New York State/Ontario Chapter, Music Library Association

Annual Meeting

Gumberg Library, Duquesne University

October 5, 2013

In attendance: Bonna Boettcher, Rachel Fox von Swearingin, Jennifer Vaughn, Beth Kelly, Kris Shanton, Tracey Snyder, Rebecca Belford

President’s report: The meeting was called to order at 11:45am by Chair Bonna Boettcher, who thanked everyone for contributing to a successful joint meeting with ATMLA and for making the trip. First in the president’s report was an overview of the joint meeting planning. Thanks extended to Lisa McFall for her communications with ATMLA on planning, presentations, schedule, etc., and to Rachel von Swearingen for serving on the program committee. Registration and financial logistics were discussed between Bonna and Dick Griscom, where separate registrations were agreed upon with fees split proportionately between the chapters based on our percentage of attendance. The NYS/O portion of fees hasn’t been billed to us yet. Secondly, Bonna expressed the need to survey NYS/O members to find out how many people are interested in pursuing joint meetings in the future: we were going to do this last year, but joint meetings was a major section of the proposed survey so Bonna decided to put the survey on hold until after this meeting. What direction is our chapter taking and where do people want it to go? Two MLA chapters have merged (Atlantic – the merger of Pennsylvania and Chesapeake; and California – the merger of the Northern and Southern chapters) and is that something NYS/O wants to consider? Those present agreed the meeting was successful, but the distance would be difficult to manage every year. Lastly, Bonna attended chapter folk’s breakfast at San Jose to talk about concerns from chapter heads. Topic: where chapter archives reside and who monitors those, etc. Backtrack through a list of chairs and see who that is. Some chapter’s have an archivist. Beth will talk to Rachel about what there is in the sec. files and then talk to Sandy R. who serves as MLA’s archivist.

Secretary/Treasurer’s report: Beth Kelly gave the treasurer’s report for 2012-2013. She also gave a membership report for 2012-2013. In short accounts have balances of:

- US account: $2,526.09; Canadian account: $644.59.
- The current membership is around 38 people with 18 member’s dues paid
- Many of you still owe your annual $10.00 for dues. Please send it to the secretary, Beth Kelly.

2 possible uses of our balances were mentioned: Money to aid travel to and from meetings for students, and making a brochure.

Newsletter: Thanks to Kris for finding out the history. We as a quorum at this meeting vote to close the newsletter that ceased publication in 2007. Newsletter editor is listed on our officer’s list – take it off – it is not in the Bylaws.
Website: It was agreed to update the website with recent chapter meeting programs and photos, etc. If anyone has material to contribute to the archives and or update the website, please send your files to Kris Shanton to be scanned and uploaded to the website. Rachel mentioned her findings on the website: the section on meetings only covers our current meeting, (which is usually up to date), but could also include past meeting programs and locations. Kris: in 2009-2010 the web programs had to be moved on the website. Several aspects of the website were discussed:

- Getting rid of the old slide shows
- Archiving the programs, power points and photos
- Listing minutes from the business meetings
- Creating a moodle pool to organize information

Secretary’s files have minutes and programs; Gerry has photos. Files can be sent to Kris Shanton, who is currently webmaster, a job she is willing to continue or to hand off to someone else.

Joint meeting: An overview of the program planning was given. Rachel explained that the Atlantic chapter programming committee consists of the local host (Terra Merkey) as well as all ATMLA officers. To represent NYS/O-MLA, Lisa McFall and Rachel Fox von Swearingen also participated on the programming committee. All proposals were accepted. Rachel worked with the committee on other areas and kept Bonna closely informed, and Bonna worked with ATMLA officers to arrange registration and finances. The two chapters maintained separate registration workflows, with Beth collecting for NYS/O-MLA. ATMLA meetings are usually 2 days in length with a reception included. Our meetings are always 1 day in length with a lunch included. Those present agreed 2 day meetings would be difficult every year and also depended on the location of the national MLA meeting that particular year. The total number from NYS/O was only 8 people and to continue joint meetings that number could be higher. Conclusion: joint meetings need to be discussed, judicious, and location is a concern. Planning around the MLA location should be considered as well as the radius of where our joint meeting is held. It was agreed to poll NYS/O members for likelihood of attendance before considering the next joint meeting. Also discussed was a need to survey the membership on the topic of merging with another chapter and which chapter that would be. By-laws do allow for electronic ballot (rather than sending out paper ballot through the mail). Bonna mentioned contacting Patricia Stroh and Stephanie Bonjak to find out what the process was for merging the CA chapters. A small task force could be established to prepare a white paper, listing pros and cons.

NYS/O Meeting 2014: Eastman has offered to host for Fall 2014. Those present agreed that this would be a good idea. Linda Blair was the sole name on the ballot and was voted in as chair/chair elect. Thanks to Lisa who chaired the nominating committee with Tracey and Jim Farrington. Informally Ed Komara has agreed to run for nomination the following year.

MLA’s diversity scholarships: A discussion concluded on MLA initiatives to recruit minorities with the following points brought out:
• What does MLA do to promote minority scholarships and what can they do to assist recruiting more diversity into the profession?
• Can a model for this be sent out to local chapters?

Rachel was declared the new chair of NYS/O. Rachel will send out a list of officers to others.

Meeting adjourned at 12:36.