

## **ICSOM Governing Board Call October 29, 2007**

*Bruce Ridge, Brian Rood, Laura Ross, Michael Moore, Richard Levine, Paul Gunther, Cathy Payne, Meredith Snow, Len Leibowitz, James Nickel (excused)*

**1. Florida and Jacksonville negotiation updates** – The Florida Orchestra negotiations are on hold while the new executive director gets up to speed and has the books audited (by the CFO from Pittsburgh). It will be a few more weeks until any possible resolution there.

There are threats of a lockout in Jacksonville (the orchestra is in “play and talk” with 7 day notice required.)

Len reports some good news that Florida defines a difference between lockout and strike. If the musicians are locked out they would be able to collect unemployment.

Brian reported that Fort Worth has just applied to the Strike Fund.

**2. Communication** - There was a long discussion about all the various people and groups we must keep in contact with. It has been suggested and embraced by Bruce that we widen the net of communication by adding other governing board members to various calls.

Bruce is an articulate, strong voice who speaks for the board and is in constant communication with the board. We fully support him as our leader.

Additionally since Bruce became Chair, he has tried to have a more inclusive relationship with the other Player Conferences, however this continues to have its successes and failures. We hope we can identify ways to improve all these relationships and will continue to reach out.

- Media Committee member access to Delegate-L – Members of the committee, whether orchestra committee chairs or not, may be granted access.

### **3. AFM Media Summit**

**a. potential meeting with Tom Lee** – Tom Lee wants to schedule a meeting in Arlington on Nov. 11 at 5PM, which Bruce and Laura can attend. Brian doesn't arrive until 6PM but is trying to change his flight.

**b. agenda** – FIM funding is a topic we'd like to discuss but there is no set agenda.

**c. attendees** – The list from Brownell and SSD is incomplete as it does not include orchestras she and Bruce previously discussed. It still looks like they have not been invited. We have no idea who is coming from ROPA and many orchestras and locals have chosen not to participate for various reasons.

**d. errors in planning** – They are trying to put together a reception the evening before, and we have no idea what the agenda will be. Bruce said he's interested in hearing what other orchestras have to say.

There was a discussion about national contracts, local contracts and if orchestras believe that recordings are nothing more than a marketing tool. Bruce mentioned some of the issues being discussed regarding the NPR/MPR negotiations.

*(Cathy Payne had to leave the call)*

#### **4. New World Symphony**

**a. potential meetings** – Brownell has sent dates for negotiations but nothing is set in stone yet.

**b. potential ICSOM/AFM visit** – Brownell wants to schedule a visit during the Cleveland Orchestra residency. If we can't go at that time we could try to schedule a forum later.

**5. Bruce Christensen's request to attend the 2008 ICSOM Conference** – We will continue the discussion on the next call.

**6. ICSOM Directory update** – The deadline has been extended for 10 more days.

**7. Next issue of *Senza Sordino*** – The deadline was changed to Nov. 15 to allow the inclusion of a Media Summit report and should be delivered in December. By pushing it back there might be a slight conflict with the Directory deadline; Richard will adjust his time as necessary.

The 4<sup>th</sup> issue is currently in the mail. Bruce encouraged everyone to address the need to generate content, and asked the MALs to reach out to their delegates. Some of the topics to discuss with delegates will deal with the targeted issue about Education slated as the first issue in 2008 and could include topics, suggested guest columnists, etc. Meredith, Cathy and Bob Wagner had all planned to write articles about their programs. And, as always, we also need Newslets.

**8. Next Call – Monday, November 26, 2007 at 10:30PM EST / 9:30PM CST / 7:30PM PST**