

Motions passed by the Executive Board of the Society for Music Theory  
since the 2013 Business Meeting

MOTION: That the approved 2014 budget be amended to reflect an increase from \$1000 to \$3000 in the line for an hourly assistant to the Executive Director.

MOTION: That starting on 1 January 2014 the additional \$15 postage fee be discontinued for shipping print copies of Music Theory Spectrum to members who reside outside of North America.

MOTION: That starting on 1 January 2014 the dues be set at \$75 for regular memberships and \$85 for joint memberships for anyone who resides outside of North America and who is a member of another professional music society.

MOTION: That the approved 2014 budget be amended to allocate \$750 for anticipated conference expenses.

MOTION: That the Mission Statement be revised to: “The Society for Music Theory promotes the development of and engagement with music theory as a scholarly and pedagogical discipline. We construe this discipline broadly as embracing all approaches, from conceptual to practical, and all perspectives, including those of the scholar, listener, composer, performer, teacher, and student. The Society is committed to fostering diversity, inclusivity, and gender equity in the field.”

MOTION: That the winning entry of the SMT Logo Contest be adopted as the official SMT logo.

MOTION: That there be established the position of a Society Statistician, appointed by the President, who on a yearly basis shall maintain, analyze, and make public statistics pertaining to gender and diversity within the Society.

MOTION: That the following be added to the Governance Guidelines, under “General Guidelines for Committees”: “These general guidelines for the size, composition, and chairing of the Committees, and for the term lengths of its members, may be overridden by the President, in consultation with the Executive Board, if there are extenuating circumstances.”

MOTION: That the following be added to the Governance Guidelines:

A subcommittee of the Program Committee, consisting of the President, current Program Committee Chair, and upcoming Program Committee Chair, shall (in consultation with the Executive Director and the Vice President) allocate funds, budgeted by the Executive Board, to support projects related to the Annual Meeting that are not covered by the Local Arrangements budget. These include grants not managed by other SMT committees, as well as special requests for funds from SMT committees, interest groups, and others. This subcommittee shall be referred to as the “Program Budget Subcommittee.”

MOTION: That the 2014 Program Budget Subcommittee be allotted \$2500.

MOTION: That the description of the Subventions Committee in Governance Guidelines be emended as follows: “The Subventions Committee shall award financial assistance to members of the Society for selected projects in the field of music theory, including out-of-pocket expenses associated with the preparation and publishing of an article or book that has been accepted for publication; special workshops or conferences that deal with music theory; and other such projects. The Subventions Committee shall solicit applications for such awards on a regularly scheduled basis.”

MOTION: That SMT establish an ad hoc Networking Ombuds Committee, which shall adjudicate appeals of decisions made by the moderators of SMT online social media and make recommendations regarding the moderation of SMT online social media.

MOTION: To approve the proposed revisions to the SMT Investment Policy, which adds provisions for the establishment of the SMT Endowment Fund.

MOTION: That the Ad Hoc Sustainability Committee be dissolved; and that there be established in its place the position of a Sustainability Coordinator, to be appointed by the President for a term of three years, who will aid in the Society’s adherence to its Sustainability Guidelines, monitor SMT’s sustainability practices, and make recommendations as necessary involving issues of sustainability in SMT’s management and operations.

MOTION: That the Vice President’s role as Accessibility Coordinator be discontinued, and that that the Ad Hoc Disabilities Committee be made into a standing Accessibilities Committee, which shall aid in in the Society’s adherence to its Accessibility Guidelines, monitor SMT’s accessibilities practices, and make recommendations involving issues of access and accommodation in SMT’s management and operations. The Accessibility Committee will consist of a Chair plus at least four other people (if possible including at least one member with specific accessibility needs), with term limits of three years.

MOTION: To inaugurate SMT-Pod as a new SMT publication, supervised by the Publications Committee.