

South-Central Society for Music Theory Business Meeting Sunday 1 March 2020

Meeting called to order at 10:15 AM by Ben Wadsworth (Kennesaw State University), President.

23 attendees

Approval of Minutes

- Meeting minutes from 2019 had been made available to view online.
- Jeremy Orosz (Memphis) moved to vote to approve 2019 minutes, seconded by Rebecca Long (Louisville). Minutes were approved by acclamation.

Reports

- President Ben Wadsworth (Kennesaw State) expressed thanks to: Vanderbilt Administration and support for conference/donations of services. Claire Eng (Belmont), Kristian Klefstadt (Belmont), Brendan McConville (Tennessee) for local arrangements. CMS-South for their collaboration; excellent and flexible to work with. Jeremy Orosz (Chair) and the program committee. Trevor De Clercq (Middle Tennessee) and Joe Brumbuloe (Southern Miss.) for setting up PayPal. Trevor De Clercq for his work on the website and putting the handouts on the web. Nathan Fleshner (Tennessee), secretary. Andrew Goldman and Dariusz Terefenko for their keynotes and workshops. Rebecca Long for work on social meeting. All presenters for their excellent papers.
State of the society: Ben saw his challenge as recruiting members and building. Progress has been made. Jeremy Orosz has worked to actively recruit more women to increase diversity in society. Member survey in 2018 showed meetings preferred in large cities, with airports and centrally located. Received well by other regional presidents. Inviting large discussions was beneficial and has led to useful innovations. Ben expressed gratefulness to the society during his service.
- Doug Rust (Southern Miss.) presented treasurer report for Joe Brumbeloe (Southern Miss.). Printed account reports distributed. Balance as of 3/18/19: \$1,388.32. Ben noted raising rates and PayPal have improved figures. Doug noted that he thought grad student's rates weren't going to rise. Ben noted that we followed MTSE's model. Claire Eng (Belmont) asked about PayPal's cut (\$2-Ben). Adam Hudlow (Northwestern State) – Does PayPal have a waiver for non-profits? Are we a 501(3c)? Perhaps, Joe could dig for that paper work.... Rebecca will check into that possibility regarding status and also the discount.
- Program Chair, Jeremy Orosz – 46 submissions (down likely due to earlier deadline); 27 male; 18 female; 1 non-binary. 33 presenters. Acceptances: 72% female; 70% male; non-binary not reported; 72% overall acceptances. Do we want to have early or later submission deadline? All invitees for papers accepted. One poster declined. Earlier deadline influenced that positively. Thanks to program committee!
- Social Media, Rebecca Long (Louisville) – Twitter page shown. Please like and retweet to increase traction. What was the date of inception for the society (1984?)? Last year we created a social media policy that is fairly liberal. Only 2 needed to be blocked in the last week. She blocks bot accounts. Please help her monitor these. 2 parts to Facebook presence: a business page migrated to an educational page (academic society is not a Facebook category) and a Facebook group (originated in 2006). Please send photos. Facebook group is a great way to find roommates, share cheaper hotel information, rides from airport. It could be a useful medium, especially during conference time. 300+ followers on Twitter.

Business

- Best Student Paper presented by Jeremy Orosz to Jordan Lenchitz (FSU).
- Election of President overseen by Nathan Fleshner (Tennessee). No candidates from the floor. Jeremy Orosz (Memphis) elected by acclamation and will serve 2020-2022.
- Announcement of 2020 Program Committee: Chair – Rebecca Long, Louisville; Alex Martin (Stetson), Matthew Boyle (Alabama), Jordan Lenchitz (FSU). 2 more to be added at a later date.
- Future Conference Discussion: Joint meeting with CMS South. Collaboration has been good for both. They are interested in another joint meeting in 2-3 years. 2021 for a solo meeting. 2022 for a possible joint meeting. LSU in 2019; Southern Miss (Hattiesburg) in 2018. Memphis a possibility for 2021. Belmont also possible multiple years in advanced. Doug Rust - Biloxi as a possibility. Southern Miss Southern campus in Biloxi. No music department there. Pianos are limited, but there is a performance hall with a piano. Digital pianos could possibly be brought in. Conference center on beach could be a nice option. Casinos and seafood restaurants, near an arts district with a lot of museums. An hour from New Orleans. Jeremy Orosz on Memphis. Next year would be a good year, due to funding access for that particular year from guest artist funding. 2 hotels on campus: one is very reasonable and has an airport shuttle. Centrally located. Memphis prioritized due to funding access for 2021. Rebecca suggested possibility of joint conference with AMS as well. Perhaps a triple conference with CMS?
- Vote on 2021 Conference in Memphis. Approved by acclamation.

Discussion/Announcement Topics:

- Transition documents will be prepared for Jeremy.
- Discussion of PayPal issues? None recognized.
- Discussion on raising rates to \$30/\$20? SMT has made meetings free for undergrads. Ben raised the issue of possible lower commitment due to free. Adam Hudlow - Common sense to let local students attend for free. Claire raised issue of unfairness. Eron (Eastman) raised that as a bonus for the host institution. Discussion pushed to the future.
- Scams of Ben Wadsworth being impersonated to get money from Joe. Perhaps a procedure to protect against that.
- Discussion of how to increase online handout participation? Earlier and often? Rebecca Long - Could they do it themselves via Google Docs or DropBox? Are some of them intimidated?
- Workshops as gated? Should we require recommendations? Consensus was to keep it the same as simply a sign up. Other societies often require recs.
- Interest in career development? Eron (Eastman) – session for undergrads and early grad students on writing proposals. Claire Eng (Belmont) - Panel discussion on boundaries in classroom, social media, etc.

Meeting adjourned at 11:03 AM by Ben Wadsworth.