



## President's Message June 2022

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A little birdie (OK, it was Genevieve) told me the President's most important task is to acknowledge people, so here goes. The first and most emphatic acknowledgment is for none other than Genevieve Mason herself, who as our President steered us through the pandemic with admirable steadfastness. I know that she took on the extra two years with some reluctance - she stepped in a big way and wrestled recital rule changes, new technologies, shifting mask guidelines, widespread angst, and more. Thank you, Genevieve. You may be petite, but your shoes are "grand".

And what an extraordinary time it has been! An unprecedented disruption in the lives of literally every person worldwide, barring only isolated societies. Speaking of isolation, we have heard of the youth mental health crisis during these two years, but I think the ones who are fortunate enough to have had close contact with music teachers have fared much better. We have buoyed them, and they have buoyed us. It's inspiring testimony to the work we do.

And we teachers have buoyed each other. I want to acknowledge our hardworking chairpersons and officers - I am in awe of their commitment and dedication. Also, kudos to the many chapter members who fill important roles at the state level.

The state conference is coming up soon - Thursday, June 23-Friday, June 24 in Florence. Don't forget to register soon! OMTA members living more than 25 miles from Florence in need of help to cover hotel costs can receive a rebate of \$50 per night (up to 3 nights). The application form will be in your check-in packet.

Syllabus update: there is now a "Syllabus Virtual District" in classical piano for students from any district who are unable to attend on their regularly scheduled Syllabus dates. See June OMTA Music News for detailed information.

Thanks to Ellen McQuilkin for stepping up to take on Activities (Events) Liaison.

Congratulations to Alexis Gibbons, NCTM and her students for completing their Level X Syllabus exams. The students were Morgan Young, Hazel Barrett and Emilie Nelson.

Beverly Soule Competition and fundraiser: <https://fundly.com/beverly-soule-scholarship-fundraiser> (as of June 5) was \$393! Congratulations to the students who participated and the teachers of the winners: Olga Aynvarg, Lucy Clevenger, Grace Ho, and Alexis Gibbons. The 1st and 2nd place winners from the competition will not be available to play at the potluck, so we are going to see if the 3rd and 4th place winners are available.

Teacher showcase: Thanks to Neil Patton for producing the video, Wyatt Burger for organizing the event, and Lucy Clevenger for chairing the Beverly Soule scholarship auditions.

A thank-you goes to Wyatt Burger for many years as chair of the Teachers Showcase. He is stepping down from that and from the Festival of Popular Music. So two chair slots are now open. Please consider one of these for yourself or suggest someone to myself or Ellen McQuilkin.

The June 2022 OMTA Music News contains a quote from Gary Ingle (CEO and President of MTNA), who said at the September 2020 board retreat, "Engagement is the dwelling place of opportunities, brilliantly disguised as 'impossible situations.'"

Enjoy your summer!  
Nick Rieser  
Eugene-Springfield chapter President



**June 13, 2022, 6:00-8:00 pm**

**Lucy Clevenger's Home**

Dear OMTA Members,

Once again we cordially invite you to gather at the home of Lucy Clevenger on Monday, June 13, 2022 at 6:00 pm for a Potluck followed with performances by the Beverly Soule Scholarship winners. The schedule for Monday is as follows: 6:00-7:00 pm dinner and social time; 7:00-8:00 pm performances. Times are approximate.

Our end of the season meeting will be at Lucy Clevenger's home located at 3345 Chamber Street, Eugene, OR 97405. If you encounter any problem, you may call Lucy at 951-440-1841. Please bring a food item of your choice to share.

Warm regards,

*Janet Pollack*, outgoing Vice president



The deadline for submitting articles and announcements for the September 2022 issue of Con Brio is Sunday, Sep 4, 2022.

Send your news and announcements to district members between regular issues of Con Brio! Simply submit the news item or announcement as usual, indicating you would like it sent immediately. It will be formatted and sent via email to all members.

## June Treasurer's Report

Hi Eugene OMTA members-

This is Sarah Rose, your new treasurer. I haven't been able to complete a full report yet, because I've been having issues getting in to see our banking information, through Oregon Community Credit Union's online system. The system won't let me make a new account to sign in. I will go in and talk to someone at the bank tomorrow. We will get the report in an email out to you when I have all the information.

Please be patient with me, as I get my bearings in this new position, and get in sync with OCCU. And, please feel free to email or call with any questions, or concerns. I am here for you as your new treasurer and would like to help in any way possible. Also, please feel free to introduce yourselves if I don't know you. I am looking forward to meeting more members, and getting more involved with the OMTA!

Thanks,  
Sarah Rose  
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### OMTA Eugene Treasurer's Report Account Activity May 1st, 2022 through May 31st, 2022

#### Checking account-

Date	Description	Debit	Credit	Balance
May 1st, 2022	Beginning Balance			\$5,716.09
May 24th, 2022	Neil Patton- Video Editing Services	\$65.00		
May 31st, 2022	Leggiero Software- Baroque Festival	\$48.00		
May 31st, 2022	Leggiero Software- Contemporary Music Festival	\$34.00		
May 31st, 2022	Leggiero Software- Eugene District Spring Recital	\$52.00		
May 31st, 2022	<b>Ending Balance</b>			5,517.09

#### Beverly Soules Scholarship Fund

Date	Description	Debit	Credit	Balance
May 1st, 2022	Beginning Balance			\$9,675.78
May 31st, 2022	<b>Ending Balance</b>			\$9,675.78

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## Minutes May 9, 2022

### OMTA Eugene District

Recording Secretary for this meeting: Janet Pollack

Meeting began at 9:10 am at the home of Genevieve Mason, District President.

Fourteen members were in attendance: Lucy, Cheri, Ellen, Sarah, Paul, Nick, Sandy, Janet, Genevieve, Carol, Grace, Nobuko, Betsy, and Alexis (with Iris in tow).

#### Business

The meeting began with a vote taken to elect our new Board of Directors. Members present unanimously confirmed the nominees, who will begin serving in June 2022. They are as follows:

President: Nick Rieser  
Vice President: Grace Ho  
Treasurer: Sarah B Rose  
Recording Secretary: Soria Phillips-Meadow  
Corresponding Secretary: Janet Pollack

The outgoing president then thanked the former board members for their service over the past four years and all members who chaired festivals and recitals, rewarding them each with a chocolate truffle.

#### Committee Reports

Spring Syllabus took place April 22-24, 2022. Carol White, Chair, told members it was a success with 76 students participating. For the full report members are directed to the *May Con Brio*.

Beverly Soule Scholarship Auditions. Lucy Clevenger, chair of the event, informed members of the outcome of the scholarship auditions which took place on Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at Lucy's Studio. Liz Willis adjudicated and four students participated. The students performed three pieces from different style periods for this audition. The winners are listed below:

**1st** place, Isaak Li, student of Olga Aynvarg,  
**2nd** place, Hannah Seubert, student of Lucy Clevenger,  
**3rd** place, Faith Piowaty, student of Grace Ho.  
Emilie Nelson, student of Alexis Gibbons, received Honorable Mention.

The scholarship winners will select one piece to video and submit for the online Teacher Showcase.

Teacher Showcase / Scholarship will take place Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> online with videos pre-recorded. Seven teachers are scheduled to perform along with the four student scholarship winners. Wyatt Burger, Chair, will send the Zoom link for both the concert and for donations. All proceeds will go to the district scholarship fund.

The University of Oregon Piano Festival took place at the University of Oregon May 8, 2022.

#### Additional Business

MTNA/OMTA Updates. Change from former (Cheri Richardson) to newly elected district treasurer (Sarah B Rose) should be completed by May 23<sup>rd</sup>, if possible. This will involve submitting a signed copy of the district May 9 minutes to the bank as proof of change of Board of Directors. This should include the signatures of both the former and newly elected president, and the former and newly elected treasurer.

Discussion Concerning Scholarship Funds. There is some question as to where to place non-specified donations. Eugene District recently received a \$400 donation and it was decided to place it in the scholarship fund. In the future it is best to specify where donations are to go.

OMTA Website Update. Needed are the following:

- Change of name from former to newly elected officers.
- Change of email to contact new officers.
- Change of treasure's name and contact information on all forms (e.g., Request for Funds).

A discussion ensued as whether or not to create a non-personal email address for all OMTA district officers, similar to what the state created for state officers. Sarah Rose offered her experience working for the Jazz Central and how contact information was handled.

It was noted that Guidelines for event Chairs were buried online under "virtual" recitals. It was suggested that this should be "reshuffled" so protocol for "virtual" recitals appears at the end and Chair Guidelines are more visible and toward the beginning.

Increased fee for district festivals and scholarship auditions. After a fruitful discussion, an increase in fees for district festivals and scholarship auditions was voted on and passed. The current \$10 fee is raised to \$15 for all district recitals and non-adjudicated festivals; \$20 for all state adjudicated festivals; and \$25 for the Beverly Soule Scholarship auditions. This will be instituted fall 2022. The increase in entry fees will offset the increase in fees for adjudicators.

New Manner of Filing Documents. Binders are no longer used to collect, organize and save important documents. All documents are now filed online in Google Docs. It is requested that all chairs and officers email documents to the president who will ensure proper filing. Festival Chairs are encouraged to follow the following order of tasks at the conclusion of the event:

1. Fill out a "Remittance Form" (which includes the list of checks from the teachers) and mail/email it to the Treasurer
2. Submit a "Request for Payment/Reimbursement Form" (payment to adjudicators & payment for rental of the venue) and mail/email to the Treasurer.
3. Complete the "Eugene District Event Report" and email to the President.
4. Create a report for *Con Brio* and email it to Neil Patton. Use the same information from the event report but make it more readable and in paragraph form.
5. Send all programs as email attachments to the President.

## **Announcements**

Carol White, who has chaired syllabus for many years, will be stepping down this year. A new chair is needed.

Ellen and Nick will oversee Student Activities; Genevieve will chair the district's Ensemble Festival; Ellen will continue chairing district recitals; Lucy will chair the Contemporary recital and Scholarship auditions.

Genevieve, who is stepping down from the presidency, will become the district Membership Chair; Alexis will continue to chair the Winter Recital as well as update and monitor our web site; Nobuko will continue handling teacher referrals.

Members were reminded that the OMTA State Conference is in Florence, OR this year, Thursday-Friday June 23-24<sup>th</sup>. It will be a hybrid event for those who cannot attend in person.

Next meeting is scheduled for June 13, and will be a Potluck beginning at 6:00 pm at Lucy Clevenger's home.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:30 am.

## **Con Brio** **June 2022**

Con Brio is the newsletter of the Eugene Chapter of OMTA, published and distributed monthly, except July and August.

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**Neil Patton, editor**

