



**Music Teachers' Association of California  
SAN FRANCISCO BRANCH**

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May, 2008

Dear Members,

**General Meeting To Be Scheduled:**

Thank you for those who have submitted their votes. The candidates for the board members have been accepted. However, the presidency and the by-law change have been nullified because they did not follow the directives of our branch by-laws. Therefore, we will have a special general meeting on **Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008, 3.p.m.** at the home of **Maya Gorodetsky**. The address is 1238 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 415-759-1444.

The purpose of the meeting will be to vote on a by-law change that will allow the president to serve one more year as interim president. A 2/3<sup>rd</sup> vote of those present at the meeting will determine the result of this by-law change. It is imperative that our members attend this meeting if they want their voice to be heard. Please note that this will be the only business conducted at the general meeting.

The reason for the by-law change is that no one has accepted to be on the ballot for president for the coming term. The branch board has been in close contact with the state board on this branch by-law issue, specifically with our branch liaison, Susan Clark, and state membership secretary, James Ramos.

Below please see in bold print the addition for the by-law change.

**Proposed By-law Change:**

Sec.1: The officers of this organization shall be: President, Vice-president, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Membership Secretary and four (4) Directors. Except for the president, the officers shall be elected for a term of one year or until their successors have been elected. The President shall be elected for a term of two years, with no more than 2 consecutive terms. After the two terms, he/she must step down for two years before serving on the Board of Directors again. **In the event that the position of president is not filled, the current president can continue on an interim basis for one additional year, only.** A corresponding secretary may be appointed by the President. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws and by the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised. It shall be the goal of the nominating committee to fill all eleven positions but finding this not possible a minimum of nine members may comprise the entire board.

## **Important Announcement on Reinstatements and New Applications**

The State Board recently approved the following policy:

New membership applications and reinstatement requests must be accurately completed and submitted to the State Office, postmarked on or before **August 1<sup>st</sup>** to be eligible for Certificate of Merit participation and other State Programs.

### **What this change means to current members:**

- 1) If a member's dues payment is not postmarked by August 1, MTAC membership is forfeited. (See Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 3.)
- 2) When membership is forfeited, a member needs to reinstate to have membership restored.
- 3) If a member reinstates after August 1, they will not be allowed to participate in Certificate of Merit or any other State Program for that academic year.

Members are strongly encouraged to send in their dues today.

-James Ramos-  
MTAC State Membership Secretary

### **Updates of Members:**

We welcome our new student member, **Teresa Yu**. Her instrument is piano. Her address is 2275 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue, San Francisco, CA, 94116; [spypianosf@yahoo.com](mailto:spypianosf@yahoo.com). Please make a note on your directory.

**Irina Carrenca** is transferring to the San Mateo Branch.

-Phyllis Pan-  
MTAC-SF Membership Secretary,

### **Upcoming events:**

#### **50% Opera Discount Subscription Tickets Offered. Wow! Check it Out!**

Let us thank opera orchestra violinist and MTAC member, Gerard Svazlian, who gave Scott Pratt discount forms to provide to the members. They are also available on the [www.sfopera.org](http://www.sfopera.org) website for downloading and printing.

**UPCOMING RECITALS, RECITALS, and more RECITALS....WOW!**

More Recitals- **May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008**—

*After school Keyboard Program Recital:* 2:00p.m.

*Student Recital (Last one for Spring):* 3:00 p.m.

*Adult Student Recital:* 4:00 p.m.

Where: All will take place at **St. Stephen's Church**

**General Meeting, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008;**

This will take place at **Maya Gorodetsky's** home at 3:00 p.m.. Her address is 1238 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue, San Francisco, CA, 94122. Her number is 759-1444. We look forward to seeing all you members there!

**Installation Dinner: June 22, 2008**

**Location and time: TBA**

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