



# NOTES

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## *Theme and Variations*

Fall is a busy time for the dedicated VMAA Board of Directors, reviewing the very successful 2023 VMAC season and making plans for the coming year. Zoom meetings have made it possible to meet more often – up to once a month – to make VMAC better than ever.

Plans are being made for VMAC's 70<sup>th</sup> year celebration!! Commissions have been issued for art work, music compositions, updating the current logo to include reference to the event, updating the brochure and a memory book of stories and photos, with submissions from current and former participants. Input welcomed.

Very exciting news about the restoration of our harpsichord: Judy, our workshop coordinator, made contact with a harpsichord technician at the Little Valley Piano Company in East Rutherford, VT from whom we rent our grand piano. He trained in harpsichord restoration at Zuckerman Harpsichords, which is the maker of the kit from which our harpsichord was built. The restoration will be done over the winter.

In order to strengthen our enrollment, we are looking into submitting articles, especially including mention of our 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary, to appropriate magazines. Suggestions anyone??

Plans are under way to replace some of our music library that was damaged in storage last year before we found our current very satisfactory, local storage facility. We have contacted our insurance company regarding our coverage for this loss.

Happy holidays to all,

## **VMAA Board of Directors**

**Lois Tepfer**, president  
**Cecilia Sweeney**, vice president  
**Virginia Fitzgerald**, secretary  
**Diana Cole**, treasurer  
**Dick Franke**  
**Donna Kirshbaum**  
**Carol Louik**  
**Martin Miller**  
**Helene Resky**, *Notes* editor  
**Judy Terwilliger**, VMAC coordinator

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***Please share this with a friend  
who might like to come to  
wonderful VMAC!***

**VMAC 2024: June 30-July 21**

## 2023 VMAA Annual Meeting Minutes

The VMAA annual meeting was held over the course of three evenings on July 6, 13, and 20 (one in each week of the workshop) in order to reach all of our active participants. On July 6, Lois Tepfer, Cecilia Sweeney, Jinny Fitzgerald, and Helene Resky were present. On July 13, Cecilia Sweeney, Diana Cole, Donna Kirschbaum, and Barbara Lakota were present. On July 20, Cecilia Sweeney, Marty Miller, and Dick Franke were present. In addition, Judy Terwilliger, Workshop Coordinator and Trustee ex officio, was present at all three meetings. Lois Tepfer called the meeting to order on July 6th and Cecilia Sweeney led the meetings on July 13th and 20th.

At each meeting, the officiating board member welcomed all, especially newcomers, and explained the purpose of the meeting:

- a) to disseminate information
- b) to serve as a forum for ideas and discussion
- c) to prepare for the formation of the board.

### Structure of the Organization and Trustee Elections

The Vermont Music and Arts Association (VMAA) is the corporation whose sole job is to run VMAC, the workshop.

**Voting:** VMAA is run by a board of 9 members who each serve for 3 years, with 3 of them elected each year. This year the terms of Barbara Lakota, Lois Tepfer, and Dick Franke were up. Lois and Dick agreed to run again, but Barbara did not. Carol Louik was nominated to run for a seat on the Board. It was explained that, in order to nominate someone to the Board, that prospective candidate must be consulted first and agree to being nominated before that person's name may be offered as a nominee. A ballot with all nominees' names was sent by e-mail in September or by US mail to voters without e-mails. All votes were due in September.



**Treasurer's Report:** Diana Cole gave a brief financial report at the second week's meeting, noting that our investments have increased.

**Music Director's Report:** Barbara Jaffe, Music Director, spoke at each meeting noting that each week had gone extremely well and thanked all our coaches.

**Library:** At each meeting Cecilia Sweeney explained that management of the library has passed from Ken Johnson to Carol Louik and her and that Gael Abbasi will continue managing the music check-out/check-in procedure each week. Gael also reminded everyone of the music rummage sale.

**Participant Surveys:** Lois and Cecilia both stressed the importance of participants completing the online surveys because comments are taken very seriously by the Board.

**Discussion:** Leo Aponte, workshop manager, and Judy Terwilliger, workshop coordinator, were applauded for running the workshop smoothly this year.

At the July 13 meeting, Donna Kirschbaum made a presentation suggesting that people consider donating to VMAC as wonderful way to honor someone's memory, noting the recent passing of her husband and long-time revered participant, Lechaim Naggan. In addition, she suggested that people could consider making bequests to VMAC in their wills. Donors will be acknowledged on our website.

Diana Cole encouraged everyone to purchase VMAC paraphernalia.

At the first meeting a participant asked for clarification of the location of measure numbers for the WOWs. This will be made clearer on the VMAC website.

Judy explained the upcoming weekend meal schedule for times VMAC would not be using the dining halls: breakfast Saturday and breakfast and lunch Sunday.

Details for check-out were reviewed and all who were leaving each week were wished a safe journey home. Meeting adjourned each week at approximately 10:00 PM

*Respectfully submitted,  
Cecilia Sweeney, Vice President (July 6,20)  
Barbara Lakota, Secretary (July 13)  
Edited for length by Helene Resky*



## Election Results

Carol Louik and Dick Franke, previously appointed to the Board to complete Jeff Stewart's term, have been elected to the Board. Lois Tepfer has been re-elected. Board Officers Lois Tepfer and Cecilia Sweeney will continue as President and VP respectively. Jinny Fitzgerald is taking over as Secretary after Barbara Lakota's many faithful years in that role.

## Summer 2023

### 2024 Works of the Week

#### String works:

**Haydn** String Quartet in d minor, op. 76, no. 2 "Quinten"

**Dvorak** String Quartet in F major, op. 96 "American"

#### Piano/String works:

**Beethoven** Trio in B-flat major, op. 96 "Archduke"

#### Wind works:

**Holst** Wind Quintet in A-flat, op. 14, H.67

**Hindemith** Chamber Music for Five Woodwinds, op. 24, no. 2

**Hallam** Dance Suite for Wind Quintet

### How Bassoonists Spring Clean



### Potential VMACers in Your Community

Are you familiar with community orchestras and choruses in your area? Please help the Board advertise VMAC 2024 by sending the organizations' names and addresses (URL, email, or postal) to [VMACinfo@gmail.com](mailto:VMACinfo@gmail.com) so they can reach out. And don't forget to use the *very best* method of attracting wonderful new VMAC participants: word of mouth!

