

## Minutes for the Greater Philadelphia NATS Planning Meeting

A Greater Philadelphia (GP) NATS Planning Meeting was held on Thursday, August 28th at the home of Kim Robson. In attendance were Marcus DeLoach, Nancy Jantsch, Angie Feliciano, and Kate Mallan-Day. Kathy Crusi was unable to attend.

The first item on the agenda of the meeting was to set the dues rate for our Chapter. After discussion comparing other area Chapters dues, and considering upcoming expenses to start the Chapter, a fee of \$25 was decided on. The Executive Office (EO) will collect our GP Chapter dues with the National dues starting in 2015. This information is due ASAP in order to meet National deadlines.

The second agenda item was to review some sample By-Laws that we had. It was decided that we would use the Ohio Chapter as a model, and edit it to suit our Chapter. Our name as the Greater Philadelphia Chapter was decided on by a vote at the initial meeting on August 18th at the Settlement Music School. The Code of Ethics is adapted directly from the National By-Laws.

Our membership is a subset of the National NATS membership. We will not restrict membership to location, but will include all active National members who choose to pay membership dues to our chapter. The \$25 Chapter membership qualifies GP Chapter members to participate in all chapter activities, including workshops, student auditions, etc. These activities are supported by National funding. Student audition winners also have an opportunity to qualify to compete in the Regional and National level activities.

Officers will be President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer, each elected to serve for a 2 year term. There will be 5 board members to help the officers carry out the activities of the Chapter. The first year the board members will include 3 board members elected for 2 years, and 2 board members to serve for one year to establish staggered elections the following year. The web site liaison will be a member of the board who can be reelected as long as that person chooses to maintain the web site.

Angie Feliciano will serve as the Chapter's Web Site liaison, setting up the web site to communicate GP Chapter business. There will be startup costs to set up the web site and maintain the site. Exact figures weren't available, but approximately \$200 will be needed for design and setup. There will also be an ongoing fee to reserve the site. We will apply to the Executive Office (EO) for startup funding. Kim will contact Alan Henderson, NATS EO pertaining to funding.

An edited copy of the GP By-Laws will be circulated by email, edited, and sent to all potential members for approval. We have an extended deadline to submit the By-Laws to NATS EO, so timing is critical.

An edited copy of the By-Laws and communications pertaining to funding will be attached to these minutes as they are submitted to NATS EO.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Nancy Jantsch in mid-September, TBA.

Respectfully submitted,

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