

ORMTA Etobicoke – Mississauga Branch

Annual General Meeting Minutes

September 24, 2024 at 11:45am

Virtual Zoom Meeting

Welcome: Thuy welcomed those present, and introductions were made.

Attendance: Thuy Vi Bach, Oksana Hahn, Lisa Iwasaki, Jill Kelman, Lynne Oliver, Marg Parsons, Sofia Peycheva, Sandra Pisani, Barbara Prins, Lisa Raposa, Rocco Signorile, Paula Stellato, Lita Zagala

Minutes: Lisa moved the acceptance of the September 25, 2023 AGM Meeting Minutes as shared and summarized, seconded by Thuy.

Executive Positions: Members are needed to fulfill the volunteer roles of President, Vice President, Workshop Coordinator, Special Events Coordinator and Outreach Convenor.

Treasurer's Report: Thuy Vi Bach reported.

Operating Account Closing Balance as of September 24/24 = \$7,528.16

Scholarship Account Closing Balance as of September 24/24 = \$2,610.39

ORMTA Etobicoke-Mississauga Branch, OPERATING Year to Date 2023-2024			
Account	Debit	Credit	Gain/Loss
Assessments 2023-2024 (Dec/23 & March/24)	\$4,094.04	\$4,893.00	\$798.96
Branch Competitions (Scholarships to students)	\$9,310.00		
Branch competitions expenses	\$3,290.83		
GTA Competitions Fee for Nagi Fukahori (L8-9) & Teran Li (L10-ARCT)	\$115.00		
Donations to Scholarship Fund		\$1,795.00	
			(\$10,920.83)
Fun Afternoon (5 teachers)	\$250.20	\$1,020.00	
			\$769.80
Halloween Zoom Recital (CANCELLED)			
Joe Workshop (CANCELLED)			
Musical Theatre Masterclass (CANCELLED)			
Contemporary Showcase: 2023		\$237.50	
			\$237.50
Piano Masterclass, with Dr. Michael Esch (4 teachers, 11 students, 3 audit teachers)	\$1,087.50	\$725.00	
			(\$362.50)
Fall Zoom Workshop (CANCELLED)			
Levy 2023-2024 paid for 46 members x\$7	\$322.00	\$75.51 \$2,691.80	
			\$2,445.31
Miscellaneous (Interact fee; Bank charges in Operating account when under \$5,000 monthly and Scholarship account when cheqs were cashed more than monthly limit allowed; Domain & website hosting from Aug/22-Aug/24)	\$270.76		(\$270.76)

Interest (monthly \$2.50 in Scholarship account from Sep/23 – Aug/24) (GIC principal amount on June 3/24: \$6,448.74; June 5/23: \$6,173.74; June 6/22: \$5,986.22 @ prime rate less 2.7%: gained \$187.52	\$17.50	\$275.00	\$257.50
Total Debits YTD	\$18,757.83		
Total Credits YTD		\$11,712.81	
GAINED YTD			(\$7,045.02)

Scholarships: A reminder that Branch Competition scholarship recipients need to cash their cheques, as there are still several to be negotiated and after six months they may be invalidated.

Branch Membership News:

Our branch currently has 47 active teachers.

A warm welcome to the following teachers who have joined our branch since our September 2023 Branch Annual Meeting: Coey Catchpole, Oksana Hahn, Karlene M Kerr, Ruo Yu Li (from an associate branch)

Congratulations to Branch Teachers reaching Membership Milestones:

- 5 years-Mandi Galer
- 10 years-Lynne E Oliver
- 15 years-Lisa Iwasaki & Halina Panasiewicz
- 25 years-Rosemary Tessier
- 30 years-Lita Zagala
- 50 years-Danute Garbaliuskas & Margaret Harris Parsons
- 55 years-Valeria Krotky

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Workshops: No workshops could be organized, in the absence of a workshop convenor and adequate member support resources.

Hallowe'en Recital: There will not be a recital again this year due to the lack of volunteers.

Piano Assessments, Masterclass, & Branch Competitions: Rocco reported.

On the afternoon of Sunday December 3rd, we welcomed Peteris Zarins to adjudicate our assessments, as usual a small turnout registered for this event, but there was a positive response on the adjudicator's insights from teachers and families.

On March 2nd and 3rd, we welcomed Dr Amelia Yates for both branch and Zone assessments. Both days were very busy and had many entries.

On March 24 we welcomed Dr. Michael Esch for our masterclass, we had 10 performers with a very positive response from students, teachers and families.

Finally, at our annual branch competition on May 25th and 26th, we welcomed Dr. Joseph Ferretti. It was a very large fully booked event with many scholarships awarded at all levels from Prep to ARCT.

Vocal Assessments & Branch Competitions: Sofia reported.

Marion Abbot was hired as a vocal adjudicator for March Assessments 2024. The event went well with 20 participants, 19 of whom proceeding to Branch Competition (1 was absent). Allison Arends adjudicated the 2024 Branch Competition with 30 participants (2 were absent). Both events received positive feedback from students, parents and participating teachers.

As a Vocal Coordinator, I created the programs/schedules, found the adjudicator for both events, provided adjudicators with duties descriptions and expectations, was present at both events to introduce each class and assist the adjudicators, created certificates for all Branch Competition participants for all categories.

Jill Kelman and Barbara Prins were volunteering at the events. Both adjudicators were very friendly and helpful with their feedback and students enjoyed the experience, although I heard a few comments from parents and teachers on Marion Abbot's choice of language.

The contracts have yet to be signed, but Denise Willimas has agreed to adjudicate our Assessments in 2025 and Renee Salewski will be our vocal adjudicator for our 2025 Branch Competition.

Media & Website: Sofia reported:

Website: <https://www.etobmiss-ormta.com/> The event calendar is updated for 2024-2025.

Page updates for the 2024-2025 year include: Home /Student events/Assessment/Contemporary Showcase/Branch Competition/Fun Afternoon/ Calendar/Meet the Executive.

The Masterclass page, Assessment fees, and other documents are being updated and will be posted shortly.

Members Spotlight Page: This page is dedicated to achievements and recognitions received by ORMTA Etobicoke – Mississauga Members and their students (RCM Gold Medals, Provincial winners, other considerable achievements). Please email the achievements you would like to share with the branch to em-webmaster@ormta.org

Facebook: All upcoming deadlines and event are posted on Facebook page regularly. Photos from Branch Vocal events are posted on the Branch page.

Outreach: The role of Outreach convenor is still open. This would be a great role for anyone interested in connecting with and supporting other members.

Branch Get-Together: Everyone is invited to the Apricot Tree Café <https://www.apricottreecafe.com> on Sunday November 3rd at 1:30pm. If you are able to attend, please RSVP by October 13th to: webmaster.etobmiss.ormta@gmail.com

Adjournment: Thuy moved for adjournment, all agreed.

Next Meeting: Executive Meeting via Zoom – Tuesday October 22, 2024 at 10:00am. Anyone interested in attending may contact an executive member for the zoom link.