I'm greetings everyone!

This issue of the newsletter is packed with information about chapter events and activities. Please note the application forms for the Librarian Exchange Program and the Retirees Scholarship. The chapter has sponsored the exchange program for a number of years and participants in the program have reported benefits, both expected and unexpected, from the experience. Our chapter is blessed with many talented members, and I encourage you to consider participating in an exchange. The Retirees Scholarship was established last year to provide financial support to library school students to attend our chapter meetings. We have seen an increase in student membership over the last few years and we are hopeful that the scholarships will make it easier for some of these new members to attend our meetings and become involved in the life of the chapter. I would also like to report that Rick Jones, our chair-elect, and I will be making visits this spring to several library schools as part of the Library School Outreach Project. This project was established three years ago to promote the chapter among library school students interested in music librarianship.

During the national meeting in February, we held an Executive Committee meeting and an open meeting for all chapter members. I would like to report on several decisions made by the Executive Committee.

- We approved the proposed revision of the Public Services Committee charge. Copies of the charge are available from the Committee chair, Holling Smith-Borne.
- We approved expanding the definition of the Retirees Scholarship Fund to include contributions honoring or in memory of retired, former, and deceased chapter members.
- We approved disbanding the WWW Subcommittee.

The chapter meeting on Thursday evening was well attended, in spite of the many competing attractions in the Big Apple. Here is a brief summary of the discussion.

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DUES RENEWAL

It's not too late to pay your dues for this year!

Please visit the chapter website for the membership form, or send the following information to the Secretary-Treasurer:

- Name
- Preferred mailing address
- Institutional affiliation
- E-mail address
- Telephone number
- Do / Do not include my name, title, institutional affiliation on the chapter website membership list

Dues are $8 per year ($4 for students); please make checks payable to: Midwest Chapter, MLA

Send check and form to:

- Mary Huismann
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Upcoming Dates

Midwest Chapter of the Music Library Association
Annual Meeting
Bloomington, Indiana
October 18-20, 2001

Music Library Association
Annual Meeting
Las Vegas, Nevada
February 16-21, 2002
Plan now to attend the fall chapter meeting October 18-20 in Bloomington, Indiana hosted by the William and Gayle Cook Music Library, the Archives of Traditional Music, the Indiana University Libraries and School of Music, Depauw University Library and School of Music, and the Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library. The site of the meeting will be the Indiana Memorial Union (http://www.imu.indiana.edu/) which is located in the heart of the campus in between Dunn Meadow and Dunn Woods. It is in easy walking distance to all campus facilities as well as to the downtown area including over 20 restaurants and numerous shops and music/bookstores. A fall (non-football) weekend in Bloomington cannot be beat. Plan on touring museums (IU Art Museum, William Hammond Mathers Museum, T.C. Steele Museum, Lilly Library), visit the Bloomington Antique Mall, hike in the Hoosier National Forest, or take a scenic drive through Brown County State Park. In particular, plan on attending Massenet’s Manon presented by the IU Opera Theater Oct. 19-20 at the Musical Arts Center, or any one of a number of other musical events presented by the IU School of Music.

Ralph Papakhian, Co-Chair

In Memoriam

The Midwest Chapter of the Music Library Association remembers recently departed Chapter members:

Nathan Eakin
Calvin Elliker
Karla Steward

If you would like to make a donation in memory of one or all of these departed members, please send a check with a note “retiree fund” to:

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Donated funds will be used to provide student scholarships to attend the annual fall Chapter meeting.
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Retirees Scholarship Application  
2001 Annual Meeting, Bloomington, Indiana  

Deadline for application: August 1, 2001  
Applications may be submitted by e-mail, US mail, or via the chapter website at <http://www.mlamidwest.org/>  

Eligibility: Students must be enrolled in a library school in the Midwest Chapter Region (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, Wisconsin). They must be current chapter members (in good standing) or they must agree to join the chapter upon receiving the award.  

We encourage applications from individual students and nominations from chapter members of an individual student.  

Date of application:  
Name of applicant or nominee:  
Name of nominating chapter member:  
Name of library school:  
Expected degree date:  

On a separate sheet of paper, please describe the applicant’s or nominee’s achievements and his or her interests in music librarianship (up to 200 words).  

Submit application to:  
Laurie Probst  
Chair, MLA Midwest Chapter  
309 Paterno Library  
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Midwest Chapter of the Music Library Association
Librarian Exchange Program 2001
Application Guidelines

The Midwest Chapter of the Music Library Association will again fund an exchange program for music librarians within the Midwest Chapter during 2001. The purpose of this grant is to offer an opportunity for music librarians to exchange information in ways not possible at Music Library Association meetings. While chapter and national meetings provide very important and valuable opportunities for professional sharing and mentoring, these meetings are brief and filled with many activities. The exchange could facilitate the development of a new expertise, reinvigorate a librarian in mid-career, or help a new librarian gain basic and practical knowledge.

Funding may be requested for the following:

1. An exchange between two music librarians who apply together.
2. A single music librarian who has identified a need and wants to undertake an exchange but does not know with whom. In this case the MWMLA Executive Committee will help identify an appropriate individual for the exchange.
3. A visit by one music librarian to the facility of another. In this case an exchange is not necessary or appropriate; for example, where one librarian wishes to learn a new skill from another.

Eligibility Requirements
1. The exchange or visit must enhance the participating individual(s) professional development in a demonstrable way.
2. Individuals should be a member of the Midwest Chapter of the Music Library Association and the Music Library Association national organization.
3. Applicants should include an indication that their institution(s) will support the exchange at least to the extent of allowing the applicant to take time to complete the exchange.
4. Funding will not be awarded for collaboration on research activities.

Application Procedures
1. Each applicant (or pair of applicants, if appropriate) should submit a one-page proposal, written in clear and straightforward language, outlining what the exchange or visit will accomplish. The rationale should list the participants in and the purpose of the exchange, or the type of experience desired. Describe your needs clearly.
2. Each applicant (or pair of applicants, if appropriate) should submit an estimated budget covering travel, lodging, and meals. Although each application will be judged on the basis of its own merits, awards of more than $300.00 per person will generally not be given. Applicants should, however, apply for complete funding.
3. Applications should indicate dates of travel and length of stay for each participant.
4. Each participant should include a letter from the administrator(s) of the library/libraries involved that the project, if funded, will receive their support in the way of release time, additional funding, etc.
5. After the completion of the exchange, each participant will be required to write a brief evaluation of his/her experience.

**Please submit completed applications to:**

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**Calendar:** Deadline for applications is: May 1, 2001. Awards will be made by May 15, 2001. Exchanges must be completed by December 31, 2001. Reports due to chapter chair by January 31, 2002.

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- Questions have been raised about the length of terms for both officers and chapter chairs. Four years is perhaps too lengthy a commitment for chapter chair, while two years is not quite long enough for the secretary-treasurer. In recent years, the secretary-treasurer has been re-elected, resulting in a four-year "term." Since there was no consensus from members in attendance that change was desired or necessary, this issue will be laid to rest.
- Ralph Papakhian reported on planning for the 2001 chapter meeting in Bloomington, Indiana. The dates of the meeting are October 18-20, 2001.
- Rick Jones raised a question about the structure of the annual meeting to begin the meeting on Thursday afternoon with the first program session and hold committee meetings on Saturday morning. After some lively discussion, it was agreed that we would survey members in the chapter newsletter and continue the discussion at the fall meeting in Bloomington.
- The question was also raised about distributing the chapter newsletter in electronic format only. Again, after lively discussion, it was agreed that we would survey members in the chapter newsletter and continue the discussion at the fall meeting in Bloomington.
- The group discussed a proposal from Therese Zoski-Dickman to initiate planning for the chapter's 75th anniversary and to investigate publishing a chapter history. Therese, Lynne Weber, and Rick Jones volunteered to get the process started.

Best wishes for a warm spring (finally) and relaxing summer,

Laurie
Seeking Opinions

The Executive Committee is seeking additional opinions on two issues discussed during the Chapter meeting in New York: the current structure of the Chapter’s annual meetings and the format of the Chapter’s newsletter. Please take the time to answer the following questions.

Structure of Annual Meetings

Observation: Since many attendees do not stay through the Saturday sessions, perhaps the structure of the meeting needs to be changed.

1. Are you happy with the current structure of the Midwest Chapter Meeting?

2. Currently, committee meetings are held on Thursday and programming sessions on Saturday. Would the structure of the meetings be improved by moving the sessions to Thursday afternoon and the committee meetings to Saturday?

3. Is the meeting too long (Thursday through Saturday)?

Newsletter

Observation: In the past, the cost of publishing the Midwest Notebook have graciously been absorbed by the institution of the editor. This may not always be the case.

4. Do you think the Chapter should switch to an electronic only newsletter?

5. Would you be willing to pay a small fee to receive a paper copy of the newsletter?

6. What are the advantages of publishing the newsletter in both formats?

Please submit responses by mail or email to:

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