

## NATS Arkansas Chapter Meeting

Nov. 11, 2011, Mississippi College.

Meeting was called to order by Jon Clements at 9:13 a.m.

New members were introduced: John Briggs, OBU, Susan Shirel, HU.

Minutes were accepted from spring's meeting.

Treasurer's report: Started year at \$3487, finished at \$3345.66. Student awards were higher per last year's decision, but conference fees slightly lower, so we are still in good shape.

Upcoming state conference will be at UCA, Feb. 24-25. Location was chosen to facilitate choral participation with Arkansas Symphony, which necessitates some adjustments in our conference. Do we want to spend money on a recital half of our students would not attend? If we don't have a recital, how do we post info about semi-finals?

Possibilities: additional masterclass, NATSAA moved to Friday night, no evening event, copyright workshop, dissertation presentation, hiring NATSAA judges or masterclass teachers. UCA will work out the details of that, coordination with Jon Clements.

Regional conference for Nov. 12: Ark. Tech was planning to host, but there is a possible concert hall renovation that may preclude their hosting. Is there another Arkansas school that would want to host the regional conference in November? If not, the regional conference might move to New Orleans or a different site.

--If OBU hosts regional, we would need a different state host.

Do we want to divide Category 18 into men/women for state conference to accommodate larger numbers in that category? We usually follow regional procedure, and since that is how regional is going, should we follow suit?

\*\*Motion to divide category 18 for this spring's conference passed.

Discussion about changing auditions procedure to 7 minutes instead of two songs. No motion was made.

Meeting adjourned at 9:42.

Future sites for State Conferences (tentative):

- 2012 UCA
- 2013 OBU
- 2014 JBU (first conference at John Brown)
- 2015 ATU
- 2016 HSU