

Governing Board Call 11/20/05

*Bruce Ridge, Laura Ross, Richard Levine, James Nickel, Nancy Stutsman, Steve Lester, Meredith Snow, Len Leibowitz,
Michael Moore, Jan Gippo*

Jan was late to the call so Bruce began with a progress report on his activities.

- He will travel St. Louis tomorrow (Monday - 11/21/05) to attend an orchestra committee meeting with Tom Lee, Laura Brownell, and Linda Patterson. He will also attend a meeting with Tom Lee, Linda Patterson and Laura Brownell and Local 2-197 President Vicky Smolick and the entire executive board. He'll report back to the board when he returns.
- He reported on the transfer of moderator status for Orchestra-L and Delegate-L – Paul Gunther is learning the ropes. Happily Yahoo has not shown to be problematic and Paul and Bruce are identifying all the subscribers. If someone changes an e-mail addresses, that person should subscribe with the new address and notify Bruce or Paul to remove the old address.
- Bruce reported that we are still looking for a new webmaster. Richard asked that MALs contact their delegates and orchestras for possible candidates. The website needs to be maintained as is and then the committee will be updating the site. Meredith asked for a job description – Richard will supply one to the MALs.
- He reported on the progress of setting up calls for the negotiating orchestras – there are 18 orchestras negotiating. Those who have responded are pleased we are beginning so early.
- ICSOM promotional items (pencils, stickers) – Len said he has a friend in the business and will ask him about ideas.

Other:

- *ICSOM Directory* & December *Senza* updates – November 15 deadline. Seven orchestras have not contacted Richard about updating the Directory and will either delay publication or old information will be included. He plans to open the website next week for corrections. He's having issues with the printer and is considering moving it back to Milwaukee. The first issue has been mailed.
- Puerto Rico – Len reported recent communication with José Martin. The orchestra and the Union are in court over attempts to turn them into a governmental institution, which would take away the legal right of the musicians to bargain with the employer through the Union. He reported that the Philadelphia Orchestra is on the program to perform during the Casals Festival. José asked Len come in December for a few days. Len recommended that ICSOM and the AFM should be there as well. Bruce and Jan will come in as well.
- Status of AFM Pension Trustee recommendation – Jan will submit Brian Rood's name as ICSOM's choice for rank-and-file trustee. Jan will speak with the PCCs about who they are recommending.
- There was a suggestion to study the influence of Mellon on the orchestra industry. Len said he would be happy to speak to Richard Hackman and see if he thinks this is worth investigating, what questions he would ask, how he would go about doing a study. Jan wants to be involved in the call.
- Conference DVDs – We will announce they are available and send them to those orchestras which contact Bob Rydel. It was suggested we put an announcement on Delegate-L.
- Radio City settlement was overwhelmingly approved, orchestra went back to work on Friday pending ratification.

Jan said conference topics will concern musicians on boards.

Mid-winter will be at the Sheraton. James will forward the information.

Richard mentioned that Savannah musicians are trying to re-form and are asking for advice. He will forward the information to Len.

Conference and mid-winter meeting topics should be sent to Laura.

Michael asked that MALs remind delegates that dues are due December 31.