



WASHINGTON STATE MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

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Annual Member Meeting Sunday, June 29, 2025 at 1:00 pm

Wollenberg Auditorium
Rose Center for the Arts Lower Columbia College, Longview, WA

Call to Order

WSMTA President Colleen Hunter, NCTM called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.

Welcome

The President welcomed the WSMTA Board of Directors, the WSMTA membership, friends, and family. The President highlighted the special qualities of music teachers and WSMTA members. The meeting attendees gave the President a standing ovation.

Welcome from Brian Shepard, CEO, MTNA

The President introduced MTNA CEO Brian Shepard. Brian Shepard expressed his excitement to be in the Pacific Northwest and shared greetings from the National Board of Directors and the MTNA office staff. Brian Shepard thanked WSMTA for making him feel welcome and praised the association for the opportunity to share with colleagues. Brian Shepard reminded the members about MTNA's 150 celebration conference in Chicago from March 21-25, 2026.

Welcome from Conference CoChairs Carol Cross and Dorothy Bauer

The President introduced Conference Co-Chairs Carol Cross and Dorothy Bauer. Carol Cross welcomed attendees to the conference. Carol Cross reported some room and time changes to the program, and reminded the attendees of the Silent Auction in the Art Gallery, the Commissioned Composer table in the lobby, and a walk/run event on June 30.

Parliamentarian • Roll Call

The President acknowledged Karen Hollenback, NCTM as Parliamentarian and Administrative Coordinator Kirsten Carlson as Secretary. Using a procedure of standing and counting, the Parliamentarian established the presence of the required quorum, with eight (8) board members and fifty-seven (57) additional voting members present.

The Parliamentarian reminded those present that, according to the WSMTA Bylaws, eight (8) WSMTA Board of Directors members and forty (40) additional members need to be present in order to achieve quorum.

Adoption of the Agenda

The President asked for a motion to adopt the agenda for the Annual Members Meeting.

MOTION: to accept the WSMTA Annual Members Meeting Agenda as presented in the 2025 WSMTA Conference booklet and on the WSMTA website.

Moved by Kathy Mortensen. Seconded by Patti Robertson. Motion carried.

2024 Annual Member Meeting Minutes • Approval

The President reminded the members that the minutes were available on the website for review. The President asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. Hearing none, the President asked for a motion to accept the minutes.

MOTION: to approve the minutes of the Annual Members Meeting on June 28, 2024 as presented on the website.

Moved by Greg Presley. Seconded by Sarah Silvia. Motion carried.

Introduction of Current and 2025-2026 Education Board

The President asked Education Board Chair Michelle Mielke, NCTM to present the current Education Board. The Education Board Chair recognized the members of the Education Board: Selina Chu, NCTM; Kathy Mortensen; Karen Hollenback, NCTM; Colleen Hunter, NCTM; Jason Kuo, NCTM; Eleanor Elkins, NCTM; and Kirsten Carlson (ex officio, no vote).

Michelle Mielke, NCTM, is the outgoing Education Board Chair and spoke on the joy and honor of working with the dedicated members of the Education Board, the Board of the Directors, and members of the association.

The President presented a gift to Michelle Mielke, NCTM with many thanks.

Michelle Mielke, NCTM reported that incoming Education Board Chair will be Kathy Mortensen.

Michelle Mielke, NCTM, introduced the Education Board members for 2025-2026:

Kathy Mortensen (Education Board Chair)

Selina Chu, NCTM

Eleanor Elkins, NCTM
 Karen Hollenback, NCTM
 Colleen Hunter, NCTM
 Kira Miller, NCTM (WSMTA President, ex officio)
 Samantha Yeung (MAP Chair, ex officio)
 Kirsten Carlson (Administrative Coordinator, ex officio, no vote)

Michelle Mielke, NCTM thanked the Education Board Committee Chairs for their service to WSMTA.

Introduction of Current Board of Directors

The President introduced the current WSMTA Board of Directors and thanked them for their service:

President-elect: Kira Miller, NCTM
 Vice-President: Amanda Harris
 Immediate Past President: Kathy Mortensen
 Treasurer: Mary Grant, NCTM
 District I Director: Kay Zavislak, NCTM
 District II Director: Katie Levine
 District III Director: Susan Speicher
 District IV Director: Selah Newkirk
 District V Director: Preta Laughlin, NCTM
 District VI Director: Benjamin Walley
 District VII Director: Greg Presley, NCTM
 Education Board Chair: Michelle Mielke, NCTM
 Communications Coordinator: Samantha Yeung
 Music Artistry Program Chair: Jason Kuo, NCTM
 Administrative Coordinator: Kirsten Carlson

The President asked the Board of Directors Committee Chairs who were present to stand for applause.

Recognition of Outgoing Members of the Board of Directors, Education Board and Committee Chairs

The President thanked the following outgoing members of the Board of Directors for their service to WSMTA and presented each with a certificate:

District II Director: Katie Levine
 District IV Director: Susan Speicher
 District IV Director: Selah Newkirk

The President thanked the following outgoing members of the Education Board for their service to WSMTA and presented each with a certificate:

Jason Kuo, NCTM
Michelle Mielke, NCTM

The President thanked the following outgoing members of the following committee chairs for their service to WSMTA:

Hall of Fame Chair Chris VanBuskirk
IMTF Chair Laura Dean, NCTM
Chapter of the Year Chair Harriet West

30-Year Member and 50-Year Member Recognition

The President reported that the Membership Chair Susan Speicher was not able to attend. The President read the list of the 30-year members: Hyesook Ahn; Donna Bender; Yunbo Cassady, NCTM; Judy Chuvan; Jeanne Ellis, NCTM; Soonja Kim; Jennie Holland; Mariya Koshkina; Preta Laughlin, NCTM; Michelle Mielke, NCTM; Joann Richardson, NCTM; Lisa Sauer; Craig Shppard; Krystal Shoop-Hardin. The President congratulated Judith Price, NCTM, for fifty years of membership, which was recognized at the 2025 MTNA Conference.

Certification Recognition

The President introduced Certification Chair Rose Freeman, NCTM. The Certification Chair congratulated six newly certified teachers: Sarah Barclay, NCTM; Mary Rose Walker-Lieberman, NCTM; Elissa Hust, NCTM; Sheila Marie Gephart, NCTM; Tom Hicks, NCTM; and Claire Elise Wang, NCTM.

Chapter of the Year Award Presentation

The President stated that the Chapter of the Year Chair Harriet West was unable to attend the conference. The President announced that the Chapter of the Year for 2025 is the Sunn Valley Chapter. Carmen Still is the President of the Chapter. The Sunn Valley chapter is a small chapter but continues to make a difference in their community.

Treasurer's Report • Proposed Budget • Vote

The President introduced WSMTA Treasurer Mary Grant, NCTM. The Treasurer reviewed the current Statement of Activity and Statement of Financial Position as well as the Program Reports for 2024. The Treasurer reviewed the 2025-2026 Proposed Budget as presented on the WSMTA website. The Treasurer indicated that increasing participation is one of WSMTA's aims.

The Treasurer reminded the membership that the budget process starts at the Finance Committee and then the proposed budget is revised by the Board of Directors.

The President asked for a motion to accept the 2025-2026 WSMTA Budget as proposed.

MOTION: to accept the 2025-2026 WSMTA Proposed Budget as proposed.
Moved by Greg Presley. Seconded by Patti Robertson. Motion carried.

Slate of Nominations • Vote

The President recognized the members of the Nominating Committee: Krista Seely, Chair; Peter Mack, NCTM; and Marilyn Wilbanks, NCTM.

Nomination Committee Chair Kristy Seely thanked the members of the Nominating Committee and presented the following slate of nominations for 2025-2027:

WSMTA Vice President: Jason Kuo, NCTM (Seattle Chapter)

District II Director: Ryan Worswick (Seattle Chapter)

District IV Director: Jan Rowen Music, NCTM (Olympia Chapter)

District VI Director: Naomi Johnson, NCTM (Yakima-Ellensburg Chapter)

The President asked if there were any further nominations from the floor. As there were no other nominations from the floor, and only one candidate for each position, the nominations were closed and the Slate of Nominees for 2025-2026 was elected by general consent.

Introduction of the 2025-2026 Board of Directors

The President presented the 2025-2026 Board of Directors.

President: Kira Miller, NCTM

President-elect: Amanda Harris

Vice-President: Jason Kuo, NCTM

Immediate Past President: Colleen Hunter, NCTM

Treasurer: Mary Grant, NCTM

District I Director: Jensina Oliver, NCTM

District II Director: Ryan Worswick

District III Director: Oksana Ejokina, NCTM

District IV Director: Jan Rowen Music, NCTM

District V Director: Marina Munter, NCTM

District VI Director: Naomi Johnson, NCTM

District VII Director: Fabio Menchetti, NCTM

Education Board Chair: Kathy Mortensen

Communications Coordinator: Kaitlin Mitchell

Music Artistry Program Chair: Samantha Yeung

Administrative Coordinator: Kirsten Carlson

Announcements and Appreciations

The President reminded the members of the changes in the program, the Silent Auction in the Art Gallery, and the Member Market Place.

The President announced a new award at the Washington State MTNA Performance Competitions which will be awarded for the best performances of music by Underrepresented

Composers during the state competition in all divisions and levels. The President reminded the membership to consult the website and the Clarion for more information about these awards.

The President announced a new fellowship called the Early Career Fellowship for new teachers in the association. More details will be announced in September.

The President expressed gratitude for all the members of the Board of Directors and Education Board, as well as all the members of the association. The President expressed her appreciation for the new WSMTA President Kira Miller, NCTM.

Kira Miller, NCTM presented a gift in thanks to the President.

Adjournment

Having come to the end of the Agenda, the new WSMTA President Kira Miller, NCTM, declared the 2025 Annual Members Meeting adjourned.

Minutes respectfully prepared by Administrative Coordinator Kirsten Carlson on June 29, 2025.