Minutes: Business Meeting

Friday, October 17, 2003, Iowa Memorial Union

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:15 p.m. by Chapter Chair Richard LeSueur.

2. Approval of 2002 meeting minutes
   The minutes of the 2002 meeting were printed in the January 2003 issue of Midwest Note-Book (vol. 11 no. 3). A motion was made and carried to approve the 2002 minutes.

3. Treasurer’s report (M. Huismann)
   At the end of the chapter fiscal year (30 September 2003), our chapter assets totalled $10,175.88 ($9369.47 in checking and $806.41 in savings). A variety of factors have contributed to this amount—for example, we have not had to pay newsletter printing or postage for the past three editorships (institutions have graciously covered this cost). Please also keep in mind that upcoming expenses will include printing the membership brochure and future projects such as the Chapter anniversary.

   We currently have 169 chapter members, including 26 students, with all states in the Chapter represented.

4. Chair’s report (R. LeSueur)

5. Committee reports
   • Cataloging Committee: Joe Hafner reported that ca. 12 people attended the meeting. There was a short presentation on integrating resources, followed by a round robin noting accomplishments and future challenges.
   • Membership Committee: Lynne Weber reported that five committee members discussed the Library School Outreach program. Schools are to be visited by designated area librarians (more volunteers are needed). Michael Duffy prepared a PowerPoint presentation for his visit to Dominican University and will be sharing that with the group. Further business involved the redesign of the membership brochure. The brochure will be available in both paper and electronic formats.
   • Public Services Committee: Emma Dederick reported that 10 committee members and 4 guests attended the meeting. The committee discussed activities, possible projects and topics for upcoming programs.
   • Publications Committee: Ruthann McTyre reported that 6 members were present; the committee needs one new member. Laura Gayle Green will be heading up the member handbook project. Patty Falk is putting the finishing touches on the new edition of the Directory of Automation Projects. Therese Zoski Dickman will be coordinating the Chapter oral history project to coincide with the Chapter’s 70th anniversary in 2006. Volunteers are needed for the next round of interviews and for transcription of interview tapes.
   • TAPS Committee: Don Widmer reported on the recently launched TAPS web pages on the Chapter website, and thanked Rebecca Littman for her assistance. The committee enjoyed a field trip to the Iowa Women’s Archives, a collection that includes several interesting music-related items. (Don Widmer)

6. Awards
   The Retirees Scholarships were awarded to Thomas Pease (Indiana University), Christina Skasa (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee), and Janet Weaver (Kent State University).

7. Election Results
   Michael Duffy was elected Secretary-Treasurer. Thanks to Julia Graepel for her willingness to stand for election.

8. Announcements
   - Greg Fitzgerald announced that the January issue of Midwest Note-Book will contain reports from the Chapter meeting. Reports from the meeting sessions, committee reports and lists of members are needed. Deadline for copy is 1 December 2003.
   - Richard LeSeuer brought news from the national MLA Board meeting. The 2007 meeting will be in Pittsburgh, a joint meeting with the Society for American Music. New England will be the site for the 2008 meeting if a suitable meeting place can be found. Chicago is tentatively slated for the 2009 meeting. The lawsuit has been settled and the treasury is in good shape.

TECHNOLOGY, ARCHIVES, PRESERVATION, AND SOUND (TAPS)

The committee met on Thursday, October 16, with six people in attendance.

The TAPS web pages were discussed, having been recently announced via the chapter listserve. The “Ask An Expert” pages will serve as a Q&A forum for Midwest Chapter members. Feedback about the site was encouraged, with comments directed to the webmaster at dwidmer@vandercook.edu. The site is at http://www.mlamidwest.org/tapsHome.htm.

The Committee was then treated to a tour of the Iowa Women’s Archives by its curator, Kären Mason. The IWA was established in 1992 by two prominent Des Moines women, Louise Noun and Mary Louise Smith. Kären and her staff had prepared displays of several music collections, including the papers of composer Louise Crawford, music-related materials in the Chautauqua collection, and materials pertaining to the history of music education in Iowa. The committee enjoyed perusing these materials and hearing about these important music collections. (Don Widmer)