

ICSOM Governing Board Call 9.25.05

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

Rapid Response team – Bruce, Laura, and Jan will draft and Len will proof. Letters can be sent if Len approves it and time is of the essence.

Hurricane concerts/projects – any activities regarding assistance to Katrina victims are being compiled for a press release to be posted on Orchestra-L and other locations. These include fundraisers for the Louisiana Phil, as well as concerts to raise funds for the AFM fund, the Red Cross and other support organizations, even successes in fundraising during concerts and “passing the hat”. Information concerning the hiring of LPO musicians should also be included. All MALs will send information of any projects accomplished by ICSOM orchestras to their delegates. We need to build a mailing list for press release distribution.

Self-Produced Meeting – Steve Lester reported on the self-produced recording sub-committee meeting with Gary Hanson, Michael Bronson, Bill Thomas and attorney Martin Oppenheimer for the managers and AFM representatives Laura Brownell, Debbie Newmark, Bill Foster, Steve Lester, and attorneys George Cohen and Trish Polach. The committee further explored the AFM proposal and discussed a proposal from the managers. Bill Foster is in the process of reporting to the media committee. While progress is very slow, the AFM sub-committee is pleased by the discussion that took place and more meetings involving the entire Media Committee will take place in the near future.

There was a brief discussion about the status of New Jersey’s settlement.

Florida Phil visit/New World Symphony – Jan has been talking to Laura Brownell to encourage her to visit the area and begin working on the relationship between the orchestra and Local. Once this has occurred, ICSOM, along with the AFM, would like to schedule a meeting with the FL Phil musicians and the Local to explore various ideas; however, at this point, response from influential FL Philharmonic musicians has been less than encouraging. Hopefully this will change.

Additionally, we’d like to schedule a meeting with the New World Symphony to discuss the fence agreement as it relates to this situation.

Website – Orchestra-L and Delegate-L hosting has been switched to Yahoogroups.com. While it’s taken longer to switch than Bruce had hoped, he believes it’s now heading in a good direction. Len reported that SSD has offered to serve as moderator of Orchestra-L. Delegate-L has no moderator. ICSOM would like to tie moderator and webmaster positions together. Candidates for the position were discussed. Bruce reported that Paul Gunther has expressed an interest in working with Robert Levine on ICSOM archival projects.

Puerto Rico update – Len is still waiting to hear back from their attorney. Currently there is no bargaining, and the orchestra is unsure that they have bargaining rights. Len will update the board via e-mail.

Midwinter scheduling – The meeting will be held in Dallas and will begin Sunday Jan. 8th (in the evening) and all day (beginning at 8:30AM until 6PM) on the 9th. Everyone is asked to check flight availability.

Nominating Committee timeline: Feb. 1st nominating committee in place, March 10th incumbents announce their intentions, March 15 1st public notice, May 15th - 2nd public notice, June 15th – final slate presented. *Adopted as policy*

Committee discussion and assignments:

Healthcare Database – James (chair) has begun compiling information he believes the database should include. Richard Levine is also on the committee. They will report on their progress at the mid-winter meeting.

Code of Ethics Touring/Residencies – Jan Gippo, Bruce Ridge and Laura Ross will serve for ICSOM. Each conference will come up with rough drafts prior to a group meeting with ROPA and OCSM. Board members are encouraged to update our IEB members as we progress.

Oral History/Videotape – Michael (chair) announced the members of the committee – Bob Rydel, Tom Hall, Laura Ross, Julie Ayer, and Robert Levine. Tom Hall has compiled a list of prominent ICSOM people that should be interviewed. The committee will investigate various means of distributing interviews (CDs, DVDs, podcasts, etc.), and are in the process of seeking permission to include previously-recorded interviews in this project.

Jan asked that a list of questions to be assembled for distribution to each delegate to use when interviewing their own orchestra members.

Additionally, Richard will make copies of the 2005 ICSOM Conference DVDs to send to the rest of the board.

Financial Database – Henry will continue to serve but felt an officer needed to be “chair”. Bruce has agreed to serve.

James asked the next call begin with scheduling in case someone has to leave before the call ends. Once everyone is on the phone, it will be first on the agenda.

Wednesday, October 26

9PM EDT/8PM CDT/6PM PDT