

**Northern California Chapter, American Musicological Society
Business Meeting Minutes**

University of California, Santa Cruz
February 1, 2014, 1:45 p.m.

Present: Beth Levy (Presiding), Michael Accinno (Secretary-Treasurer), Susan Erickson, Sarah Waltz, Jay Arms, Nate Sloan, and about twenty chapter members.

The meeting was called to order at 1:45 p.m. President Levy thanked the host department at UC-Santa Cruz, and noted in particular the efforts of Leta Miller, Jay Arms, and Elisse LaBarre. Since the chapter's April 27, 2013 business meeting was canceled due to lack of a quorum, there were no minutes from that meeting to be read. The minutes of the previous chapter business meeting held on February 16, 2013 were read and approved.

Future Meetings: The University of California, Davis will host this year's joint chapter meeting on the weekend of April 26–27. Graduate students are invited to participate in the Ingolf Dahl Award competition for best student paper. In 2014–2015, the chapter officers will explore the possibility of three meetings: a fall meeting in the second weekend of October; a winter meeting, to be held jointly with the Northern California chapter of SEM; and a joint meeting with the Pacific Southwest Chapter, to be hosted in Southern California in the spring. Several potential host schools were mentioned, including Sonoma State, San Francisco Conservatory, and Mills College.

Website Update: The new and improved chapter website recently went live. Questions and comments may be directed to the chapter's webmaster, Alex Stalarow (ajstalarow@ucdavis.edu).

Call for Election and Nominations: The election for a new Secretary-Treasurer and AMS Council student representative will be held at the chapter's next business meeting on April 26. Since three of the current officers are affiliated with UC Davis, it would be preferable for the chapter's next Secretary-Treasurer to come from a different institution. Nominations may be sent to the Secretary-Treasurer (maccinno@ucdavis.edu).

Graduate student paper protocols: The by-laws do not establish any guidelines regarding the submission of abstracts, but the chapter's current practice is to request a short statement from faculty advisors in support of graduate student authors' abstract proposals. The Secretary-Treasurer receives the statement confidentially during the initial abstract submission process, but does not forward any identifying information to the program committee. The committee's double-

blind review process judges abstracts based on merit and without regard to authors' institutional status.

During the review of the chapter's current protocol at the business meeting, a broad range of opinions was expressed. Some members thought that since graduate student authors are not required to provide a similar statement of faculty support at national meetings or other conferences, the protocol placed an unnecessary burden upon graduate students. Others argued that the current protocol encouraged student authors to seek out mentorship opportunities before presenting their work in a professional setting. Following the discussion, President Levy asked if there were any motions from the floor to amend the chapter's current policy. Seeing none, she moved on to other business.

New Business: Nate Sloan and Jay Arms announced the chapter's upcoming quarterly newsletter, and asked that newsletter items be submitted to them by Friday, February 7. D. Kern Holoman (dkholoman@ucdavis.edu) invited all chapter members to make contributions to the official AMS blog, *Musicology Now*.

President Levy asked if there was further business from the floor. Seeing none, she adjourned the meeting.

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