

ORMTA Etobicoke – Mississauga Branch
Branch Annual General Meeting Minutes

September 25, 2023 at 11:45am

Virtual Zoom Meeting

Welcome:

Attendance: Thuy Vi Bach, Linda Gray, Lisa Iwasaki, Jill Kelman, Lynne Oliver, Sofia Psycheva, Rocco Signorile, Paula Stellato

Minutes: Lisa moved the acceptance of the September 27, 2021 Executive Meeting Minutes as shared and amended, seconded by Thuy,

President's Update: None available.

Treasurer's Report: Thuy reported as of Sept 25, 2023, but the update from October 6 is listed here:

ORMTA Etobicoke-Mississauga Branch, OPERATING Year to Date 2022-2023			
Account	Debit	Credit	Gain/Loss
Assessments 2022-2023 (Dec/22 & March/23)	\$3712.77	\$3989.00	\$276.23
Branch Competitions (94 students)	\$7,130.00		
Branch competitions expenses	\$3,103.74		
GTA Competitions Fee for Mike Ni & Muyuan Liu	\$85.00		
Donations to Scholarship Fund		\$1,185.25	
			(\$8,857.26)
Fun Afternoon (20 students from 4 teachers)	\$235.00	\$770.00	
			\$535.00
Halloween Zoom Recital (CANCELLED)			
Joe Workshop (CANCELLED)			
Musical Theatre Masterclass (CANCELLED)			
Contemporary Showcase: 2022		\$244.25	
2021		\$218.00	
			\$462.25
Piano Masterclass, with Dr. Jarred Dunn (5 teachers, 14 students, 8 guests)	\$1,062.00	\$955.00	
			(\$107.00)
Fall Zoom Workshop 2022		\$373.04	(\$346.96)
*Lynne Oliver	\$400.00	\$40.00	
*Penny Johnson	\$400.00	\$40.00	

Levy 2022-2023 paid for 46 members x\$5 (Finally received cheq from Provincial on Oct 6/23)*	\$230.00	\$296.28 *\$3,155.29	\$3,222.19
Miscellaneous (get well cards/gifts, Flowers; Medals/shipping; Notes magazine; Interact fee; Bank charges in Scholarship account when cheqs were cashed more than monthly limit allowed; Karelo credits, Domain & website hosting;	\$790.10		(\$790.10)
Interest (monthly \$2.50 in Scholarship account from Sep/22 – Aug/23) (GIC principal amount on June 5/23: \$6,173.74; June 6/22: \$5,986.22 & June 7/21: \$5,970.69 and was at \$5,926.41 in 2020 @ prime rate less 2.7%: gained \$187.52	\$30	\$187.52	\$157.52
Total Debits YTD	\$17,178.61		
Total Credits YTD		\$11,454.25	
GAINED YTD			(\$5,724.36)

Operating Account Closing Balance as of September 25/23 is \$8,153.77

Scholarship Account Closing Balance as of September 25/23 is \$4,816.89

Treasurer: Thuy Vi Bach. Reported on September 25, 2023 (updated Oct 6/23 after receiving cheq from Provincial)

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WELCOME NEW TEACHERS TO THE BRANCH:

1/Grace Colella (Toronto): piano/theory

2/Maria Dolnycky: piano/theory

3/Winston Kim: piano

4/Lucia Barcari: violin

5/Paula Stellato: piano/rudiments

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE TEACHERS WITH ORMTA for:

20 years: Larissa Zoubareva, Irina Semenova

15 years: Thuy Vi Bach

10 years: Alexandra Weiss

5 years: Deep Ganguly, Dr. Andrew Kizas, Sofia Peycheva, Antonina Ermolenko Masnyk

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 Hallowe'en Recital this year.

Piano Assessments & Branch Competitions: Rocco reported.

December assessments were adjudicated by Dr. Brett Kingsbury. March was adjudicated by Wendy Potter, with a successful Saturday morning despite extreme weather. The Branch competitions with Dr. Amelia Yates were also well-attended, with time for medals and scholarships awarded that day.

There was a discussion of assessment repertoire guidelines. A vote was taken to clarify that Level 10 and ARCT entries to be limited to one movement for Classical Sonatas (List B). All other repertoire selections are to follow syllabus requirements (Baroque Prelude and Fugue, or movements of Suites). Adjustment to the Rules and Guidelines has been made as follows:

5. Level 10 & up Instrumental entrants:

- Complete performance of each selection as listed in the chosen syllabus is required. For example, both Prelude AND Fugue from the Well-tempered Clavier, or any 2 from Barber's Excursions op. 20.
- Exception: Due to time constraints, one movement of a Classical Sonata will count as 1 piece.

Vocal Assessments & Branch Competitions: Sofia reported.

Allison Arends was hired as a vocal adjudicator for March Assessments 2023. The event went well with 14 participants, 12 of whom proceeding to Branch Competition (2 were absent). Kyra Millan adjudicated Branch Competition 2023 with 21 participants. As a Vocal Coordinator, I created the programs/schedules, found the adjudicator for March assessments, provided adjudicators with duties descriptions and expectations, was present at both events to introduce each class and assist the adjudicators. Jill Kelman was helping the adjudicator with paperwork during Branch Competition. Both adjudicators were very friendly and helpful with their feedback and students enjoyed the experience.

Allison Arends is returning in 2024 as our Branch Competition adjudicator. The adjudicator for March Assessment is still to be confirmed.

Media & Website: Sofia reported:

Home /Student events/Assessment/Contemporary Showcase/Branch Competition/Fun Afternoon/Calendar pages are updated to reflect dates for year 2023-2024 Masterclass page will be updated shortly

Assessment fees and other documents are being updated and will be posted shortly. Meet the Executive page is updated

New Project starting September 2023: Members Spotlight Page- a page 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](mailto:em-webmaster@ormta.org)

The website event calendar has been updated for the coming year, including the updates for events. A new page for Branch spotlights and student success will be highlighted there. Facebook updates are also posted there, with reminders for upcoming deadlines.

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.

Membership: Our branch currently has 53 teachers with 8 teachers expiring membership on July 1/23. Please see treasurer's report for updates on New members, and member milestones.

Adjournment: Jill moved for adjournment.

Next Meeting: Executive Meeting via Zoom - Monday October 15, 2022 at 10:00am. Anyone interested in attending may contact an executive member for the zoom link.