



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF  
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Ohio Chapter

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Dear Ohio NATS Colleagues,

The Ohio NATS board met via zoom on June 26, 2024. It was a great opportunity to brainstorm, chat and plan for the upcoming year and beyond. I write today with important information. The National Student Auditions will be held at Kent State University on Saturday, October 19, 2024. Vice President Andrea Chenoweth Wells will send a letter soon with more detailed information.

As you know, the NATS National organization added new Categories of Entry in 2023-2024. Children and Youth Categories (C&Y) and Commercial Music Categories (CM). In July, I attended the national conference and was gifted the opportunity to judge the semi-final round in CM1, Children Commercial Music, 11 yrs. and younger. I was blown away by the talent and those kids could sing! Simply amazing! Both new categories enjoyed great success at the conference.

In October, Classical, MT, and CM categories high school and above will be in-person as well as the American Negro Spiritual category. Click [here](#) for the full list of categories and regulations on the nats.org website. The Board has voted and agreed to offer the C&Y - Classical, MT and CM categories online in February. Many chapters have already created separate hybrid events. This will help alleviate the extra work and manpower needed during the in-person auditions. VP Wells will have more detailed information in her letter.

Auditionware is back for registration this year. The new registration system, AuditionNow, is still under construction.

I offer you the following important dates regarding the Student Auditions. Please pass this information on to your students and mark your calendars.

- Friday, September 13, 2024 – Online registration opens.
- Monday, September 30, 2024 – Registration closes at 11:00 PM.
- Tuesday, October 15, 2024 – Deadline for repertoire changes
- Saturday, October 19, 2024- 10:00 am Ohio NSA auditions begin!

Heads up!! The Great Lakes Regional Auditions will take place at Wayne State University, Detroit, MI on March 1, 2025.

The Spring Meeting date is being finalized! Exciting news... The board has decided to feature our own members at the Spring meeting! We have so many wonderful NATS colleagues in our chapter that have done amazing research, have teaching specialties, recitals, and presentations already available. This is a great way to learn from each other, build that tenure file and feature the talents of our own members! We will call for submissions after the Fall auditions.

**Ohio NATS Board positions 2025**

- Five Board positions will be available on May 31, 2025.
- President, Vice President and 4 Board Members
- A Nominating Committee will be created after the Fall auditions
- Nominations (including self-nominations) can be sent once the committee is assembled
- Details forthcoming!

Current Board members Katherine Jolly, Daniel Stein, Melody Wallace and Misook Yun will finish their 2 year appointments in May and David Sievers has one year remaining of his 3 year term. Andrea Chenoweth Wells serves as Vice President and gratefully, Tracy Grady continues her position as Secretary-Treasurer and Denise Milner-Howell as our amazing Webmaster. I look forward to seeing you in October. Until then, I wish you all the very best as you enter into a new academic year.

Best to all!



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