

## **American Musicological Society, Southern Chapter**

### **Business Meeting, 04 February 2006, UCFL**

The meeting was called to order by President Marian Kimber Wilson on 04 February 2006. The minutes and treasurer's report were distributed by President-Elect Jennifer Thomas, and were approved (with two corrections in the spelling of names).

#### **Old Business**

First-term student representative Aaron Keebaugh reported on the student representatives' breakfast held on 28 October 2005 at the Washington, D.C. national meeting. The chapter secretary-treasurer can supply a copy of his report summarized below.

Visibility of AMS in the musicological community and the world was the theme of the meeting; topics of discussion included: student representation at national meetings, especially problems funding travel and housing; student duties at the next meeting; the student website; Capital Campaign and Opus, and especially student giving; and outreach to students attending schools that do not offer the PhD or participate in AMS.

The issue of the Chapter's ability to reach students from institutions that do not offer a doctorate was discussed at length, but no motions were made. Some points raised follow.

A listserv was suggested as a way to involve more students. Jan Herlinger stated that masters-level students do attend national meetings, and also some undergraduates, but most have been encouraged by their professors to do so.

Matthew McAllister mentioned that cost is a big issue, including the cost of the housing at regional and national conventions. Various options for lowering the expense of housing at conferences were mentioned, including student communication via internet. Marian Kimber Wilson and Jan Herlinger noted that the National Society cannot advertise on its website cheaper alternative housing for students because of the contract they sign with the conference hotel

Margaret Butler announced that the National Society's Committee on Cultural Diversity offers scholarships and fellowships, as well as associate status to student applicants who do not receive money. This associate status may be useful in obtaining travel funding from the student's university or from other sources.

AMS Council representative Scott Warfield reported on the 2005 Council meeting. The AMS newsletter provides details of the topics summarized below. The chapter secretary-treasurer can supply a copy of Scott's full report.

- 1) AMS funded travel to the national meeting for 11 participants (primarily unaffiliated scholars or others without funding) and 10 students; 5 were named associates without funding.
- 2) The Chapter Fund Committee encourage chapters to use this resource.
- 3) The 2009 National Meeting in Philadelphia was announced and the Opus campaign was discussed.
- 4) Help and support needed for those affected by Hurricane Katrina, includes donation of library materials.
- 5) New Business: Cristle Collins Judd (Chair of Committee on Communications) noted that her committee is looking for ways to make the discipline more visible and diverse.
- 6) New Business: Tara Browner (UCLA) expressed concerns about the lack of ethnomusicological papers accepted for the Washington meeting, and objected to classification as "ethno/world/non-Western." Of major concern for all was the high number of submissions for the limited number of presentation slots. AMS President Sisman stated that she would "look into the matter."

President-elect Jennifer Thomas gave a report on the Chapter Officers' breakfast; a full report is available. The recurring theme in all areas of the agenda was Outreach: how to do it, how to encourage it, how to reward it. Agenda items included: 1) policies for paper submission for chapter meetings, including student paper awards, 2) Opus and how chapters can help raise money, 3) expanded roles for the chapters on the AMS board ("Chapter fund" has now been renamed "Chapter Activities"), 4) Chapter celebrations of the 75th anniversary celebration in 2009, 5) and chapter outreach for the mutual benefit of the chapters as well as National.

## **New Business**

The President presented information on Opus, the National Society's fund-raising campaign leading to the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary meeting in 2009 in Philadelphia. Any donation of \$10,000 allows the donor to designate the name of a fund; any donation of \$25,000 allows the donor to designate use of money (independent scholars, scholarships, etc.).

Some discussion of the division and subdivision of chapters followed: Jan Herlinger noted that, according to one president of the society (unnamed), any member of the National Society may join any chapter, without regard to geographic location.

Matthew McAllister asked why there were no sessions devoted to teaching at the national meeting. Jennifer Thomas, Scott Warfield, and others noted that there is, in fact, a series devoted to that topic. Wilson also mentioned that the Southern chapter had at times also included panels on teaching as part of the annual meeting.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE**

President Wilson then expressed the gratitude of the chapter to Andreas Giger for his two-year term as Abstracts Editor. Nominations were taken for a new Abstracts Editor; Margaret Butler was elected

Stephen Thursby was elected new student representative by acclamation; Aaron Keebaugh will also serve one more year to finish his term.

## **HOSTS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

Jan Herlinger issued an invitation to meet at LSU in 2007, and to hold a joint meeting with the South Central Society for Music Theory, which had already accepted an invitation to meet there. No dates were set.

Florida State University is interested in hosting a joint meeting with SEMSEC (Society for Ethnomusicology, Southeast-Caribbean Chapter) in 2008. No decisions were made.

## **PROGRAM COMMITTEE CONCERNS**

The Program Committee announced the acceptance of either email or conventional mail submissions for proposals. [Addendum: after the meeting, it was decided that the all proposals should be sent to the Abstracts Editor, who could then pass anonymous copies to the selection committee]

The Program Committee also noted that the renegade Constitution appears to have escaped—again. Discussion concerning the need for an updated constitution followed.

## **STUDENT PAPER AWARD**

The president then announced that the Selection Committee, with disappointment, was unable to give the Student Paper Award. She expressed concern over the small number of applicants and asked for suggestions for improving this situation. Much discussion from the floor centered on due dates for the proposals and for completed papers from student applicants. Denise Von Glahn noted that our guidelines are modeled after those of the Society's Paul Pisk Award, and thus provide a preparation for real-life situations.

## **OUR MONETARY SITUATION**

President-Elect Thomas then raised the issue of ways to spend our surplus money. Suggestions included: increased support to Student Representatives attending the National meeting, including money for lodging and more for transportation; setting up a research grant between \$500 and \$1000 dollars for either students or faculty members; and bringing in guest speakers (Jan Herlinger noted that the National Chapter Fund Committee will pay part of the tariff for guest speakers).

Denise Von Glahn suggested and moved that we contribute \$250 to Opus (National fund-raising campaign); the motion was seconded by Charles Brewer and passed.

The President then thanked everyone for a successful conference and adjourned the meeting.