



Oregon Music  
Teachers Association  
PORTLAND DISTRICT  
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**Oregon Music Teachers Association  
West Portland District Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, January 25, 2022  
Held on Zoom**

**10:00 a.m. – Program:  
“The Russian Piano Pedagogy Experience”  
Dr. Alexander Tutunov**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

President Elizabeth Caswell called the business meeting of the OMTA West Portland District to order at 11:36a.m. There were approximately 30 members present for the presentation and 18 members present for the meeting. Thank you Alexander Tutunov for the wonderful presentation!

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

October 2021 OMTA West Portland Meeting Minutes are approved as written.

**REPORTS**

**Treasurer Report:** The account balance is \$28,133.98.

**Membership Report:** Celia Bartel. There are currently 194 members in the West Portland District. Membership remains the same as last month.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**District Dues: Vote to Approve 2022-2023 District Dues.**

**Active membership.** Cindy Peterson-Peart made a motion that active dues remain the same as 2021-2022, set at \$28 for 2022-2023. Seconded by Rebecca Schappert. No discussion. 12 yea votes, none opposed. Motion carries.

**Senior membership.** Proposed rate is \$21 (25% Discount for members age 65 and over, still actively teaching, with at least five years of consecutive District membership). Rebecca Schappert made a motion to approve the senior membership at \$21 for 2022-2023. Susan Todd seconded the motion. Discussion: will retirement age move up to 70 to be in line with MTNA standards? Liz Caswell: the proposed rate increase is from \$16 to \$21. The age will remain at 65 for now, this will be looked at when revising the bylaws at a later date. 12 yea votes, none opposed. Motion carries.

**Collegiate membership.** The collegiate membership is currently set at \$0. Cindy Peterson-Peart made a motion that the collegiate membership remain at \$0

for 2022-2023. Seconded by Debra Sostrin. No discussion. 12 yea votes, none opposed. Motion carries.

**Retired membership.** This category was undefined for 2021-2022. The proposal is to set the rate at \$14 (50% Discount for members age 65 and over with at least twenty years of consecutive District membership, who are retired from music teaching). Susan made a motion that the retired membership be set at \$14 for 2022-2023, a 50% discount in line with MTNA standards. Ruth Sadilek seconded the motion. No discussion. 12 yea votes, none opposed. Motion carries.

**Pro-rated membership.** The proposed rate is \$14 (50% Discount for New Members only, who join OMTA between Jan. 1 – June 30<sup>th</sup>). Ruth Sadilek made a motion that the pro-rated membership be set at \$14, a 50% discount in line with MTNA standards. Seconded by Cindy Peterson-Peart. No discussion. 12 yea votes, none opposed. Motion carries.

**Associate membership.** The proposed rate is \$14 (50% Discount for Associate members who are interested in music, not engaged in teaching of music, and have no voting rights or the right to hold office). Debra Sostrin made a motion that the associate membership rate be set at \$14 for 2022-2023. Seconded by Ruth Sadilek. No discussion. 12 yea votes, none opposed. Motion carries.

**Classical Festival:** Marla Hansen and Natalya Klimov, co-chairs. The Classical Festival took place November 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 14<sup>th</sup> 2021 at Portland Piano Company. 109 students registered from 27 teachers.

**Competitive Baroque Festival:** Momoko Muramatsu and Marla Hansen, co-chairs. The West Portland District is taking part in the statewide Baroque Festival. The district auditions will take place on January 29<sup>th</sup>. The festival will be done with pre-recorded videos. 49 participants. Winners will advance to the OMTA Baroque Festival Final Event which will be held February 26<sup>th</sup> in Corvallis.

**Baroque and Contemporary Festival:** Marla Hansen, Momoko Muramatsu, and Irene Huang, co-chairs. The Baroque and Contemporary Festival is being offered in a hybrid format; a choice of either a pre-recorded submission or an in person performance. In person performances will be at Portland Piano Company on February 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup>. 56 students registered for pre-recorded videos, 64 students registered for live performances, a total of 120 students from 30 teachers.

**West-Side OMTA (Hillsboro):** Susan Todd. The Hillsboro district was approved at the state board meeting on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. The division from West Portland will take place in June/July. The geographical division will be at 185<sup>th</sup>.

**Honorary Memberships:** Announcement of District Honorary Life Membership for Irene Huang, and of OMTA State Honorary Life Membership for Sarah Barker Ball. Congratulations to these two women who have contributed so much to OMTA and the West Portland district.

**National Conference:** The National Conference will be held virtually March 26-30<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Dr. Susan Chan, NCTM, a member of West Portland District will present at the national conference.

MTNA Pro-rated membership discount of 50% for New Members joining between Jan. 1 – June 30<sup>th</sup>. Invite a Friend!

President Elizabeth Caswell adjourned the meeting at 12:05p.m.

These minutes were prepared by Secretary Marla Hansen.

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**Next Meeting:  
Thursday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 10a.m.  
“East West Encounter”  
Dr. Susan Chan, NCTM**

**Tentatively a hybrid presentation.**

Christ United Methodist Church, 12755 NW Dogwood St., Portland, OR 97229  
Facebook/Zoom