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MLA/NCC Fall Meeting Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library, San José State University November 19, 2010

The fall meeting of the Music Library Association/Northern California Chapter will take place on Friday, November 19, 2010, at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library on the campus of San José State University in downtown San José.



King Library, from SJSU Campus. SJPL on Flickr.
http://www.sjlibrary.org/about/library_photos.htm

Nancy Lorimer will be speaking about RDA—what’s happening, what’s different, and why you should care. Also, Frank Ferko will tell us about the Ambassador and related music archival collections in Stanford’s Archive of Recorded Sound.

The Beethoven Center is celebrating its 25th anniversary with a new exhibit, "25 Treasures for 25 Years." It features some of their more interesting and valuable acquisitions, including Beethoven manuscripts, art works, rare books, concert programs, and more. There will be time after the meeting (and possibly before lunch) to view the exhibit.

THE IRA F. BRILLIANT CENTER FOR BEETHOVEN STUDIES **25 TREASURES *for* 25 YEARS**

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Meeting location: King Library Room 550 (in Special Collections area)

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Schedule:

9:45 am	Coffee and Pastries
10:30 am	Business Meeting
12 pm	Lunch on your Own
1:30 pm	RDA is Here! (And Possibly in Your Catalog) Presentation by Nancy Lorimer
2:30 pm	<i>Hidden Treasures in Our Own Back Yard: The Ambassador Auditorium Collection at Stanford.</i> Presentation by Frank Ferko

Directions, downtown parking and public transportation information available at <http://www.sjlibrary.org/about/locations/king/directions.htm>

Map of campus garages at <http://www.sjsu.edu/parking/pages/detailwest.html>

Campus parking: Visitors may purchase Single Day and Hourly permits from the automated pay stations located in the South Garage, or the North Garage, and in the West Garage. Pay stations accept coins, \$1, \$5 and \$10 bills as well as Visa or MasterCard. Cost is: \$1.00 per ½ hour with a maximum of \$8.00 per day

We look forward to seeing you there!

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Fresno Souvenirs



The Spring 2010 meeting of the MLA/NCC at CSU Fresno featured a splendid tour of the new facility followed by Helene Joseph-Weil of the CSUF Music Department (pictured above, with host Janet Bochin), giving a presentation on *Ascención: A Dramatic Ethno-historical Cantata*, which was composed by Dr. Benjamin Boone with book and lyrics by Helene Joseph-Weil. Later Dave Tyckoson, Associate Dean of the Madden Library, spoke on *Steinway Piano no. 33610: From the 1876 Philadelphia Centennial Exposition to the Madden Library*; Janet Bochin and Terry Lewis (pictured below) gave a charming performance on the instrument. Photos courtesy Ray Heigemeir.



MLA/NCC is most grateful to Madden Library administration, CSU Fresno, all participants, and especially to Janet Bochin, for her work in planning and hosting the event.



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Spring Business Meeting Minutes

MLA/NCC Spring Meeting
April 30, 2010
Henry Madden Library
California State University, Fresno

In attendance:

Manuel Erviti (UC Berkeley); Mimi Tashiro, Frank Ferko, Ray Heigemeir (Stanford); Patricia Stroh (San Jose State University & the Ira F. Brilliant Center for Beethoven Studies); Joe Boonin (retired); Jason Gibbs (San Francisco Public Library); John Smalley (San Jose State University School of Library and Information Science); Tom Bickley (CSU East Bay); Janet Bochin (CSU Fresno), Terry Lewis (CSU Fresno); Catherine Jennings (Oakland Public Library); Rhonelle Runner (Pacific).

The business meeting was called to order by Patricia Stroh, Chair. Reporting on behalf of Allison Rea, Rhonelle Runner reported that there was a balance of \$797.48 in our account. Members who need to pay dues should contact Allison.

It was announced that the chapter brochure, detailing information about our chapter, including the First Time Attendees Grant and the Kevin Freeman Travel Grant is nearly finished.

Jerry McBride is meeting today with the Pacific Northwest Chapter, and bringing forward to them the idea of creating a West Coast Chapter by merging the Pacific Northwest, Northern California and Southern California chapters

There was extended discussion about the proposal to create West Coast Chapter by merging the existing chapters and the pros and cons of such a merger. Many of the points discussed echoed the advantages and disadvantages outlined in Jerry McBride's proposal. Ultimately, those present agreed that the topic needed further discussion amongst the wider membership. The proposed merger will

definitely be on another agenda in the near future.

There was discussion about chapter offices up for election, including Secretary/Treasurer and Vice Chair/Chair Elect. There were no nominations for the Secretary/Treasurer position, so Allison Rea was appointed to another two year term. After some discussion, Nancy Lorimer was nominated in absentia for the position of Vice Chair/Chair Elect. Patricia Stroh will contact Nancy Lorimer and invite her to accept the position.

Round Robin:

Joe Boonin (retired): His work on the IPM (Index to Printed Music) continues.

John Smalley (SJSU/SLIS): He is still working toward completing the degree program.

Janet Bochin (CSU Fresno): Furlough days are mandatory for both faculty and staff. The new library spaces are well-used, but not always as originally thought.

Jason Gibbs (SF Public): There are two exhibits up.

Manuel Erviti (UCB): Many library units are still dealing with ILS issues after the transition in 2009. There have been reductions in service hours, but Saturdays have been brought back.

Rhonelle Runner (Pacific): The music librarian position has been posted. We are hoping to fill it before classes begin in the Fall.



Treasury Moment

A gentle reminder that the MLA/NCC membership year runs from September 1 through August 31. Dues of \$10.00 are payable at the Fall Meeting.



Proposal to Create a California Chapter of the Music Library Association

Last spring MLA/NCC began discussion of merging the NCC and SCC into a single California chapter. Over the summer of 2010 NCC Chair Pat Stroh had further discussions with Stephanie Bonjack (now past-chair of the SCC) and Jerry McBride (president-elect of MLA). They are now asking for volunteers to join a task force to explore the different options. The task force will be comprised of three members from each chapter and discussions will be conducted primarily through email (or other electronic means).

The proposal and charge of the task force are posted below. The first report of the task force will be due at the 2011 spring meeting of the NCC, which is currently being planned as a joint meeting with the SCC in southern California.

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Background

Currently, the Northern and Southern California chapters of the Music Library Association each have memberships under fifty—30 and 43, respectively. In general, it has been observed that the most successful, vibrant, and active chapters in MLA tend to be larger with more diverse and substantial programs. The Atlantic Chapter was recently formed by the merger of the Pennsylvania and Chesapeake Chapters, because individually, attendance at meetings and activity at the chapter level was declining. The merger reversed this trend, and for a number of reasons the Atlantic Chapter can be cited as a successful endeavor.

For several years the Northern California Chapter has had difficulty finding individuals to stand for office and meetings vary considerably in content and quality. There have been discussions about holding only one annual meeting of the chapter to improve the situation.

The situation in Southern California is similar. It is difficult to find individuals to run for office,. There are also many years in which candidates run unopposed. The Board is currently working on a bylaws revision to extend the term length of the Chair so elections will be held every other year. This will take some pressure off the Nominating Committee and hopefully make it easier to find viable candidates for office. Such a change would also mimic the national administrative structure. Regardless, it is an ongoing challenge to fill administrative positions.

The Southern California chapter meets once a year and its programs are relatively short. Like the Northern California Chapter, they usually include a library tour, a few presentations, and a business meeting with time for open discussion. The last chapter meeting was a joint conference with the local AMS chapter, and the program was overwhelmingly dominated by AMS presentations. It is generally difficult to find presenters for the chapter meetings.

Advantages and Disadvantages of Merging

Advantages

- A larger number of members provides more people to share the responsibilities of holding offices.
- There are more people available to form committees.
- More participants provide a greater wealth of ideas, experience, and backgrounds enriching the programs and information exchanged at meetings.
- Larger chapters tend to have meetings lasting at least two days. This requires a greater commitment from both the planners and attendees and results meetings with more substantial and interesting sessions.
- Meetings with more substantial sessions tend to attract more participants.

Disadvantages

- Meetings held outside a member's local area would require more travel funding.

- Some members who only attend local chapter meetings may not be able to attend meetings or be given time off to attend meetings outside of their local area.
- It might be more difficult to get to know all of the members of a larger chapter.

Steps To Take

Set up a task force with a time line and deadlines to explore different options for a combined California Chapter comprised of the board members of the two chapters or people appointed by the boards. The task force should look at

- What steps did the Atlantic chapter take to form?
- Where and how frequently should the chapter meet?

Alternating North and South once a year or twice a year?

One state meeting in the fall and two regional meetings in the spring?

Meet together one year; meet regionally the next year? This way we would meet together only every two years

- Should the state meeting last two days?
- Should the meetings be on work days only, or involve a Saturday?
- Should the Board have somewhat equal representation from North and South, or does this matter?
- How would the bylaws be rewritten? By whom?
- How would the finances be handled? Would the treasuries be pooled?
- Are there legal issues to address because of 501(c)3 status?

Simultaneously plan a joint chapter meeting for Spring 2011 or 2012 in Southern California. This would be a chance for the two Boards and Program Committees to work together. It would give the attendees a sense of what regular state meetings could be like.

- Publish the options explored by the task force in the Newsletters.
- It should be presented as possibilities that are open for discussion and change.

Have the task force present their ideas at a session of the joint chapter meeting.



Madden Library, CSU Fresno.
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