Northern California Chapter, American Musicological Society
Business Meeting Minutes

Saturday, February 8, 2020
University of the Pacific

Present: Jessie Ann Owens (President), Heather Hadlock (Vice President), Alice Miller Cotter (Secretary-Treasurer), Pierpaolo Polzonetti (chapter representative), and about 30 chapter members.

The meeting was called to order at 1:45PM.

Jessie Ann Owens announced the spring meeting on May 2-3 at UC Davis. She presented information about the Dahl Award competition for best graduate student paper and explained the bylaws change: we’re no longer doing a joint meeting with the Pacific Southwest, but rather alternating with them to host and fund the Dahl award.

Jessie Ann Owens discussed the need for an election for Secretary-Treasurer at the spring meeting or by email after the meeting. She asked for nominations. Heather Hadlock will continue as Vice President.

She explained problems with the chapter’s website issues and issues regarding governance and told members that their dues go toward paying for refreshments and the website. The old website cannot be changed, but there will be a new website cloning the old one that can be updated.

Neither student rep was in attendance, but Jessie Ann Owens nevertheless discussed changing the format for future meetings. She invited alternative papers or sessions with ethnomusicology or theory. Some ideas include books in progress talks; career-related issues featuring on-musicologists; respondents; current situations like copyright law; practical issues like E-publishing; pedagogy; and new mediums like digital history/humanities and podcasts.

She confirmed that Parkorn’s colloquium lists are great. She and Alice Miller Cotter will create a calendar timeline with job duties.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:59 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Alice Miller Cotter.