

Ohio NATS

Fall Meeting 2024

Kent State University

- **President Sue Wallin called meeting to order**
- **Approval of minutes from Spring '24 meeting**
 - **Chad Payton moved; Frank Ward second**
- **Audition Protocols**
 - **Thank you to Jay White and Tim Culver for hosting!!**
 - **Thank you to all members for bringing and supporting your students**
 - **Most categories finish between 1:30 & 2pm; hoping for awards around 3pm**
 - **Winners' concert – please have singers choose a short piece**
 - **Panel chairperson will choose a timekeeper – be strict!**
 - **All repertoire has been vetted – no need to question**
 - **iPads are allowed if music is public domain or purchased**
 - **NATS has eliminated gender from categories; “gender-bent” songs are completely allowed!**
 - **Categories allow FULL time for each singer; if singer goes long, stop them; There is NO PENALTY for going over/being stopped; clock starts when student announces name and first piece**
 - **da capo arias are to be done in full**
 - **If you feel there has been some sort of violation, please write on comment sheet and bring to tabulation room**
 - **If room is big enough, guests may listen in**
 - **We are low on student volunteers – up to judges to bring in next singer**
 - **Scoring:**
 - **Important to put score on comment sheet!!! Panel chairperson is in charge of making sure all scores are present.**
 - **No decimals, please....**
 - **Try to not give same number to more than one singer.**
 - **Judges do not confer**
 - **Sliding scales at top of comment sheet, should you choose to use them, your final score should match.**
 - **Comments**
 - **Be helpful and constructive**
 - **Are my comments helpful?**
 - **Are my comments legible**

- **Conclusion of category – panel chair double checks that all sheets are scored and signed; panel chair will bring to tabulation room; if there is a room monitor, they can bring to tabulation room; finish category before starting the next one**
- **Comment sheets will be available outside E103; place finishers will be posted on registration landing**
- **Secretary-Treasurer Tracy Grady gave membership update at 121; Treasury is sitting at about \$10,700 before all of today's expenses.**
- **Ohio District Membership manager, Hannah Jencius, has welcomed 8 new members to the chapter! She will be resuming the 8pm cocktail/mocktail zooms on the third Sunday of each month (Nov 17 is the next one); aiming to have the mentor/mentee program begin in January 2025; We are coming up to host the AA and regional auditions**
- **Spring meeting at Capital March 29th, 2025. Members will be presenting! Look for an email asking for submissions.**
- **Great Lakes Regional, March 1, 2025 at Wayne State in Detroit. Top 5 are eligible to sing at Nationals.**
- **Oct 24-25, 2025 is Fall Auditions (hoping to have OSU)**
- **We have a large turnover in the board this year.**
 - **Typically the current VP is the next president.**
 - **4 board member spots available**
- **Children and Youth categories will be online in early 2025**
- **Thank you to Sue Wallin for amazing work as President!**
- **Frank Ward moved to adjourn; Laurie Lashbrook seconded**