

Ohio NATS

Spring Membership Meeting

April 13, 2024

Capital University

- ≈ President Sue Wallin called the meeting to order
- ≈ Motion to approve fall meeting minutes: C Payton; second A Wells
- ≈ Message from Ohio NATS governor Alison Acord:
  - Results of fall 2023 chapter survey
  - NATS homepage has many resources available to us; links available on ohionats.org
  - We have membership deals – also linked on ohionats.org
  - Memberships fees: national office is looking at discounts for new teachers and students; emeritus status
  - Chad Payton suggested that adjunct faculty be offered a discount
  - Social time!
    - Monthly zoom cocktail/mocktail party
    - Zoom presentations
    - Mentorship programs
  - Other ideas? Let Sue, Andrea, or Alison know!
  - Zoom presentation ideas:
    - Continuing education
    - Build tenure file (peer review invitation)
    - Build professional file (peer review invitation)
  - Mentorship
    - Beginning this summer
    - Chad Payton: needs to not JUST be seasoned/college mentors
- ≈ District Governor is becoming District Membership Director
  - Anyone interested? Let Sue know!
- ≈ Secretary/Treasurer Tracy Grady gave report
  - Treasury has about \$5100
  - Membership stands at 105
- ≈ VP Andrea Chenoweth Wells
  - Fall auditions at Ohio University
    - 35 teachers
    - 139 singers in person; 23 online
    - 162 total singers
  - Linda Synder's message (past NATS president)
    - NATS is 80!
      - The History of NATS (book)
        - Is being scanned
      - Creating an 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary fund to recognize volunteers
  - In order to increase prizes, we need to raise an additional \$1500/year; Andrea is happy to help!
  - Trying to set up a high school scholarship program

- Need to raise \$1500-2000
- We can also sponsor a prize, which can be named as you would like
  - You can sponsor a prize in perpetuity
- Anyone have any fund-raising ideas? Talk with Andrea!
- ≈ Fall 2024 Auditions are Oct 18-19 @ Kent State
- ≈ 2025 Great Lakes auditions will be in Detroit
- ≈ 2024 Great Lakes auditions were fantastic!!
- ≈ Next Spring we will have 4 Board Positions open; President and Vice President will also turn over; Sue will set up a nominating committee this summer
- ≈ Audition categories
  - Many regions have two days of auditions to allow for the increased number of categories
    - We cannot do this fall 2024, but looking further into the future
    - This presents issues with not having enough judges
  - Any thoughts/ideas? Talk with Sue!
    - Joanne Uniatowski: perhaps have adult/grad levels on Friday?
    - We will keep children online
    - NATS is requiring anyone under 18 (including college first years) to have an adult chaperone (cannot be teacher or pianist)
- ≈ Chad Payton moved to adjourn; Marc Weagraff second
- ≈ Meeting adjourned