

BRMTA Zoom Meeting  
Thursday, January 14, 2021  
Minutes

Attendance:

Rebecca Bellelo  
Grace Lau  
Katherine Tobey  
Judy McGeehee  
Laura Pray  
David Easley  
Yannah Gustafson  
Grace Ning  
Robin Yee  
Raymond Yee  
Brittany Welch  
Clara Guilbeau  
Ching Song  
Patti Misita  
Christine Lien

GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING

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Meeting called to order by President Rebecca Bellelo.

**Treasurer Report: Raymond Yee** reported no changes have been made to the account since last year because we have not had any events. BRMTA is in good financial shape.

Spring Event Updates:

**Allen Fleming: Christine Lien** announced Allen Fleming will be held April 17<sup>th</sup> at O'Neills in person, with a deadline of March 12<sup>th</sup>. There was discussion about the Ethel Tison Award and if this was something to change due to COVID.

**Rally: Christine Lien and Yannah Gustafson** secured the dates of April 24<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup> at First Baptist Church, downtown Baton Rouge for Rally. The deadline for all paperwork, including scanned music is March 20<sup>th</sup>. Yannah will send a PDF outlining all details, which will be forwarded to members.

**Piano Olympics: Patti Misita** announced the change of entry fee that can be paid separately for each testing component, rather than one fee when registering. There were also

changes made to some of the upper level requirements, and encouraged teachers to review the Piano Olympics syllabus on the LMTA website.

**Summer Scholarship: David Easley** suggested some online summer camps and courses that could be of interest to students, and which the summer scholarship could be applied towards. He will send the deadline announcements later in the year.

**Additional BRMTA meetings** are to be determined for other spring meetings, including a presentation by Dr. Ana Maria Otamendi, and also the BRMTA end-of-the-year luncheon.

General Announcements:

Rebecca announced the **MTNA 2021 conference** will be a virtual conference this year, and encouraged members to take advantage of the conference from the convenience of your home and lower registration fee.

Rebecca announced the slate of the **new executive board**, put forth by the nominating committee:

President	Yannah Gustafson
Vice President	Melanie Mallard
Treasurer	Raymond Yee
Secretary	Angie Bergeron
Immediate Past President	Rebecca Bellelo
Board Members-at-Large	Christine Lien and Brittany Welch

Studio Tournament 2021:

**Studio Tournament: Clara Guilbeau** discussed the changes to Tournament for 2021, due to COVID. Special presenters Laura Pray and Katherine Tobey discussed ways that each studio can host their own successful Studio Tournaments.

Meeting adjourned by President Rebecca Bellelo.