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2020 -2021 Chapter Officers:

**Chair: Wayne Myers
Vice Chair: Jim Kracht
Secretary: Julie Morlock
Treasurer: Bob Yates
Chair Emeritus: Mary Ellen Myers**

Committee

**Librarian: Wayne Finger
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Newsletter: Mary-Ann Hostetler
Reporter: Howard Sanford
Webmaster: Clay Witt**

**Upcoming
Chapter
Events.**

**See
Vice Chair
Suggestions
below.**

Chairpersons' Message:



I would thank the chapter on a smooth transition of our officers from our long serving Chair, Jack & Treasurer Clay and reinstatement of the other positions for 2022. While it has been a challenge to hold meetings via ZOOM, all have been helpful & patient.

Also we have given Jim an especially challenging job of arranging future meetings with our sister organizations if not just SE Chapter.

Likewise Bob Yates is taking on the task of setting up our financials with a new bank as Wells Fargo has not met our needs. More to follow on that from Bob.

Special Exhibits, Chaired by my Mary Ellen & supported by the committee continues to thrive. There is a forth coming article in the "Outreach Corner" section of the MBSI journal covering the 8th Christmas Holiday event at The Villages in Florida.

And a big thanks to B. Bronson coverage of the Fort Myers convention in the current Journal.

Julie reports that our SE membership is holding at just over 100. Thanks to all for keeping the Music Going.

Your Grateful Chair,
Wayne Myers

Chapter Meeting (by Julie Morlock)



The winter meeting of the Southeast Chapter was held February 8, 2022 by Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm by Chair Jack Hostetler. The minutes of the previous meeting, held November 15, 2021 by Zoom, were approved as printed in the last issue of The Southeast Rag. **Membership Report:** Julie Morlock reported that the chapter currently had 101 memberships. Dues notices were sent out in December; 22 members still owed dues and Julie would be sending reminders. She hopes to print a new directory by the end of March. **Treasurer's Report:** Clay Witt reported that due to issues getting Wells Fargo to change the officers and co-signers on the chapter bank account, it has been decided to move the chapter account to Bank of America. He has prepared a financial statement through the end of 2021, and is saving things for Bob Yates to handle in 2022. As of December 31, 2021 the chapter assets were \$8,793.23 (\$4,527.05 in the checking account and a table favor inventory of \$4,266.18). The net operating loss for the year was \$3,689.96 due to lack of income from live chapter meetings, the Tervis inventory write off, and losses on the cost of table favors (National only reimburses \$20.00 for each favor given out at the annual meeting and ours cost \$33.30 to produce). Wayne Myers pointed out that the costs for the table favors included shipping and transportation costs, and noted that Mary Ellen Myers had sold over 25 table favors since the annual meeting. Clay asked that any checks for table favors and any reimbursements be sent to Bob Yates. Jack Hostetler reminded everyone that the table favors make great gifts, and Jim Kracht said he would be buying several. **Unfinished Business:** Carol Beck reported that former chapter member Joe Berman had passed away on December 18th, and David Beck talked about Joe's significant contributions to MBSI. Various members discussed his accomplishments. **New Business:** Jack Hostetler passed the gavel to Wayne Myers as the new Chapter Chair. Wayne then presented Jack with a plaque thanking him for his service as Chapter Chair for the last 3 years. Wayne Myers presented Clay Witt with a certificate of appreciation for his many years of service as chapter Treasurer. Wayne also presented chapter member Jerry Hone a certificate of appreciation for his contributions to Special Exhibits at The Villages, and he and Jack Hostetler shared photos of automata that Jerry had built and exhibited. **Upcoming Meetings:** Vice Chair Jim Kracht reported that he had contacted Jamie Brewer about a possible meeting in Tuscaloosa, AL in the spring, but Jamie felt that Covid issues in his area did not make a meeting possible this year. Jim will pursue the idea of setting up a meeting in combination with an organ rally in Lake Winnie, GA in May; he will also pursue a possible meeting in central Florida at some point this year. Wayne asked Jim to send out an email surveying members as to interest in these meetings. A motion was made and approved to send \$75.00 to the national Endowment Fund in memory of Joe Berman. Julie Morlock reported that Barry Napshin had asked her to mention that he is selling his collection; he has sent his collection to Donley Auction Company (Union, IL) for sale in April. Wayne Myers noted that B Bronson did an excellent job with his article about the 2021 Annual Meeting in Fort Myers, which appeared in the January/February issue of the Journal. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

VICE CHAIR -JIM KRACHT

Hello SE Chapter MBSI Members:

The need to get together, to visit, talk mechanical music and hang out has long since arrived. Like all of you, I too am totally sick of the limitations and obstacles we are all dealing with because of Covid. I had very much hoped that we would meet in Saint Cloud FL in early February and of course, I was very disappointed with the COAA decision to cancel that meeting.

Yes, we truly do need to set up and have an in person get together. I had hoped the Lake Winnie GA organ rally in Roseville GA might afford us an appropriate opportunity, but I think that Covid is

not quite there yet for many of our members, and we need to pick the place that will get the biggest turnout that we can get after all of this time.

So my suggestions are 3, with either of the first 2 being my preference.

1. Central Florida, East Coast, with an emphasis on Orlando, Titusville, Merrit Island, Winter Garden, and Longwood. We have several opportunities for collection visits, at least 4 come to mind right now, including mine which is music boxes and our Chair's in Longwood.
2. Central Florida West Coast, Sarasota area. This would concentrate on the Myers' condo there and much of what we were able to do the last time we were there. Wayne and Mary Ellen have offered to put this one together and a grand time would be had by all.
3. We could return to the Atanta Dahloga area and there focus on the David and Carol Beck collection and that of Craig Darlak. Good food would be available in the spirit of true GA hospitality.

Please communicate your preferences for either **late Sept. or early Oct. and which of the 3 locations you would prefer, to Julie Morlock (sembasi @ yahoo.com) ASAP**. Also, all comments on additional choices or ideas "are more than welcome and would be greatly appreciated."

Much thanks.

Jim Kracht

Vice-Chair

SE MBSI Chapter



The Library by Wayne Finger

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