TMLA Business Meeting Minutes
University of North Texas
October 28, 2006

Present: Cari Alexander, Donna Arnold, Keith Chapman, Hyeyoon Cho, Bruce Evans, Bruce D. Hall, Jean Harden, Ralph Hartsock, Mark McKnight, Morris Martin, Courtney Mlinar, Tina Murdock, Joan O'Connor, Tammy Ravas, Christopher Starcher, Sha Towers, Janell West

Chair-elect Sha Towers called the meeting to order at 11:25 a.m. and thanked the folks at UNT for hosting the chapter meeting.

Tammy moved to waive the reading of the minutes and Joan seconded. The minutes were approved. Keith gave the treasurer's report.

Sha then asked for institutional reports.

Bruce Evans described the program for the Music OCLC Users Group (MOUG) for the 2007 national meeting in Pittsburgh. He also reported that Baylor is looking to hire a project cataloger for their African-American gospel music collection.

Mark McKnight gave an update on the program for MLA 2007 national.

Bruce Hall reported that there are two cataloging positions open at Sam Houston – one for an original monographic cataloger and one for a serials cataloger. Both positions are faculty positions. SHSU has a new director of the School of Music.

Cari Alexander reported that TCU has received a bequest from the Heyer estate. She has been working closely with one the faculty pianists who is performing the complete cycle of the Beethoven piano sonatas. They are collaborating on library exhibits of materials relating to the sonatas being performed on the individual recitals.

Tina Murdock reported that Dallas Public Library has hired an archivist for the Dallas Symphony Orchestra materials. DPL also received a jazz grant jointly with UNT.

Keith reported that the circulation point in the Brown Fine Arts library at Rice has been closed and changes to the library catalog as well as the relocation of the rare materials and sound recordings has been successfully completed.

Joan asked if other state institutions were having problems with their acquisitions departments in regard to ordering and receiving materials on a timely basis.

The meeting then turned to task force reports.

Donna reported on the Oral History task force. They still need to get a list of questions together. She requested that members of TMLA propose questions to her by e-mail and she will put a list together. They are planning for Bruce to conduct the 1st interview with Judy Weidow.

Tina reported on the Membership task force. She handed out packets that contained the new membership materials – a copy of the new membership brochure, the membership handbook, and a CD-ROM that has a copy of the brochure and a database of all past and present members of TMLA/MLA. She also made numerous suggestions of ways current members could help recruit mew members to TMLA. The Texas Composers database is stalled due to some technology issues. There is a joint effort to create the Texas Composers database and the final list would appear on the website of the Texas Music Center. She noted that Whittle's music in Dallas had published a listing of Texas composers 40 years ago. The copyright is still owned by the heirs and they have given TMLA permission to republish this list.

Old business:

Bruce reported on the joint meeting with SEMLA. TMLA has accepted an invitation for a joint meeting with SEMLA in the fall of 2008. The meeting will be hosted by East Carolina University in Greenville, NC. The chair of the program committee will ask for volunteers from TMLA to serve on the program committee.

Tina reported on hosting MLA national in Texas. She is proposing to change the location from San Antonio to Dallas for the next open date which is 2011. There was much discussion about the proposed building projects in Dallas would be completed by that time and maybe we should wait for 2012. Sha is to have an informal chat with Bonna to find out how we go about making a more formal proposal to the board and also what other chapters may be bidding to host the national convention beginning in 2011.

New business:

A presentation of the new MLA Educational Outreach Program was given by Bruce Evans. It was finally decided to form a task force to explore how TMLA would implement this new MLA program. The task force is made up of Jean Harden of UNT, Joan O'Connor and Tammy Ravas of UH.

Joan O'Connor volunteered Houston as host for the 2007 fall chapter meeting.

Elections were then held for Vice-Chair/Chair Elect and Secretary/Treasurer. Nominees for Vice-Chair/Chair Elect were Tina Murdock and Christopher Starcher. Nominees for Secretary/Treasurer were Keith Chapman and Tammy Ravas. Tina was elected Vice-Chair/Chair Elect and Keith was elected Secretary/Treasurer.

A motion to adjourn the business was made by Tammy and seconded by Ralph. Sha adjourned the meeting at 1:10 p.m.