

**Minutes of the Society for Music Theory  
Business Meeting: November 5, 2016, Vancouver, BC**

1. Call to Order (President Dora Hanninen)

President Hanninen called the meeting to order at 2:02 pm.

2. Secretary's Report (Secretary Stanley Kleppinger)

The Secretary called for the approval of the minutes from the 2015 Business Meeting in Milwaukee (posted on SMT's web site and shared via [smt-announce](#)). The minutes were approved. Kleppinger provided a summary of the Executive Board's activities over the last year, noting that the language of all motions passed by the Board are available online. This year, in addition to a number of substantive discussions regarding an array of issues before our ever-growing Society, the Executive Board approved the following: a modification to the guidelines for Subvention grants; a framework for allocating funds among our four types of conference access grants; enabled the appointment of liaisons to other scholarly societies; established the SMT-40 Dissertation Fellowship, the first dissertation fellowship ever within the SMT, along with the committee to administer it; redefined the composition or workings of certain committees; authorized the establishment of email lists for interested Interest Groups on SMT's server; began making plans to celebrate the Society's fortieth birthday at our conference in Arlington, Virginia next year; authorized the election of Members-at-Large to the Executive Board via rank-order voting, which may begin as early as 2017; worked with the Development Committee to lay the tracks that will bring the SMT-40 Campaign to a strong conclusion next year and considered efforts in this area going forward; created an Ad Hoc Archives Policy Committee to develop an archives policy for the Society; and allowed for a disbursement of \$4100 from our endowment to fund the Society's growing initiatives.

Kleppinger announced the election results: SMT's President-Elect is Robert Hatten; the new Secretary is Philip Stoecker; and our two new Members-at-Large to the Executive Board are Yonatan Malin and Maryam Moshaver.

4. Treasurer's Report (Treasurer Jan Miyake)

Miyake began by reading aloud the Society's Mission Statement. She shared that our Vanguard fund now had a balance of \$280,000. It's possible that we could generate \$5,100 of income next year. We had \$47,468 of unbudgeted income this year. Miyake noted that the commitment to subventions and to conference access grants has more than doubled since 2013. The first \$3,500 dissertation fellowship will also be offered next year. Total assets now stand at \$462,000. Miyake offered thanks to the membership for helping to make this such a fiscally healthy Society. She called for approval of the Treasurer's report, and the report was approved.

5. Vice President's Report (Daphne Leong)

Leong reported on the Society's subventions. This year a subcommittee reviewed and streamlined subventions guidelines. In 2016, the Subventions Committee provided seven awards; Daphne acknowledged the recipients of these awards. There was only one application submitted for the spring round of consideration. Leong urged the membership to take advantage of this funding opportunity. She reported that discussion among our many (23!) and diverse Interest Groups Chairs was fruitful. She reminded those that give presentations as part of an IG meeting

should make use of the citation format provided by the Society for this occasion. Leong thanked the membership for the opportunity to serve as its Vice President.

#### 6. In memoriam

President Hanninen eulogized the leaders of our field whom we have lost over the past year: Rob Schulz, Susan Tepping, Allen Winold, and Richmond Browne.

#### 7. Standing Committee Reports

##### A. 2016 Program Committee (Marianne Wheeldon, Chair)

Wheeldon reported that there were 440 distinct proposals for papers and the committee accepted 90, for an overall acceptance rate of 20%. The February SMT Newsletter will give the salient details about submissions and acceptances. She thanked the members of the Program Committee for their hard work and thanked the Executive Director, Vicky Long, for guiding the Committee throughout the year. President Hanninen offered thanks.

##### B. 2015 Committee on Workshop Programs (Ian Quinn, Chair)

Quinn acknowledged the vision of Wayne Alpern for this program. He identified the workshop leaders and topics. Quinn reported that applications were slightly down, but so was attrition. Workshops will expand from 12 to 16 participants. Andy Mead will chair this Committee this year and met this morning with this Committee to select workshop leaders for next year.

##### C. Local Arrangements (Antares Boyle)

Boyle offered thanks to the Executive Director. She listed some of committee's efforts. Boyle reported that 2,000 people registered this year for the joint conference. Boyle apologized for the rain. President Hanninen thanked the Committee and Executive Director, Vicky Long, for their efforts with local arrangements.

##### D. Publications Committee (Matthew Shaftel, Chair)

Shaftel expressed special thanks to Ron Rodman, who is stepping down as SMT Newsletter Editor, and other editorial board members who are stepping down this year. Shaftel reported that the Committee received 167 submissions overall—consistent with previous years—and subscriptions were steady. Shaftel reported that there were 11,000 PDF downloads each year. He discussed the longevity of online materials' readership. Partnership with Oxford University Press is strong. New submission management system, possible new associate editor might allow for third annual issue of *Spectrum* as soon as 2018. Decision forthcoming.

Shaftel noted the historic rates of submissions and publication of articles by women. He pleaded for the membership to encourage more scholarship from women and diverse scholarship of all kinds. He mentioned that we were especially eager for more high-quality video content for SMT-V.

Shaftel expressed gratitude to editors, editorial boards, SMT's leadership, President Hanninen, and Past-President Poundie Burstein. He noted with pleasure that Brian Alegant would chair this Committee starting next year. President Hanninen thanked Shaftel for his outstanding service.

#### F. Networking Committee (Sean Atkinson, Chair)

Atkinson reported that the Networking committee continues not only to maintain our Society's online presence, but also to explore ways we can improve the membership's experience and interaction in those online spaces. The SMT website provides a robust platform to place handouts and supplemental materials online prior to the conference. Atkinson encouraged next year's presenters to submit their handouts online. In-house conference app served us and AMS this year. Thanks to Michael McClimon for his leadership to prepare the app. SMT Discuss continues as the Society's main online discussion forum. The committee will be discussing the benefits and some recent concerns of Discuss at their meeting in Vancouver. The redesigned SMT website should be up and running in early 2017. Atkinson thanked webmaster Brian Moseley. In a period from October 6, 2015 to October 3, 2016, the landing page for societymusictheory.org has received 47,357 hits from 21,737 unique visitors. Atkinson thanked the members of the Networking Committee.

#### G. Professional Development Committee (Sam Ng, Chair)

Ng reported that this year's Special Session is on the transition to the first year on the job. He thanked the speakers for this session. Ng noted that the Conference Guide Program assisted 16 members. A total of 75 members attended the Annual Student Breakfast, and the C.V. Review Session drew 23 participants. Ng thanked those members who reviewed CVs. The committee welcomes materials related to professional development. Ng named some of the helpful documents already available at its web presence.

#### H. SMT-40 Dissertation Fellowship Committee (John Roeder, Chair)

Roeder announced that we would be presenting our first dissertation fellowship next year. The first deadline has passed.

#### I. Accessibilities Committee (Jon Kochavi, Chair)

Worked closely with Executive Board to improve access to our conference. Microphone use was a real challenge this year. Researching captioning for SMT-V—a unique but manageable challenge that we will surmount. Kochavi reported that this is the fourth year of streaming. Overall 684 views, 272 unique viewers this year. Thanks to Vicky et al. Kochavi discuss the wider array of accessibility issues in joint sessions. Please contact Kochavi or incoming Chair, Bruce Quaglia, with inquiries or reports of issues you observe. He thanked our current and several past presidents for their dedication to inclusion. President Hanninen thanked Koachavi for his work.

#### J. Committee on Diversity (Daniel Jenkins, Chair)

Jenkins reported on the Minority and International Travel Grants and recognized the winners of these grants. He thanked the Program Budget Subcommittee, which funded a lunch for current and past winners. Over fifty people attended the lunch this year. Jenkins announced that the Advanced Placement Music Theory Outreach Project had a session this week in Vancouver. It will now to be known as the Music Theory Outreach Project. He thanked the core team. Jenkins encouraged everyone to participate by visiting a high school theory class.

#### K. Committee on the Status of Women (Jennifer Bain, Chair)

Bain announced that the Committee's activities are documented in the SMT Newsletter, blog, and Facebook page. Bain noted our need to address unconscious biases that affect our professional behaviors. Three ways to do so: content of letters of recommendations (achievements rather than effort); citing women authors; avoiding all-male panels. Many thanks to members of the Committee.

#### L. Development Committee (Lisa Margulis)

SMT-40 raised over \$75,000. One in seven SMT members supports it. Margulis named the initiatives supported by SMT-40 (travel and childcare grants, subventions, new dissertation fellowship). The Committee's next step is to approach foundations for additional grants. Thanks to those already participating in the campaign. Margulis encouraged everyone to consider participating. She thanked Executive Director and new Chair Joel Lester. The President noted that Margulis has been a driving force behind SMT-40 and thanked her for her work. President Hanninen recognized by name everyone rotating off of committees and boards this year and gave special thanks to Poundie Burstein and Vicky Long.

#### 8. New Business

No new business to report.

#### 9. Awards Committee Report/Awards Presentation (Ed Gollin, Chair)

Gollin thanked members of the Committee, Vicky, and members of the Society who made nominations.

Emerging Scholar Award (article): Robert Hasegawa. "Clashing Harmonic Systems in Haas's *Blumenstück* and *in vain*," *Music Theory Spectrum* 37, no. 2.

Emerging Scholar Award (book): Roger Matthew Grant, *Beating Time and Measuring Music in the Early Modern Era*, Oxford University Press, 2014.

Outstanding Publication Award: Catherine Losada, "Complex Multiplication, Structure, and Process: Harmony and Form in Boulez's *Structures II*," *Music Theory Spectrum* 36, no. 1.

Wallace Berry Award: Ruth DeFord, *Tactus, Mensuration, and Rhythm in Renaissance Music*, Cambridge University Press, 2015.

Outstanding Multi-Author Award: *Bach to Brahms: Essays on Musical Design and Structure*, ed. David Beach and Yosef Goldenberg, University of Rochester Press, 2015.

Citations of Special Merit: to John Rothgeb for his translations of Schenker's editions of four of Beethoven's late piano sonatas, Oxford University Press; and posthumously to David Lewin for his untitled essay on "Morgengruß" (which was edited by David Bard-Schwarz and Richard Cohn), Oxford University Press, 2015.

#### 10. Closing Remarks/Adjournment (President Hanninen)

President Hanninen reminded members that we will elect a new Vice President and two new Members-at-Large to the Executive Board. She encouraged nominations. She also encouraged members to volunteer to serve the Society; please email her to do so. The President also

reminded members that the Keynote Address is about to take place and that Daylight Saving Time goes into effect early the next morning.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Stan Kleppinger, Secretary