

NECMT



THE NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE OF MUSIC THEORISTS

Minutes 2019 NECMT Meeting, McGill University

1. President's Welcome

Edward Gollin, President, calls the business meeting of NECMT to order.

2. Approval of 2018 Minutes

Jason Yust moves to approve the minutes, seconded by Will Mason.

3. Secretary's Report

Chris White, Secretary, outlines the membership trends over the last 8 years, and sees no significant decline in membership. He also notes that graduate student membership and participation has been strong, and that our program is 76% Graduate students and 24% faculty.

4. Treasurer's Report

In Justin Lundberg's absence, there was no treasurer's report. Information subsequently provided included the following financials for 2019:

Accounts:

Bank \$ 1,008.00

PayPal \$ 1,809.43

Total \$ 2,817.43

Expenses:

Jon Wild (NECMT 2019) \$ (180.00)

2019 Net: \$2637.43

5. Web Administrator's Report

There's a new version of the logo that includes southern Montreal!

6. President's Report

President Gollin thanks all for attending. In particular, thanks are directed towards McGill, the Schullich school of music, and Jon Wild for the momentum that went into

a meeting in Montreal. President Gollin also acknowledges Nicole Biamonte's work heading the program committee, along with Jason Hooper, Will Mason, and Catherine Nolan. It's pointed out that 2018 saw the first year that the program was chosen and assembled over Skype, which was a success. [Surely, no world event would intervene in the meantime to make this type of meeting commonplace and necessary.] President Gollin also thanks Justin Lundberg for his service as treasurer, and wishes him good luck in law school.

7. New Business

Nicole Biamonte begins a conversation about the potential to bring in more papers with with parallel parallel sessions. Jon Wild worries that parallel sessions create a feeling of anonymity within a regional conference, which is a sentiment echoed by Jason Yust, who in turn suggests that a mixed format might be considered. Edward Klorman adds that his experience suggests that parallel formats create hierarchies of papers and time slots. Ellen Bakulina brings up the idea of poster sessions as a way to bring in more participation, and Chris White suggests lightning talks.

On the topic of participation, Nathan Martin points out that NECMT doesn't necessarily have a lower acceptance rate; rather we get fewer submissions than other societies. Ed Klorman then says he values the smaller size of NECMT because it makes it accessible, although Jason suggests we can still preserve that feeling with higher participation.

The topic of lightening talks receives some discussion. Nicole Biamonte believe that lightning talks tend to have a bad "second-tier" reputation, and Nathan Martin wonders whether we can combat that by having more senior people give lightning talks.

Jon Wild asks which venues we are considering for next year. Patrick Miller has proposed University of Hartford, but it's potentially expensive.

The room thanks Ed Klorman for his service on local arrangements.

8. Adjournment

With no objection, the meeting is adjourned.