

## ICSOM Governing Board Call - Sunday, November 30, 2008

*Bruce Ridge, Brian Rood, Laura Ross, Michael Moore, Richard Levine (late), Matt Comerford, Paul Gunther, Cathy Payne, Meredith Snow, Len Leibowitz*

- 1. SSD Director opening** – If interview calls are not coordinated between the other player conference leaders, Bruce would prefer to have Brian join him on the phone calls to get a more complete picture.
- 2. Update on orchestras in the current economy** – problems or concerns are cropping up everywhere. Honolulu is at least 4 weeks behind on payroll.  
Len said he has not heard whether his article will be reprinted in the *International Musician*.
- 3. Update on AFM/RMA** – We have not heard any reports that the agreed to side bar conversations have continued. The January IEB meeting will be held in LA. There will be a PCC call later this week or beginning of next.
- 4. Food bank project with the League** – we would be very pleased to work with the League on this project – a tie-in with the motion picture release of *The Soloist* which is good timing after the holiday season (which usually garners larger contributions) is over. The board discussed certain issues like audience participation, script and material provisions for musicians and management to use, and a possible future *Senza Sordino* article that could include ways musicians can participate (collect food, speak to the audience, distributing food.)
- 5. Possible site visit to the Twin Cities** – Bruce would like to coordinate a visit with both the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra and the Minnesota Orchestra. The board agrees this would be an important visit.  
*[Richard joined the call during this conversation]*
- 6. Directory misuse by commercial interests** – at least twice in the last year, names have been supplied to outsiders who have solicited our members. There is a posting ready to go. The posting will come from Len. The message can also be distributed and posted in the delegate mailing. Brian will work with Len to contact the companies that sent out solicitations.
- 7. Planning for midwinter meeting** – we're looking at the same hotel we used in 2006. Laura is unable to arrive until that morning and Matt has to leave around 3PM that day. Michael is waiting for the hotel contract.
- 8. Updates on *Senza Sordino*** – February or March is possible for the next issue. Richard hopes to have a draft of the December issue out the middle of this week and to the printer at the beginning of next week. We still don't know if the *International Musician* will reprint Len's article; regardless, we will run it in *Senza*. There was a question about content in this issue. The board will review the articles and e-mail their thoughts.
- 9. Directory updates** – Penny Brill from Pittsburgh posed a question about how to designate their African-American Fellow who plays some but not all services. It was suggested that she use the part-time designation. There was a discussion about which delegates have yet to log on for the first time and Richard, Brian and Paul were thanked for their hard work on the entry process – all commented that it was much easier to use this year.
- 10. Americans for the Arts update** – Bruce will mail it to every delegate separately and then also post on Delegate-L.

Resolutions from this summer – domestic partnership: Len needs to do research and will write an article for the next *Senza* issue. Paul will take more time to draft something about the education committee.

**Scheduling of next call – Sunday, January 4, 2009 at 9PM EST/8PM CST/6PM PST**