison, NCTM |
| 2016 Laura Hamm, NCTM | 2017 Gerald (Jerry) Lee |
| 2018 No award given | 2019 Hooi Yin Boey |
| 2020 Vicki Cavendish | 2021 |

WVMTA Scholarship for an African American Applied Music Student (AAAMS Scholarship)

- WVMTA will provide a \$500 scholarship for an African American applied music student.
- The scholarship will be awarded annually, if the WVMTA Budget Committee determines there are sufficient funds in the general WVMTA budget.
- Students cannot receive the scholarship in two successive years unless there are no other competitors.
- All African American students shall be eligible, regardless of age and performance level, including pre-college, college, and adult students, and regardless of instrument or voice type.
- Eligible students must be students of a WVMTA member (“dues paid”) at the time of application or start lessons with a WVMTA member by the week after Labor Day.
- A call for applications shall be included in the June Newsletter by the President.
- Applications shall be due on or before August 9, and selections will be made by the WVMTA Budget Committee by August 16. Applications should be submitted electronically by email attachment to the President.
- There is no application fee.
- Selections will be made based on need and/or merit.
- The student or legal guardians shall receive the scholarship in form of a one-time payment from the WVMTA Treasurer, postmarked on or before September 1.
- If there are no applicants, the earmarked money shall go back into the general WVMTA budget.

Application:

- A formless one-page letter written by the student’s applied teacher, speaking to a) need and/or merit of the student, b) stating that the student either has already been studying with the teacher, or will start lessons with the teacher by the first week after Labor Day, and c) confirming that the teacher has paid WVMTA dues for the current fiscal year.
- Proof of the teacher’s dues payment to MTNA/WVMTA for the current fiscal year.

MTNA Certification – WVMTA Incentive

\$200 Reimbursement Check Available for Any Newly Certified NCTM!*

Yes, for anyone who successfully becomes a NEW NCTM! No stipulations. Receive a \$200 award from the WVMTA board for completing certification, which covers the entire fee. Find out the latest information on requirements for the National Certification Program at www.mtnacertification.org.

*This award does not apply to people who complete their renewals or their permanent professional certificates. This award is only for new certifications. Contact jwomack@concord.edu for more information.

Notes from the Membership Chair, Dr. Jerry Lee

- In view of the 2021-2022 membership year, using the month of April as a starting point, according to dues paid during April 1 – May 31, 2021, WVMTA confirms 24 total members, 3 of whom are collegiate.
- Membership updates during January 1 – May 31, 2021:
WVMTA welcomes 3 new members, 1 new collegiate member, 1 reinstating member, and a transferring member from North Carolina:
 - WVMTA welcomes Dr. Stacey Russell, from Morgantown, WV as a transferring member from North Carolina. Dr. Russell specializes in flute, music education, general music, and music theory.
 - WVMTA welcomes Michael Tolan, from Avon, IN as a new collegiate member. Michael specializes in saxophone.
 - WVMTA welcomes Christina Dowell, from Ashland, KY as a new active member. Christina specializes in piano.
 - WVMTA welcomes Annie Johnson, from Ashland, KY as a new active member. Annie specializes in piano and voice.
 - WVMTA welcomes Seth Joseph Stemple, from Buckhannon, WV as a new active member. Seth specializes in voice.
 - WVMTA welcomes Rayme Pullen as a reinstating member from Salem, WV. Rayme specializes in piano.
- If you haven't already done so, please renew your membership to WVMTA for the 2021-22 year.
- In addition, please encourage and recruit new members to join WVMTA so that our organization stays as strong and active as possible!
- To join online and to learn more about specific member benefits, please visit the following website and

click on the link towards the top of the page, “Join + Renew”: www.mtna.org

- The text below is from MTNA, describing the benefits of membership:

Choices for a More Musical Tomorrow

MTNA offers a number of membership types for teachers, students and those involved in the music industry.

For well over a century, MTNA has been the backbone for a collaborative community of music-teaching professionals, connecting both the seasoned educator and those at the beginning of their career.

Membership with MTNA does more than simply complement your career as a music professional—it supports, supplements and shapes it. It empowers music teachers nationwide to become better educators through networking, leadership, mentoring and educational opportunities.

MTNA Membership Delivers:

- **Peer Connections**—a network of outlets, forums and channels for like-minded individuals in the music profession to collaborate and communicate, both locally and nationally
 - **Ongoing Education**—conferences, events and advice on teaching tips and pedagogy, technology and web trends, master classes and informational sessions
 - **Invaluable Resources**—access to countless benefits, from Certification, publications and consultation services to competitions, teacher enrichment grants and insurance
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Districts Reports

Clarksburg MTA/District II Report:

We had our adjudicated performances on June 5 at Simpson Creek Baptist Church. Our 2 sessions were at 10:00 and 1:00, with Dr. Hooi Yin Boey as our adjudicator. Student Elijah Frank received his second trophy.

Robert Ellis, Chair

Charleston MTA/District III Report:

District 3 held their Spring Adjudicated Performances on Saturday, May 8. Because of Covid-19, we held in person auditions without an audience. There were 16 string students from 2 studios and 28 piano students from 2 studios participating. Dr. Gerald Lee was the piano judge and Olivia Boughton was the judge for strings.

Vicki Cavendish, Chair

Eastern Panhandle MTA/District VI Report:

Five students participated in the 2021 WVMTA Spring Adjudications which was held virtually on May 15, 2021. Dr. Gerald Lee of West Liberty University served as the adjudicator.

Students receiving Superior ratings were Juliet Owunna (Junior B), Alexander Dreflak (Junior High), Carmine Hess (Junior High), Thomas Galow (Senior High), and Christopher Smith (Senior High). All are students of Gary Mullenax.

Dr. Yu-Hsuan Liao, chair (NCTM)

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