Dear Members of the AMS NorCal Chapter,

As another busy school year creaks to a close, we write to keep you abreast of musicological activities of the NorCal Chapter, its constituent institutions and individual members. As always, we'd love information straight from the source, so please send any items of interest regarding lectures, meetings, publications, etc. our way: jarms@ucsc.edu and nates@stanford.edu.

Best,
Nate Sloan (Stanford) + Jay Arms (UCSC)

Winter Meeting + Elections

Way back on February 16th, the chapter hosted its Winter Conference at UC Davis. Great papers were read, coffee was drunk, and lively conversation proliferated. When the dust settled, Beth Levy (UC Davis) was elected Chapter President, Susan Erickson (UC Davis) elected Vice President, Sarah Waltz (University of the Pacific) elected AMS Council Representative, and Jay Arms (UCSC) elected AMS Student Representative.

Spring Joint Meeting + Dahl Award

NorCal representation at the Spring Joint Meeting with the Pacific Southwest Chapter, held at UCLA on April 27 & 28, was rather light, though our own Valerio Morucci (UC Davis) won the Ingolf Dahl Award for Best Student Paper with his presentation “Secular Patronage at the Orsini Court: Music, Poetry and the Rhetoric of Early Monody.” Congratulations, Valerio! Out of the last five Dahl competitions, three have been won by NorCal Chapter Members. Take that, PacSouth!

Publications

We are pleased to announce that UC Berkeley's Nicholas Mathew has a new book, Political Beethoven (Cambridge).

Carol Hess of UC Davis has an essay in the latest issue of JAMS (Spring 2013), “Copland in Argentina: Pan Americanist Politics, Folklore, and the Crisis in Modern Music.”

Happy Summer to all, and see you in the Autumn!

Your NorCal Chapter Student Representatives,