

AMERICAN MUSICOLOGICAL SOCIETY, SOUTHERN CHAPTER
Business Meeting Minutes
February 4, 2011
Nicholls State University, Thibodaux, LA

I. Call to order. President Giger called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

II. Approval of minutes. Copies of the 2010 meeting minutes, the agenda, and the financial report for the current year were distributed and reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Charles Brewer and seconded by Jennifer Thomas. The membership voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

III. Thank yous. President Giger thanked all involved in the 2011 meeting: local arrangements chairs Melissa Goldsmith and Tony Fonseca, students from Nicholls State University, and those involved in transportation of participants to and from the local airports. He thanked the various committees: the abstracts editor (Zoë Lang); program committee (Edward Hafer, chair, Melissa Goldsmith, Bryan Proskch); nominating committee (Gregory Harwood, chair, Denise Von Glahn and Jan Herlinger); the AMS Council representative (Joanna Biermann); the student representatives (Timothy Love and Elisa Weber), the secretary-treasurer (Margaret Butler), and the past president (Linda Cummins).

IV: Reports. a. Student Representative: Elisa Weber. Since a student Facebook group has been established, the AMS Board agreed not to establish a student listserv. The student membership limit is 7 years. It is possible to request an extension but the preferred (recommended) option is a low income membership, which costs only \$15 extra. Poster sessions are going to go forward with the next annual meeting. Members will be required to submit proposals for either a poster session or a paper (not both) and students were advised to keep in mind which they preferred to do. The AMS Program Committee noted that a large number of proposals were not up to the standards of AMS; students were reminded that proposals are anonymous only to a certain point. b.AMS Council Representative: President Giger gave the report in the absence of Joanna Biermann. The 350-word limit on abstracts worked well and will continue. The number of papers was increased from 144 to 192. As reported by AMS President Jane Bernstein, there are two additional funds: the Thomas Hampson Fund for Classical Song (a grant given for first time in 2010), and the AMS Teaching Fund (with a March 1 deadline). Two colleagues (Council members) asked that the AMS by-laws be changed to include a teaching objective for AMS. President Bernstein advised that the AMS by-laws are only changed very rarely; however, an ad hoc committee will now be formed, with nominations for honorary and corresponding members to be sent to Alex Rehding, Chair. c. Secretary-Treasurer: Margaret Butler. Butler reviewed the financial report and reported that the chapter is in excellent financial shape. Butler reminded the membership that student chapter members whose papers are accepted for the AMS annual meeting can request \$200 from the chapter to support travel and that hosts of our chapter meetings may request up to \$300. Butler reminded the membership of the chapter's student paper award and mentioned that the chapter listserv will be newly updated. She added a brief report on the chapter officers' breakfast, mentioning that other chapters are now going to use the AMS national office for their banking, as we have done, and that we can pride ourselves on being one of the best organized chapters in the country. d. Update on DDM. President Giger commented that DDM has been turned back to the AMS national office after all.

V: Old Business. a. AMS Outreach: Butler and Giger have worked together with a list provided by Bob Judd of all members residing in our chapter's boundaries, and have sent 50 emails to people on

that list, with 3 responses thus far (all positive). It is hoped that the chapter will benefit from this effort over the coming years.

VI: New Business. a. Chapter Web Site. Giger reminded the membership of the new chapter Web Site he designed last summer, reviewed its contents, and encouraged members to contact him with updates, information, or changes, especially with contributions for the category of Member News. b. AMS-S Spending. President Giger reminded the membership of the temporary decision of last year: \$300 from our savings to local arrangements, and \$200 total to students from the chapter reading at the national meeting. He asked the membership if this should continue, and extensive discussion on the topic of our funds and how to use them ensued, with contributions from many members. A motion to contribute \$200 per person for each paper or poster accepted for the AMS annual meeting was made by Michael Broyles and seconded by Jan Herlinger. The membership voted unanimously in favor of this motion. A motion to increase the amount of the student paper award (\$350 for the winner; \$250 for a runner up) was made by Margaret Butler and seconded by William Horne. After some discussion, Butler withdrew her motion and Horne withdrew his second. A motion to increase the amount of the student paper award as a single prize (to \$250) was made by Jennifer Thomas and seconded by Douglass Seaton. Discussion on this point ensued. Motion carried with no one opposed. c. Election of Officers. Denise Von Glahn as member of the nominating committee presided over the election of officers. Margaret Butler was the committee's nominee for president-elect. Von Glahn asked for nominations from the floor and none were received. Alice Clark moved that nominations be closed and Charles Brewer seconded. Butler was elected with a unanimous vote. Bryan Proksch and Valerie Goertzen were the committee's nominees for secretary-treasurer. Each candidate spoke briefly. Von Glahn asked for nominations from the floor and none were received. Charles Brewer moved that nominations be closed and Douglass Seaton seconded. The candidates left the room and discussion ensued. Goertzen was elected secretary-treasurer with a majority of the vote. Student representative: Morgan Rich, student from the University of Florida. Jan Herlinger reminded the membership that the nomination can come only from the faculty of the student's institution. Jennifer Thomas moved that nominations be closed and Linda Cummins seconded. (d. Student Paper Award was skipped since it had already been discussed.) e. Next meeting. Linda Cummins indicated that University of Alabama was a possibility for the 2012 meeting but that additional discussion was necessary. Bryan Proksch mentioned McNeese State University as a possible host for 2013.

Continuation of Discussion of New Business: Denise Von Glahn indicated that further discussion of money for student travel was in order. Margaret Butler made a motion to extend the business meeting to discuss student travel. The membership agreed to extend the meeting for this purpose. Discussion ensued. The officers agreed to discuss the issue in greater detail and work out financial ramifications; it will be revisited at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Margaret Butler, Secretary-Treasurer, AMS-S