

June 2006 Newsletter

Southeastern Region of the National Association of Teachers of Singing



Notes from the Regional Governor

We had a wonderful regional audition at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. Susan Fleming and her team were wonderful hosts, and registrar Craig Maddox orchestrated the timetable with aplomb. Those of you who were there know how smoothly the event ran and how wonderful the singing was throughout the weekend. On the website, in the Registrar's box, you will find the results of the final adjudication of this year's regional auditions.

The business meeting was too short and the agenda was too full. The minutes are included as an appendage to this newsletter as well as two issues that were left undealt with. Please read the information about both issues.

By the time you read this you will have already made the decision as to whether you will attend the national convention in Minneapolis. I hope to see you there. I will represent you at the National Board Meeting that precedes the convention.

I hope you have found the Southeastern Regional website, www.sernats.org, a helpful tool. Many of you have e-mailed me for information and I have asked you to look at the website. It appears to be helpful. You can find the information for regional auditions all the way to 2009 on the site. I am still trying to set aside time to complete the section on past regional governors. Using the registrar's schedule area seemed to be a very helpful tool for those of you who came to the regional auditions this year. The site is also saving us a good deal of postage and printing expense. Those of you with e-mail addresses are only receiving the electronic version of this newsletter.

The coming summer will be a good opportunity for you to catch up on reading *The Journal of Singing* and planning for next year's chapter and state events. I hope to see you all at one of our NATS events in the next twelve months.

Lloyd Mims, Regional Governor

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Welcome our newest Southeastern Region Members

Joyce Guyer Tallahassee FL
Robert McTyre Cochran GA
Suzanne Hatcher Temple Terrace FL
Arlene Sparks Palm Beach Gardens FL
Don Lerner Jacksonville FL

Janet Rube-Meyer Port Orange FL
Jennifer Bassett Tampa FL
Karen Parks Atlanta GA
Eileen Larracuenta Bayamon PR
Dean Walters Sugarloaf Key FL
Felicia Kurtz Miami FL

John Bingham Atlanta GA
Dawn Nealy Brownsboro AL
Gary McKenzie Decatur, AL
Julie Lowry Carrollton GA
Stephanie Fort Vidalia GA

Attachments to this Newsletter

1. Minutes of Tuscaloosa Business Meeting
2. Proposals from Ad hoc Committees for future balloting
3. Treasurer's Report from the Tuscaloosa Business Meeting
4. Results from 2006 Regional Auditions

National Association of Teachers of Singing
Southeastern Region
Annual Business Meeting
March 31, 2006
University Club, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL

Handouts distributed:

2006 Meeting Agenda
2005 Meeting Minutes
Report from Task Force on Fees and Prize Money
NATS-SE Region 2006 Financial Report
Task Force on Accompanist and Fees

Regional Governor Lloyd Mims (LM) called the meeting to order at 6:54pm following the regional dinner. Yvonne Dechance was appointed the Recording Secretary for the meeting. The 2005 minutes and 2006 meeting agenda were approved. Susan Fleming welcomed the assembly on behalf of the University of Alabama and its School of Music.

Standing Reports:

Nominating Committee. Roy Delp gave the report on behalf of the Committee [Phoebe Pomeroy and David Smith]; Lloyd Mims was re-elected to a second term as Regional Governor.

Regional Events. State Governors and Chapter Presidents were invited to report on their activities and events. Dian Lawler-Johnson reported on Georgia events, including a Fall masterclass, state auditions, increased membership, and tax-exempt status.

Melanie Williams gave Alabama highlights, including a 2-day workshop, student auditions, a new annual workshop event, and a state website under construction.

Lloyd Mims and Yvonne Dechance summarized Florida events, including Intercoastal district musicale and auditions, South Florida auditions, and Tampa Bay's workshop with Susan Levasseur, Florida NATSAA competition, and increased student awards for student auditions.

Repertoire Chairs. LM announced and thanked the repertoire chairs for the 2006 Auditions: Lloyd Linney, Stephen Ng, Andrew Larsen, and Jane Christiansen.

Regional Auditions. Registrar Craig Maddox (CM) announced that over 300 students had registered for the 2006 regional auditions, 287 were in attendance at the event, with 59 teachers and 25 schools/ independent studios participating.

Financial Report. LM distributed the 2006 Financial Report to all assembled. He reported that a checking account has been set up in West Palm Beach, Florida and a deposit/debit account through his University system; the latter has tax advantages for NATS.

National Report. Past NATS President Roy Delp spoke about the Intern Program, the Young Leaders Award, and encouraged all members to attend the National Conference. He welcomed members to visit www.nats.org for more details about national events and programs.

Southeastern Website. LM announced www.sernats.org as the new Southeastern Regional website. The site contains regional audition materials, and in the future will include new repertoire guidelines, and a history of Southeastern Regional Governors. A volunteer would be welcomed for the position of Regional Webmaster.

Upcoming Regional Events. LM listed the next 3 hosts/venues for Southeastern Regional Student Auditions.

2007 SE Regional Auditions, March 30-31, 2007, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL. Host: Roy Delp.

2008 SE Regional Auditions, March 28-29, 2008, Georgia State University, Atlanta GA. Host: Dwight Coleman.

2009 2009 SE Regional Auditions, TBA, University of South Alabama, Mobile, AL. Host: Thomas Rowell.

NATS Foundation. Dian Lawler-Smith asked members to contribute to the Foundation Funds and join the Circle of Friends.

Old Business

Accompanist Fee Issues. A task force was appointed by LM [Susan Fleming, AL; Kurt Zeller (chair), GA; Yvonne Dechance, FL]. A report was distributed to the assembly, recommending a small raise in the number of singers each accompanist may play for at Regional Auditions, making explicit that accompanists who also perform as singers counts themselves in that number, and a per-song raise in the rate for staff accompanists. Discussion ensued. Craig Maddox supported the recommendations, pointing out that current maximums do not include run-offs. CM asked that limits be kept within reason, while the Region gets used to the new audition system and increased run-offs. The recommendations were split into two parts for voting: both sections passed by consensus.

Repertoire and Regulations Issues. A task force was appointed by LM [Wanda Brister, FL, Sharon Lawhon, AL, and Uzee Brown, GA]. A "Report from Task Force on Fees and Prize Money" was distributed to all present. Page three of the report contained recommendations that required voting.

Item #1, recommending that a vocalise not count as regional auditions repertoire, passed by consensus.

Item #2, requiring high school singers to present a song in a foreign language, was tabled.

Item #3, recommending that a spiritual be considered an art song, engendered extended discussion and concerns about definitions; this vote failed.

Item #4, stating that all Boytim "Books" are acceptable for audition repertoire, regardless of volume number, was determined to require no action.

Item #5, recommending that operetta arias be sung in the original language, was tabled. (Discussion on this issue did not include Music Theater divisions.)

Special Vote. Due to time constraints, an emergency vote was taken to approve extending the meeting by 15 minutes. The first vote was 18Y, 19N, 1A. A recount resulted in a tie. Discussion was then halted on remaining Old Business.

New Business

1. The Region approved starting future Friday regional auditions one hour earlier.
2. It was decided that remaining New and Old Business would be handled via email.
3. LM adjourned the meeting at 7:50pm, so members could reconvene for judging the first day's event Finals.

Minutes prepared by Yvonne Dechance

Report from Task Force on Policy Matters for Financial Assistance to Regional Officers
Roy Delp (FL), David Smith (AL), and Phoebe Pomeroy (GA)
March 31, 2006
University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL

The Region will provide financial assistance to certain persons in positions of Regional leadership or representation according to the following guidelines. These guidelines may be amended for a particular year or circumstance by (1) a simple majority vote of members attending a regular business meeting or (2) a three-fourths vote of the Regional Council between regular regional business meetings.

1. Serving as regional governor is a significant investment of time and energy on top of the normal responsibilities that person shoulders in a full-time teaching position. Because the Region wants to encourage qualified people to serve, and because institutions where regional governors teach are faced with increasing budget constraints to assist with out-of-pocket expenses, the Region will provide a budget of \$2000 in even years and \$1,500 in odd years to cover economical travel, accommodations, and meals for the regional governor to carry out the following assignments:
 - a. Attend the Southeastern Regional Auditions
 - b. Attend the National Board Meeting of NATS
 - c. Visit chapter or district events in an official capacity.
2. Serving as regional registrar is a significant investment of time and energy on top of the normal responsibilities that person shoulders in a full-time teaching position. Because the Region wants to encourage qualified people to serve, and because institutions where regional governors teach are faced with increasing budget constraints to assist with out-of-pocket expenses, the Region will provide the actual amount spent for economical travel, accommodations, and meals up to \$500 for the regional registrar to attend the annual Regional Auditions.
3. Representing the Southeastern Region in the National Semi-final Auditions of the NATS Artist Awards is an enormous honor. Because most semi-finalists do not have adequate personal funding and because the National Office provides only limited funding, the region is pleased to supplement the semi-finalist's expenses in the amount of \$500 to participate in the auditions.
4. Representing the Southeastern Region in the National Intern Program is an enormous honor. Because most interns do not have adequate personal funding and because the National Office provides only limited funding, the region is pleased to supplement the intern's expenses in the amount of \$500 to participate in the program.

Optional

5. The Southeastern Region is pleased to be represented at the NATS Foundation's Board Meeting. Because the Region wants to encourage articulate people to represent us, and because institutions where such persons teach are faced with increasing budget constraints to assist with out-of-pocket expenses, the Region will provide the actual amount spent for economical travel, accommodations, and meals up to \$500 for the regional representative to attend the annual Foundation Board Meeting.

Report from Task Force on Fees and Prize Money
 Dwight Coleman (GA), Jacqueline Leary-Warsaw (AL), and Marcia Porter (FL)
 March 31, 2006
 University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL

At Present we charge fees and award prizes according to the following scale:

Category	Present Amount
Teacher Registration Fee	\$5.00
Student Registration Fee	\$10.00
First Prize	\$50.00
Second Prize	\$35.00
Third Prize	\$25.00
Fourth Prize (possible in new judging plan)	Nothing

With an average of 60 teachers and 350 students that produces revenue in the amount of \$3,800. Prize money is awarded in the amount of \$2,860.00. There are administrative costs with mailing and printing and officers in the amount of approximately \$1,000; this is about a break-even operation with no lee-way for strange year registrations.

The Regional Task Force **recommends** the following changes in Fees for regional auditions:

Category	Recommended Amount
Teacher Registration Fee	\$10.00
Student Registration Fee	\$20.00

This would produce approximately \$7,600.00

The Regional Task Force **recommends** the following changes in Prizes for regional auditions:

Categories 1-4 (High School)

First Prize	\$50.00
Second Prize	\$35.00
Third Prize	\$25.00

Categories 5-6 (Freshmen), and 21-22 (Lower-level College Music Theatre)

First Prize	\$60.00
Second Prize	\$40.00
Third Prize	\$30.00

Categories 7-8 (Sophomores), and 15-16 (Adult Lower-level)

First Prize	\$70.00
Second Prize	\$50.00
Third Prize	\$40.00

Categories 9-12 (Juniors and Seniors), and 17-18 (Adult Upper-level),
 and 23-24 (Upper-level College Music Theatre)

First Prize	\$80.00
Second Prize	\$60.00
Third Prize	\$50.00

Categories 13, 14, and 20 (Advanced), and 25-26 (Advanced Music Theatre)

First Prize	\$95.00
Second Prize	\$75.00
Third Prize	\$65.00

Any Fourth or Fifth Prizes would be awarded in \$5 increments below the Third Prize. These prizes would cost approximately \$4,500.00. Adding about \$1,000 administrative costs means a profit of approximately \$2,000.

Wachovia Checking Account					
Date	Payee	Purpose	Debit Amount	Deposit	Balance
16-Sep-04	Former Regional Governor	Transfer of Funds to new Reg. Gov.		\$ 9,716.92	\$ 9,716.92
19-Dec-04	Diane Lawler Johnson	Foundation Board Mtg. Expense	\$ 500.00		\$ 9,216.92
23-Dec-04	USPS	Mailing Permit	\$ 300.00		\$ 8,916.92
22-Jan-05	Lloyd Mims	reimbursement for mail expense	\$ 350.00		\$ 8,566.92
8-Mar-05	Kjell Ryerson	2004 winner-updated check	\$ 35.00		\$ 8,531.92
6-Apr-05	Harland Checks	check printing	\$ 18.00		\$ 8,513.92
4-Apr-05	Regional Auditions	Teacher/Student Registrations		\$ 3,922.00	\$ 12,435.92
1-Apr-05	Regional Auditions	staff accompanists	\$ 290.00		\$ 12,145.92
1-Apr-05	Regional Auditions	prizes	\$ 2,335.00		\$ 9,810.92
6-Apr-05	Palm Beach Atlantic Univ.	Atlanta Copying Charges	\$ 88.95		\$ 9,721.97
6-Apr-05	Palm Beach Atlantic Univ.	Postage for Audition Letters	\$ 262.20		\$ 9,459.77
6-Apr-05	Lloyd Mims	reimbursement for mail expense	\$ 133.97		\$ 9,325.80
28-Apr-05	CCSU Dining Services	Regional Aud. Teachers Dinner	\$ 800.04		\$ 8,525.76
28-Apr-05	Craig Maddox	Regional Aud. Registrar Expense	\$ 484.41		\$ 8,041.35
10-May-05	Wachovia	Commercial Service-April	\$ 17.50		\$ 8,023.85
13-Jun-05	Lloyd Mims	Board Meeting Expense-Vancouver	\$ 300.00		\$ 7,723.85
28-Dec-05	NATS National	2005 Expendable Funds		\$ 2,808.18	\$ 10,532.03
23-Jan-06	Palm Beach Atlantic Univ.	transfer funds to External Payee	\$ 500.00		\$ 10,032.03
26-Jan-06	USPS	January Newsletter Postage	\$ 292.95		\$ 9,739.08
27-Jan-06	Ronald Sumner	Web-site Design	\$ 375.00		\$ 9,364.08
27-Feb-06	Richard Owens	FL NATSAA Judge	\$ 70.68		\$ 9,293.40
27-Feb-06	Eugenia Garrity	FL NATSAA Judge	\$ 30.40		\$ 9,263.00
28-Feb-06	Palm Beach Atlantic Univ.	transfer funds to External Payee	\$ 800.00		\$ 8,463.00
16-Mar-06	Harland Checks	check printing	\$ 18.00		\$ 8,445.00

The expenses below are charged on the University's purchasing card which gives us the perk of not paying state sales tax. I route that payment to this account that PBA allowed me to set up to take care of NATS

Date	Payee	Purpose	Debit Amount	Deposit	Balance
23-Jan-06	Palm Beach Atlantic Univ.	transfer funds to External Payee		\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
20-Jan-06	Church Assist Dot Com	website hosting & registration	\$ 84.35		\$ 415.65
23-Jan-06	Office Depot	envelopes for mailing newsletters	\$ 35.97		\$ 379.68
23-Jan-06	Kinko's	Printing Newsletter et al	\$ 168.58		\$ 211.10
7-Feb-06	USPS	NATSAA overnight packages	\$ 28.86		\$ 182.24
22-Feb-06	USPS	postage for non-e-mail addresses	\$ 35.10		\$ 147.14
22-Feb-06	USPS	postage for non-e-mail addresses	\$ 21.06		\$ 126.08
24-Feb-06	Office Depot	envelopes for gov ballot	\$ 32.45		\$ 93.63
24-Feb-06	Exxon-Mobil	gas mileage to NATSAA	\$ 57.44		\$ 36.19
25-Feb-06	Exxon-Mobil	gas mileage to NATSAA	\$ 20.00		\$ 16.19
25-Feb-06	Exxon-Mobil	gas mileage to NATSAA	\$ 10.00		\$ 6.19
25-Feb-06	not yet spent	gas mileage to NATSAA	\$ 5.07		\$ 1.12
28-Feb-06	Palm Beach Atlantic Univ.	transfer funds to External Payee		\$ 800.00	\$ 801.12
27-Feb-06	Enterprise	gas mileage to NATSAA	\$ 77.40		\$ 723.72
25-Feb-06	Restaurant	FL NATSAA Judges lunch	\$ 39.00		\$ 684.72
25-Feb-06	Courtyard Marriott	FL NATSAA Lodging	\$ 141.00		\$ 543.72

Grand Totals

Income		\$ 17,747.10	(includes \$1,300 transferred to PBA 05 10017)
Expenses		\$ (8,758.38)	(includes \$1,300 transferred to PBA 05 10017)
Available Funds		\$ 8,988.72	
Balance in NATS Checking Account		\$ 8,445.00	Wachovia Bank of West Palm Beach
Balance in PBA Internal Account		\$ 543.72	PBA Account 05 10017
Total Balances Available		\$ 8,988.72	

2006 Regional Audition Results

Tuscaloosa, AL

March 31-April 1

Teacher 1st	Teacher Last	Affiliation	Cat	Pianist	Student 1st	Student Last	Finals	Rank
		Columbus						
Earl	Coleman	SU	5	Bullock	Carrie	Barnett	A	1
Jacqueline	Leary-Warsaw	BSC	5	Bowles	Shelby	Bowling	C	2
Jane	Christeson	Stetson	5	Tichenor	Elizabeth	Frampton	D	2
Sherri	Weiler	Shorter	5	Craig	Eliza	Bonet	B	4
Brian	Nedvin	Shorter	5	Craig	Nancy	Johnston	E	5
Linda	Lister	Shorter	6	Craig	Matthew	Barbato	A	1
Sandra	Walker	UA-Tusc	6	Binford	Brian	Skoog	D	2
James	Glass	Huntingdon	6	Foster	Alexander	Nishibun	C	3
Craig	Maddox	Stetson	6	Born	Marquis	Fuse	B	4
David	Smith	BSC	6	Gay	Richard	Stump	E	5
Larry	Gerber	FSU	7	VanLandingham	Kaitlin	Smith	D	1
Jane	Christeson	Stetson	7	Tichenor	Hillary	Anderson	B	2
Lloyd	Linney	Stetson	7	Tichenor	Julie	Tucker	B	3
James	Glass	Huntingdon	7	Foster	Mollie	Adams	C	4
Cecily	Nall	FSU	7	Trujillo	Jennifer	Hamilton	A	5
Nathan	Wight	JSU	8	Wight	Matthew	Headley	B	1
Ng	Stephen	Stetson	8	Tichenor	Hector	Gonzalez	A	2
Anthony	Offerle	UF	8	Palmer	James	Trinidad	D	3
Richard	Armstrong	JSU	8	Wight	Jarrod	Lee	C	4
James	Taylor	UA-Tusc	9	Binford	Katy	Mitchell	D	1
Craig	Maddox	Stetson	9	Tichenor	Desiree	Maira	C	2
		Columbus						
Earl	Coleman	SU	9	Bullock	Gwendolyn	Reid	E	3
		Columbus						
Earl	Coleman	SU	9	Walker	Brittany	Bethel	A	4
Marcia	Porter	FSU	9	Trujillo	Heidi	Gentner	B	5
		Columbus						
Earl	Coleman	SU	10	Bullock	Michael	Sumuel	A	1
James	Taylor	UA-Tusc	10	Tham	Andre	Chiang	D	2
David	Smith	BSC	10	Gay	John Mark	McGaha	B	3
Sharon	Lawhon	Samford	10	Little	Jason	Bonner	C	4
Larry	Gerber	FSU	10	VanLandingham	Christopher	Diaz	E	5
Sharon	Lawhon	Samford	11	Little	Alexandra	Maddox	B	1
		Lawler-						
Dian	Johnson	Brenau U	11	Terning	Xi	Wang	A	2
Lloyd	Linney	Stetson	11	Born	Holly	Seebach	C	3
Randall	Richardson	Samford	12	Faulkner	Drew	Pournelle	B	1
Anthony	Offerle	UF	12	Trinidad	Stephen	Webb	A	2
Phoebe	Pomeroy	Shorter	13	Markham	Lenora	Green	D	1
		Ars Nova						
Ginger	Beazley	SoA	13	Hunt	Christie	Weber	A	2
Wanda	Brister	FSU	13	Hoekman	Lisa	Kotara	C	3
						Poole-		
Jane	Christeson	Stetson	13	Born	Leslee	Adams	B	4
Susan	Fleming	UA-Tusc	14	Binford	Stephen	Rotz	B	1
Jane	Christeson	Stetson	14	Born	Jamison	Walker	A	2
Deborah	Sperlich	UF	1	Born	Justine	Rogers	B	1
Karen	Young	UA-Hunts	1	Carter	Rebecca	Bibee	A	2
Nathan	Wight	JSU	2	Vinyard	Eric	Wilcox	B	1
		Lawler-						
Dian	Johnson	Private	2	Terning	Gregory	Kamp	A	2
Sandra	Walker	UA-Tusc	3	Engebretson	Heather	Engebretson	A	1

Dian	Lawler-Johnson	Private Ars Nova	3	Terning	Priya	Patil	D	2
Ginger	Beazley	SoA	3	Hunt	Ally	Fees	C	3
Thomas	Rowell	USA Ars Nova	4	Gibbs	Robert	Clifton	A	1
Ginger	Beazley	SoA Columbus	15	Hunt	Rebecca	Rogers	A	1
Michelle	DeBruyn	SU	17	Simpson	Nichole	Pockrus	A	1
Jane	Christeson	Stetson	18	Born	Jason	Blanton	B	1
Robert	Dundas	FIU	18	Carter	Makendy	Jacob	A	2
Linda	Lister	Shorter	21	Harvey	Megan	Cone	B	1
Jacqueline	Nedvin	Shorter	21	Craig	Nancy	Johnston	C	2
Linda	Leary-Warsaw	BSC	21	Bowles	Shelby	Bowling	A	3
Brian	Nedvin	Shorter	22	Hicks	Dennis	Schuman	C	1
James	Lister	Shorter	22	Craig	Matthew	Barbato	A	2
Sharon	Coward	UA-Hunts	22	Waters	Ryan	Pest	B	3
Paul	Richardson	Samford	23	Thornton	Eden	Richardson	C	1
William	Bugg	Samford	23	King	Erin	Griffith	A	2
Linda	Lister	Shorter	23	Hicks	Carmen	Prather	B	3
John	Ramsaur	Shorter	24	Harvey	Mark	Hilliard	A	1
Phoebe	Pomeroy	Shorter	24	Hicks	Colby	Pendrey	D	2
Larry	Gerber	FSU	24	VanLandingham	Kevin	Jaeger	C	3
Sandra	Walker	UA-Tusc	25	Binford	Allison	Wilkes	B	1
Sharon	Lawhon	Samford	25	Harmon	Lauren	Culotta	A	2
Susan	Fleming	UA-Tusc	26	Binford	Stephen	Rotz	A	1

Prepared by Craig Maddox, Regional Registrar