

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TEACHERS OF SINGING FOR 2010

Sunday, June 13, 2010, San Francisco Conservatory of Music, room 207.
Meeting was called to order at 3:10 PM by President Wendy Hillhouse.

I. Election certification

One hundred forty ballots were mailed to members; eighty-seven ballots were returned for a 62% return rate. Votes were tallied by Tina Baird and Wendy Hillhouse. Results were as follows:

87 votes	President: Wendy Hillhouse (incumbent)
86 votes	Vice-President Programs: Aleicia Byrnes (incumbent)
86 votes	Vice-President Singing Festival: April McNeely (incumbent)
1 vote	Eric Howe
85 votes	Vice-President Recitals: Victoria Rapanan (incumbent)
86 votes	Membership Secretary: Frank Ryken
85 votes	Recording Secretary: Jennifer Cowgill
86 votes	Corresponding Secretary: Alison Collins (incumbent)
86 votes	Treasurer: Dorothy Barnhouse (incumbent)
87 votes	Newsletter Editor: Anja Strauss (incumbent)
85 votes	Webmaster: Meghan Dibble (incumbent)

II. President's report: Wendy Hillhouse

- Thanks to Grace Johnson and to Tina Baird (departing board members) for the work they have done
- The Singing Festival went well; thanks to hard work by Festival VP April McNeely, her assistants Eric Howe and Teresa Cardinale and all the members who volunteered their help. The expense of the facility was much greater than we had at first anticipated; we received information about the expense at a date too late for us to change the venue; consequently we took in less money than we spent.
- The Fall and Spring workshops and the January Master Class were excellent. Attendance was lower than desired at each of these programs; Anja suggested that perhaps a questionnaire would help; also that more use of our phone tree might result in higher attendance.
- Several of our members will attend the National Convention in Salt Lake City. As President, Wendy will of course attend; also going will be Meghan Dibble, Audrey Howitt, Sue Field and Frank Ryken.
- Wendy has been asked to be an adjudicator for the NATSAA semi-finals. (At one time she won that competition.) She also attended the Singer Training Forum sponsored by Opera America.
- Oren Brown DVD: the artistic design was donated by Allen Green; the commercial firm of Disc Makers made 1000 DVDs. These will be for sale at our booth at the National Convention. Lucy Beck paid part of the cost in exchange for permission to sell her new book there; she will give 15% of her profit to SFBAC,

III. Membership report: Grace Johnson

We have 143 members including 17 emeritus. Last year we had 13 new members, 2 did not renew; this year we had 8 new members, 3 did not renew.

IV Corresponding Secretary's report: Alison Collins

There have been no major problems.

V. Singing Festival report: April McNeely

The Festival was successful. See President's report and Treasurer's report .

VI Recital report: Victoria Rapanan (in absentia)

We had a record number of recitals this year: 7 student recitals and one teacher recital. The programs were full, with a waiting list for some.

VII Webmaster's report: Meghan Dibble (in absentia)

Only three people have taken advantage of having a page of their own on our website. Call Meghan (415/516-3124) or email finalalice@hotmail.com to arrange for YOUR page.

VIII Newsletter report: Anja Strauss

Things are going well.

IX Treasurer's report: Dorothy Barnhouse

See from the attached report that the Chapter Funds are working for the benefit of Chapter members (underwriting recitals, scholarships to Salt Lake City, etc.) resulting in a lower though still solidly healthy bank balance this year.

X Recording Secretary's report: Tina Baird

She is leaving the position and we all thank her for many years of great service to the chapter.

XI Program report: Aleicia Byrnes (in absentia)

Next years workshops are in planning stages.

Open Discussion and question period

There was no discussion asked for and no questions raised that had not been covered already.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM.

Singers' Gym: Ben Bernstein, Kathy Cathcart and Darryl Cooper

This instructional adjunct proved worthwhile and enjoyable.

submitted by Tina Baird

edited by Dorothy Barnhouse