

Iowa City Preview

62nd Annual Chapter Meeting is October 16–18

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CALENDAR

July 6–11, 2003

IAML Annual Conference
Talinn, Estonia

October 16–18, 2003
Midwest Chapter MLA Annual Meeting
Iowa City, Iowa

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MLA Annual Meeting
Washington, D.C.

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The 62nd annual meeting of the Midwest Chapter of the Music Library Association will be held in Iowa City, October 16–18, 2003, with Ruthann McTyre and Grace Fitzgerald our “hostesses with the mostest.” The Sheraton Hotel in downtown Iowa City will serve as the conference headquarters, with Friday and Saturday sessions being held at the University of Iowa School of Music and the Rita Benton Music Library. Our opening reception will be sponsored by Theodore Front Musical Literature, Inc. with lively entertainment by the University of Iowa Steel Band. (FYI, the chapter chair-elect has promised, thankfully, NOT to show up disguised as any form of Iowa livestock.)

The Friday and Saturday sessions will focus on a variety of topics which the Program Committee trusts you will find both timely and stimulating. By popular demand, Kathryn Deiss, Director of the Strategic Learning Center of the Chicago Library System, has agreed to return to continue her musings on library planning and strategizing. Ms. Deiss’ session was one of the highlights of last October’s meeting. We have also invited Dr. Michael Harrington (Belmont University, Nashville, TN) to offer his insights on intellectual property rights. Dr. Harrington is Professor of Music Business in Belmont’s College of Business Administration. He is a composer, music theorist, and a lawyer who has earned a considerable reputation as an expert witness in copyright litigation. A panel of Midwest Chapter members will respond to Dr. Harrington’s remarks.

Following the annual business luncheon, Ms. Lisa Janicke Hinchliffe (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign) will lead a panel discussion on the assessment of reference services and information literacy programs.

As we all know, mid-October can be one of the most pleasant times of the year in the Midwest, so cross your fingers for nice weather! We are planning a trip to the Amana Colonies on Friday afternoon for a tour, some pre-holiday shopping, dinner, and local brew tasting.

Saturday’s sessions will continue the assessment theme, focusing on the physical assessment of music collections with Leslie Troutman and Esther Gillie (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign), and concluding with an open discussion of assessment issues.

Members of the Program Committee are Robert Delvin (Illinois Wesleyan University), chair; Ruthann McTyre (University of Iowa), local arrangements; Leslie Troutman (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign); and Don Widmer (VanderCook College of Music). The committee and the University of Iowa invite you to Iowa City and the 62nd annual chapter meeting. We hope that you will mark your calendars and plan to attend what promises to be a timely and productive conference!

— Robert Delvin, Illinois Wesleyan University
for the Program Committee

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From the Chair...

It looks as though spring is finally here in Ann Arbor and I hope that the weather change is coming to all of the Midwest. It was a long, cold winter, but now things are looking great (although most of my grass was killed by the months of ice covering the ground).

It was great to see so many of you at MLA in Austin. We missed those of you who were not able to attend for whatever reason, and we hoisted a few in your honor! Over 50 chapter members came to the meeting on Valentine's Day evening. The talk included discussions about a dues increase (none for the moment), voting at chapter meetings, and issues surrounding the choice of hotel for the 2004 meeting in St. Louis.

We are continuing the Library School Outreach Project, which involves visits to library schools in the Midwest Chapter every other year to let the students know that we are here to help them even if they are not in a strictly music setting. Chapter members residing near library schools are needed for this work; if you are interested please contact Lynne Weber. This is a great way to bring word of our wonderful group of people to a new audience. (See related stories on pages 3 and 5.)

There has been discussion about changing the name of the Retirees Scholarship, since it is not for retirees, but rather to honor them by assisting students to come to chapter meetings. I would appreciate input from you about a possible change. Any ideas are welcome, including a decision to leave well enough alone. I am certainly not wedded to the idea of change for change's sake.

As you can read in Bob Delvin's preview in this issue, plans are moving along for a great chapter meeting in Iowa City, so remember to keep October 16–18 open! Final plans will be in the next *Midwest Note-Book*. Have a terrific summer, and see you in Iowa City!

— Richard LeSueur, Ann Arbor District Library

PUBLICATIONS

John Anderies' "Ethel Louise Lyman and the Beginnings of the Indiana University Music Library," a paper presented at the 2001 Midwest Chapter meeting, was published in *Notes*, vol. 59, no. 2 (December 2002).

Mary Wallace Davidson (Indiana University): "Indiana University's William and Gayle Cook Music Library: An Introduction," in *Notes*, vol. 59, no. 2 (December 2002).

Richard Griscom (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign): "Distant Music: Delivering Audio over the Internet," in *Notes*, vol. 59, no. 3 (March 2003).

Mark Palkovic (University of Cincinnati), compiler: *Harp Music Bibliography Supplement: Compositions for Solo Harp and Harp Ensemble*. Lanham, MD: Scarecrow Press, 2002.

Brad Short (Washington University): "Prices of Music Monographs and Scores as Reflected in *Notes*, 1996-2001," in *Notes*, vol. 59, no. 2 (December 2002).

NEWS WANTED!

Do you have news of interest to chapter members? Probably! New job? Publication? Significant library acquisition? Submit it for inclusion in the next *Midwest Note-Book*. Committee chairs: update us on projects and activities. Retirees: we would love to hear from you. The newsletter is the best way we can all stay informed! See address for submissions on this page.

NEW MEMBERS

Jana Borchardt,

Reference Librarian,
Evangel University;
Student, Emporia
State University

Andrea Imrae, Student,
University of Illinois at
Urbana-Champaign

Jennifer McIntosh,
Student, Dominican
University and
Northwestern
University

Cornelius Pereira,
Student, University of
Illinois at Urbana-
Champaign

Don Reams, Assistant
Music Librarian and
Student, Baldwin-
Wallace College

Russell J. Tinkham,
Performing Arts
Librarian, University of
Akron

BRIEFLY NOTED

Richard LeSueur (Ann Arbor District Library), chapter chair, has been elected a member-at-large of the MLA Board of Directors. Also serving on the MLA Board from the chapter is **Alan Green** (Ohio State University).

Stacie Traill (University of Minnesota) was a recipient of the Kevin Freeman Award Travel Grant to attend the Austin MLA meeting.

Northern Illinois University Libraries announces the acceptance of the cello music collection of the late Raya Garbousova, former professor of cello at NIU and the Hartt School of Music. Her teachers included Pablo Casals and Diran Alexanian. The collection includes many pieces with Garbousova's handwritten annotations and works dedicated to her. For more information, see <http://www.niulib.niu.edu/rbsc/garbousova.html>.

Odyssey of a Music Librarian

Chapter's Outreach to Library Schools Makes a Difference

In 1998, with a grant from the national MLA, the Midwest Chapter initiated its Library School Outreach Project, wherein a representative of the chapter travels to Midwest campuses to promote the profession and MLA. Todd O'Connor was a full-time high school music teacher when he met chapter chair Lynn Gullickson during her visit to the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in 1999. Here Todd tells how that experience inspired him to take the first step in his journey to a new career.

I have been working in libraries all my life. In grade school I dusted shelves and stamped date due cards as a school library aide. In high school I was a clerk in the school bookstore and a shelver at the village library. I was excited to move up to the circulation desk and to process books (well, put clear contact paper on paperbacks) as my work there progressed. In college, as a music education major, I was a student worker assigned to the music collection of Buswell Memorial Library at Wheaton College in Wheaton, IL. The summer before student teaching I worked full-time in the music collection. Under the direction of the former music librarian (who had become head of public services), I processed music items (lots of pambinding and labeling) and learned how to do copy and original cataloging of scores and compact discs—ambitious tasks for a novice like me! I eagerly attacked each project and began to think that, with all my music and library experience, I just might like to be a music librarian someday...

After my final semester of student teaching, I returned to my home town of Milwaukee, and taught both choral and instrumental music at a private high school for six years. About halfway through that time, I started collecting college and university catalogs that detailed graduate programs in library and information science. I had no idea when I could or would break away from teaching and give my dream a chance. Then, early one week in the cold spring of 1999, I e-mailed the assistant dean of the School of Library and Information Science at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. When I inquired about music librarianship, he immediately shared two things. First, UWM had a 54-credit coordinated degree program for

library science and music, concurrently granting an MLIS with an MM in music history. Second, on Friday afternoon of that very week, a representative from the Midwest Chapter of the Music Library Association was visiting campus to talk about music librarianship. Could this be the moment I had been waiting for?

I quickly arranged for a personal half-day from teaching to meet Lynn Gullickson, who was touring campuses to promote music librarianship as part of the Midwest Chapter's outreach program. She spoke to a small group about the profession and MLA, distributing brochures and materials to take with us as we considered our futures. As she spoke, I remember feeling like I was on the edge of something exciting, something that I had been anticipating for a very long time. Lynn rekindled my desire to pursue this second career.

Over the next month, things began to fall into place to make it a reality. The UWM SLIS (now SOIS) would accept my application anytime, and my high school alma mater asked me to teach part-time, so I resigned my full-time teaching job. It was as if my career choices were divinely ordained and providentially played out before my very eyes! During the summer of 1999 I jumped into course work and continued full-time for three years, while teaching two choirs in the mornings. I also worked several hours each week at the UWM Music Library, gaining invaluable experience in an academic library setting. I have attended three Midwest Chapter meetings and was a proud recipient of the 2001 Retirees Scholarship.

Today I am finishing a music history master's thesis, interviewing for librarian positions, and ready to graduate into the world of academic music librarianship. I wish to thank Lynn Gullickson for the impetus she gave me to pursue a career in music librarianship, and I encourage the Midwest Chapter to continue to reach out to those who may be interested in this unique and noble profession.

— Todd O'Connor

The outreach project continues. See page 5 for an update.

2003 MLA Annual Meeting

Midwest Chapter Members “get down” in Austin!



Leslie Troutman and “bovine” friend Bob Delvin



Mike Duffy and Alan Green in the MLA Big Band



Steve Wright at MOUG



“Lone Ranger” Joe Hafner



Mary Huismann at the poster sessions



“Getting down” at the banquet and costume contest

— Photos by Rebecca Littman and Joe Hafner

Minutes of the Austin Chapter Meeting

Friday, 14 February 2003

- 1. The Midwest Chapter met on Friday evening, 14 February 2003 at the Renaissance Hotel, Austin Texas, with 52 members present and chair Richard LeSueur presiding.**
- 2. Possible change in name for "Retirees Scholarship"**

There is a need to rename the "Retirees Scholarship" to make it less confusing. Several possibilities were discussed. The Executive Committee will decide on the new name after gathering input from the membership.
- 3. Voting at meetings**

During the past few years, voting has been allowed at the business meeting in addition to the mail ballot. The bylaws currently allow only a mail ballot in advance of the annual chapter meeting. It is not possible to revise the bylaws from this discussion since revisions need to be initiated by the Bylaws Committee. The general consensus was to enforce the bylaws as they stand, and not allow voting at the meeting. Richard will send out a message via MWMLA-L prior to the meeting to remind the membership of this plan.
- 4. Dues increase**

We currently do not need a dues increase, but if the Chapter proceeds with several planned projects there will likely be a need for increased dues. Upcoming projects include the Chapter Oral History project and the Library School Outreach project. Other potential expenses include production of a new membership brochure and publication of the updated Automation Directory. In addition, Western Michigan University may no longer be picking up the production and mailing costs for the newsletter. We have been very fortunate the last few years that the editors' institutions have completely covered production and mailing costs. The general consensus seemed to indicate that an online-only newsletter in .pdf format was acceptable. Printed copies could be mailed to those without internet access (primarily retired members). At this time, server space is not an issue. A dues increase will be revisited at the annual Chapter meeting, when we hope to have more specific information as to costs associated with upcoming projects.
- 5. Other business**
 - MLA President Laura Dankner greeted the membership and expressed a desire to attend a Midwest Chapter meeting.
 - The Local Arrangements Committee has been formed for the 2004 Chapter meeting in St. Louis (Brad Short, Mark Scharff, Therese Dickman, Allen Hoffman, Charles Croissant). The committee is currently mulling over several options for hotel and meeting sites, and solicited opinions from the membership. A lively discussion ensued over location, amenities, costs and transportation.
 - An invitation for the 2005 meeting has been extended to the Chapter by the University of Kentucky.
 - The Nominations Committee (Holling Smith-Borne, Joe Hafner, Don Widmer) are seeking candidates for the office of Secretary-Treasurer.
- 6. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,
– Mary Huismann
Secretary-Treasurer**

Outreach Project Update

Visits Slated for Six Library Schools

The Midwest Chapter's outreach project to library schools continues with visits to six campuses and wider participation by chapter members who have volunteered to visit a library school near them.

Begun with a grant from the national MLA in 1998, the project involves visits by representatives of the chapter to Midwestern library schools, with the purpose of informing students about the profession and to promote MLA and the chapter. In light of positive responses from participants and other evidence of the program's effectiveness, the chapter decided in 2002 to continue the program beyond its initial funding.

According to Lynne Weber, chair of the Membership Committee, which oversees the project, the intent is to visit each library school every other year. This year visits will be made to the University of Milwaukee (Madison and Milwaukee campuses), Kent State (Kent and Columbus campuses), the University of Michigan (Ann Arbor), and Dominican University.

Initially, visits in the outreach project were made primarily by chapter chairs. In order to reduce travel requirements and to expand participation in the program, visits will now be made by volunteer chapter members who are conveniently situated to the schools. Making this year's visits are Michael Duffy, Alan Green, Jack Knapp, Geri Laudati, Richard LeSueur, and Rebecca Littman.

Additional volunteers are being sought for future visits. Chapter members interested in participating should contact Lynne Weber at lynne.weber@mnsu.edu.

MIDWEST CHAPTER OF THE MUSIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

Terms expire in October of the year indicated.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chair: Richard LeSueur (Ann Arbor District Library), 2003 (Past Chair, 2004)
Past Chair: vacant
Chair-Elect: Robert C. Delvin (Illinois Wesleyan University), 2003 (Chair, 2005; Past Chair, 2006)
Secretary-Treasurer: Mary Huismann (University of Minnesota), 2003
Newsletter Editor: Greg Fitzgerald (Western Michigan University), 2003
Webmaster: Rebecca Littman (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee), 2003

2003 Local Arrangements Committee

Ruthann McTyre (University of Iowa), Chair
Grace Fitzgerald (University of Iowa)

STANDING COMMITTEES

Bylaws

(One-year terms; members may be reappointed)
Beth Christensen (St. Olaf College), Chair, 2005
Richard LeSueur (Ann Arbor District Library), ex officio, 2003

Membership

(Three-year terms; members may be reappointed; Chair serves year as Chair-Elect, two years as Chair, one year as Past Chair)
Lynne Weber (Minnesota State University, Mankato), Chair, 2004
Keith Cochran (Ball State University), 2005
Michael J. Duffy (Northern Illinois University), 2005
Mary Huismann (University of Minnesota), ex officio, 2003
Richard LeSueur (Ann Arbor District Library), 2004
Sheridan Stormes (Butler University), 2005
Stacie Traill (University of Minnesota), 2005

Nominating

(One-year terms; members may not serve consecutive terms)
Holling Smith-Borne (DePauw University), Chair, 2003
Joe Hafner (Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library), 2003
Don Widmer (VanderCook College of Music), 2003

Program

(One-year terms; members may be reappointed)
Robert C. Delvin (Illinois Wesleyan University), Chair, 2003
Ruthann McTyre (University of Iowa), 2003
Leslie Troutman (University of Illinois), 2003
Don Widmer (VanderCook College of Music), 2003

Publications

(Three-year terms; members may be reappointed; Chair serves one year as Chair-Elect, two years as Chair, one year as Past Chair)
Ruthann McTyre (University of Iowa), Chair, 2003
Ruth Inman (Kennedy-King College), Past Chair, 2003
Therese Zoski Dickman (Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville), 2003
Michael J. Duffy (Northern Illinois University), 2005
Laura Gayle Green (University of Missouri-Kansas City), 2003
Wendy Sistrunk (University of Missouri-Kansas City), 2005

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Cataloging

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Joe Hafner (Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library), Chair, 2005
Patty Falk (Bowling Green State University), Past Chair, 2005
Jill Garbs (Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville), 2005
Jeff Gibbens (Southern Illinois University-Carbondale), 2005
Mary Huismann (University of Minnesota), 2005
Sandy Roe (Minnesota State University, Mankato), 2005
Kerri Scannell (University of Kentucky), 2005
Wendy Sistrunk (University of Missouri-Kansas City), 2003

Public Services

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Holling Smith-Borne (DePauw University), Past Chair, 2003
Bonna Boettcher (Bowling Green State University), 2005
Conie Borchardt (University of St. Thomas), 2005
Deborah Davis (University of Chicago), 2005
Robert Delvin (Illinois Wesleyan University), 2005
Therese Zoski Dickman (Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville), 2005
Greg Fitzgerald (Western Michigan University), 2005
Esther Gillie (University of Illinois), 2005
Christine Kubiak (Illinois State University), 2004
Rebecca Littman (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee), 2005
Brad Short (Washington University), 2004
Sheri Stormes (Butler University), 2005
Don Widmer (VanderCook College of Music), 2005

Technology, Archives, Preservation, and Sound (TAPS)

(Three-year terms; members may be reappointed; Chair serves one year as Chair-Elect, two years as Chair, one year as Past Chair)
Don Widmer (VanderCook College of Music), Chair, 2005
Donna Campbell (Indiana University), 2005
Andrew Leach (Center for Black Music Research), 2005
Karen Little (University of Louisville), 2005
Linda Mack (Andrews University), 2005
Suzanne Mudge (Indiana University), 2005
Charles Reynolds (University of Michigan), 2005
Wendy Sistrunk (University of Missouri-Kansas City), 2005