

American Musicological Society, Midwest Chapter
Minutes of the Business Meeting
April 10, 2021
Held virtually, hosted by the University of Iowa

I. Call to Order

Chapter President Nathan Platte called the meeting to order at 2:30 pm.

II. Approval of Minutes from September 26, 2020 meeting held virtually (available on the AMS-MW website): Moved and seconded.

III. President's Report:

A) President Platte expressed gratitude for:

- 1) Our conference partners from MIDSEM, Trevor Harvey (President) and Josh Duchan (Program Chair) of MIDSEM
- 2) The members of the Program Committee (Anita Hardeman, chair; David Kjar, Anabel Maler, and Colin Roust). Special thanks to Anita for arranging multiple joint sessions with Josh.
- 3) All the presenters, session chairs, and students from the University of Iowa who are monitoring Zoom rooms.
- 4) Our keynote speaker, Dwandalyn Reece, and Lynn Hooker who proposed and is chairing this evening's panel discussion on decolonizing survey courses.
- 5) Joe Matson, for assisting behind the scenes with conference related announcements, communication, and schedules.

B) We received twenty-seven proposals for this meeting and accepted thirteen. Twelve confirmed their attendance. Of the twenty-seven, sixteen were from students and six were accepted.

C) The location and modality for the Fall 2021 meeting is yet to be determined. If you would like to volunteer your institution, please inform Nathan Platte. Our Spring 2022 meeting will be hosted by Roosevelt University. Since AMS National will be meeting in Chicago in the fall, Thomas Kernan and David Kjar have suggested we consider a virtual gathering.

IV. Treasurer's Report: (Alison DeSimone):

- 1) The balance on hand as of 9 April 2021 is \$2,458.71.
- 2) The keynote fee for this meeting is being shared with MIDSEM.
- 3) The chapter is in good financial shape, assisted by the recent virtual conferences which reduce expenses.

V. Report from our student representatives (Max Jefferson): Max Jefferson (University of Illinois) introduced herself to the chapter and will provide a full report at the Fall 2021 meeting.

VI. Report from our council representative (Marian Wilson Kimber):

- 1) The new format for reviewing abstracts for the national meeting seems to be working well, according to a recent survey.

2) In light of the recent focus on social justice and in support of BLM, the national office is actively working to diversify its work, including a comprehensive review of JAMS.

3) Negotiations are ongoing regarding the precise format of the Fall 2021 Chicago meeting.

4) Strategic planning is ongoing, including efforts to grow the membership.

5) The new ethics committee has been added to the roster and is reviewing several policies and procedures to assure they adhere to the highest standards.

VII. New Business:

A) Elections for Secretary and Treasurer will commence during the next week. We are grateful to the efforts of the nominating committee (Jonathan Kregor, Maya Gibson, and Danielle Fosler-Lussier) for encouraging four candidates to run for these offices. We are grateful to the candidates for offering to serve the chapter. And we are extremely thankful for the efforts of Alison DeSimone and Keith Clifton, our outgoing Treasurer and Secretary, for their conscientious stewardship of the chapter.

VIII. Adjournment: Moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 3:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Keith Clifton, AMS-Midwest Secretary