

GMTA BUSINESS MEETING
November 5, 2021
Piedmont University, Demorest, GA

Jan Adams, GMTA President, welcomed the members and called the business meeting to order at 4pm. She mentioned that attendance was very good at the conference despite the pandemic, and that the variety of sessions by Georgia's Own presenters was amazing. She thanked Martha Hilley, Immediate Past President of MTNA, for her wonderful, creative sessions as our Pedagogy Headliner, and said that she was looking forward to hearing Jasmin Arakawa's performance later that evening.

Jan asked for a vote on the minutes sent out by email to the membership. Debra Hughes made a motion to accept the minutes, and Susan Andrews seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Jan asked for a vote on the financial report sent out by email to the membership. Diane Boyd made a motion to accept the financial report, and Ruth Mantooth seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Jan said that she was encouraged by the reaction of teachers during the pandemic: they exercised caution to keep music alive for our students. GMTA fared well during this time. We currently have 538 members, 7 collegiate chapters, 20 local associations, 29 new members, and 12 new collegiate members.

The 2021 MTNA Competitions were held via video with 85 participants.

The March 2021 MTNA Conference was held virtually. The 2022 MTNA Conference will take place in Minneapolis March 26-30.

2021 GMTA Auditions were successful. 376 students participated compared to 338 in 2020. The GATE will be reinstated for 2022 Auditions.

Jan mentioned that she and Cathy Thacker attended the 2021 MTNA Leadership Summit, which was held virtually.

Jan announced that the 2021-22 Local Association of the Year is North Fulton MTA. Debra Dickensheets, President, accepted the award on behalf of NFMTA. The 2021-22 Collegiate Chapter of the Year is the University of Georgia.

Jan thanked Mandy Reynolds, Executive Director, for her tireless work, and the GMTA Executive Board for all of their assistance.

Steinway grants were given to Pam Asberry and You Ju Lee. GMTA grants were awarded to Heawoon Skilling (Betty White Award), Francis Leach, Marie Blackmar, and Rebekah Boles.

Dr. Jeri-Mae Astolfi introduced the GMTA 2021 Commissioned Composer, Garrison Gerard, and presented a check to him. His work, *Evaporating Echoes*, was then performed.

At 4:37 pm Jan Adams adjourned the meeting.

Submitted by Cathy Thacker