

VANATS – Report from Brian Nedvin, President

**Overall:** We have a lot of consistency in leadership, only turning over the position of Secretary and 1 member-at-large. Our numbers were down because we had to move our District Auditions event to an earlier time in the year, but we have taken great pains to get the message out in a monthly letter from the President (that’s me). When we do have a turn-over, we have a procedure manual that clearly states the responsibilities of the officers including a timeline. This procedure manual is on our google doc site, so we are able to update it when needed.

Our conference, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> went really well and ran smoothly. Susan Braden did a most excellent job running the conference and we had Damian Perkins as our Master class technician. Damian has a lot of Broadway experience singing in Aida and Rent, and appeared on *CSI: Miami*, *Family Matters*, *Charmed*, *Providence*, *The Net*, *The Sentinel*, etc. His master classes were very well attended and he was engaging, inspiring, and funny.

Next year we’re holding our Conference earlier (2/2 and 2/3) so this may avoid conflicts with MD/DC’s District Auditions event.

**Treasurers report:** VANATS is in the black, despite having fewer students participate this year, again, due to the conference happening earlier. We started a fund that would generate income for our superlative awards, and we were able to give out superlative awards this year despite the fund not generating enough at this time. We will continue to add money to the fund. We have increased funding to the host institution to take some of the financial burden off the institution, including up to \$1,500.00 to tune the pianos, and we have reinstated providing lunches for everyone. We’re not happy with Pay Pal, and we’re looking into Square Space (after hearing about it at the Regional Conference).

Greg Parker is our membership secretary and of note, besides having ten new members, we started a mentoring program where Greg reaches out to old members and introduces them to the new members. We do this with people in the same geographic area and this has been working out well, integrating new members into the fold.

Our Technology Advisor, Kathleen Bell, reports that our membership is keying into our NATS website and our Facebook page, so we are continuing to work on creating ways to reach our membership. We have discussed other forms of social media, but have not added anything else.

**Officers:**

VA Governor: Chris Mooney  
President: Brian Nedvin  
Past President: Dorothy Maddison  
Vice-President: Susan Braden  
Secretary: Nancy MacArthur Smith  
Treasurer: Alison T. Rizzuto  
Technology Advisor: Kathleen Bell

**Members at large:**

Cynthia Donnell  
Kathryn Hearden  
Byron Jones  
Kevin McMillan  
Gregory Parker  
Anne Wick