North Dakota Music Educators Association

Minutes – March 24, 2018

Call to Order – Brian Saylor, President

I. Conference Feedback

A. Brian Saylor – Thank you for being adaptable – true testament to what can happen in ND when the FM Youth Symphony continued its performance when teachers stepped in to play for the missing players due to the winter storm.

B. Peter Boonshaft addressed the students of the All-State ensembles as part of the adjusted performance schedule.

C. Small ensemble performances throughout the conference in the registration entrance area was appreciated and would like to continue.

D. Schedule

1. General Meeting at the beginning of conference.

2. Break-Out Meetings

a. NBA not long enough time

b. Could we break up the times for the break out meetings so that K-12 teachers could possibly attend all?

E. Rooms upstairs have sound bleed problem

F. If a commissioned piece is being played a composer biography should be included in the concert program.

G. 4 Year Award Winners – teachers must check and report all 4 year members – when alternates are used it is difficult to track because they are not listed in the concert program and can be easily missed.

H. Performance Groups

1. Motion – Auditions will be open for chamber and small groups to be scheduled in the lobby as time permits in the schedule for more informal performances. Motion Sarah Harlow, 2nd Jeremiah Johnson – Approved

2. Motion – Move from 6 performing ensembles to 4 performing ensembles for concerts hours. Motion Erin Paulson, 2nd Sara Lichtblau – Approved

3. Adult Groups are currently given 40 minutes to perform – could we move the time to 30 minutes each? Discussion held

I. Colliegate Meeting – Denese Odegaard – Elected officers

J. Registration

1. More help needed at registration table

2. Need to run through registration to practice the procedures.

3. More squares needed if we are using that in the future.

K. Regional Representatives need to be in charge of the headliners

1. Headliners – hosting, pick up, meals, drop off, hotel …

2. Create a list of presiders and headliner hosts

3. Presiders could be university student chapter members

Sincerely Submitted,

Gwen Hall - Secretary