TMLA Chapter
Annual Report

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Last Meetings:
October 3-4, 2014, Denton, TX
February 26, 2015, Denver, CO

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http://tmla.musiclibraryassoc.org/

Report on Activities:

The TMLA chapter held is 40th annual meeting at the University of North Texas in Denton, TX. We celebrated this milestone with a recap of the history of the chapter, including excerpts from the 2012 MLA Dallas meeting video. Michael Rogan was the guest of honor, representing the national organization. Several new members were in attendance. Our next annual meeting will be at The University Of Texas in Austin, TX, October 16-17, 2015.

During our chapter meeting at MLA Denver, Mary Brower expressed interest in starting a chapter newsletter containing news from various members and institutions in TMLA. The first issue was released in July of this year.

List of previous goals and progress made toward each goal:

Goal: Assess the state of the Texas Composers database, created by the Texas Chapter, define its purpose and the chapter's goals for its use, and determine next steps in implementation and maintenance.
Progress made: The location of the database has been determined, but no further progress has been made.

Goal: Transfer Texas Chapter oral history content to MLA Archives, assess current state of the chapter's oral history activities, and determine next steps in collecting histories from the chapter's area of jurisdiction.
Progress made: The chapter is not actively collecting oral histories at this moment. The chapter has one known, recorded oral history in existence, but has not yet transferred it to the MLA Archives. With the retirement of Morris Martin from UNT, who was instrumental in getting the Texas chapter established, there is an interest in moving forward with interviewing him and others.

Goal: Consider travel grant for paraprofessional, student, and/or recent graduate attendance at Texas Chapter meetings.
Progress made: A small task force has begun examining the travel grants of other chapters and similar groups, but has not yet decided on parameters for a travel grant of our own.

Goal: Consider establishing a regional repository for chapter archives, per the final report of the Archives Policies Task Force, and determine implications of such actions for the chapter.
Progress made: The University of North Texas has been determined as our new repository for Texas chapter archives, under the care and curation of Maristella Feustle, Music Special Collections Librarian there. We have been in contact with the MLA archives to transfer the archives to UNT, and are waiting for the transfer agreement to be signed by the MLA archivist and for the archives to arrive in Texas.

List of goals for the next year and how they relate to MLA Strategic Plan:

- Transfer Texas Chapter oral history content to MLA Archives, assess current state of the chapter's oral history activities, and determine next steps in collecting histories from the chapter's area of jurisdiction. (Goal Area: Organization Excellence (Objective 2))
- Establish travel grant for paraprofessional, student, and/or recent graduate attendance at Texas Chapter meetings. (Goal Area: Membership (Objective 1))
- Transfer chapter archives from MLA archives to UNT. (Goal Area: Organization Excellence (Objective 2))