

## ICSOM Governing Board Call – January 4, 2009

*Bruce Ridge, Brian Rood, Laura Ross, Michael Moore, Richard Levine, Matt Comerford, Paul Gunther, Meredith Snow, Len Leibowitz (Cathy Payne – not available)*

1. **SSD Director Search update** – Bruce reports that it's an interesting process.
2. **Mid-winter meeting planning** – no one has bought plane tickets yet. Michael has been looking at another potential hotel near Midway airport since he's not yet received a contract from the hotel we used last time. Michael recommends we wait for another day or so; he will contact us as soon as he has settled this. Most people will travel the day before; Laura will be traveling that morning due to a lack of available evening flights.
3. **Site visits:**
  - a. **Minnesota Orchestra/St. Paul Chamber Orchestra** – Bruce will speak with the chairs of the two orchestras to set up meetings with both groups. Bruce would also like to spend some time with Brad Eggen while he's there.
  - b. **Phoenix** – the board agrees Bruce should accept the orchestra's invitation.
4. **Bruce's impending NYC trip** – he will be there for League sessions, will meet with Judith Kurnick (new PR person for the League), see Len who is also presenting, and meet with Tom Lee.
5. **Directory updates** – Paul & Brian have spoken with Richard about their next step – proofreading. Once completed, proof sheets will be sent to each delegate for one final double-check. Puerto Rico is still not completed. Laura asked about how it will be mailed (separately or in boxes.) For people without addresses, copies are sent to the delegate. Richard pointed out that we don't save any money by mailing them in boxes.
6. **Next issue of *Senza Sordino*** – the next deadline will be immediately after the February Mid-winter meeting in Chicago for a March issue. Len will work on the domestic partnership/health benefits article for the next issue. Len also reported his article on concessionary bargaining was supposed to be printed in the *International Musician*. If we can come up with goals for the education committee, this would be a good issue for Senza as well. Bruce Christensen has the .pdf file of the December issue to post.
7. **Scheduling of next call** – Bruce would like a brief call before Mid-winter, which is in 6 weeks.  
Monday, Feb. 2 – 10:30PM EST/9:30PM CST/7:30PM PST
8. **Jaime Austria petition** – A member of an ICSOM orchestra has taken the initiative to start a petition asking the incoming administration to appoint a Secretary of the Arts. It currently has more than 8,000 signatures. Bruce will draft a message that could be posted on Orchestra-L to encourage ICSOM members to sign.
9. **Logo, Facebook, etc.** – There was a brief discussion about putting ICSOM on Facebook. Who would maintain this site if we set it up? Anyone can join the group so they would be notified of a call to action, or a petition or sending around an article. Some concerns raised were due to lack of knowledge regarding Facebook. We should continue to discuss this topic.

Tom Hall asked if there has been any thought about updating the 40 year history of ICSOM when we reach 50 years in 2012. This can be a topic for Mid-winter.