

## **ICSOM Governing Board Call – 11/29/09**

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### 1. Houston 2010

- a. hotel selection – the downtown Hyatt Regency Hotel has been chosen. Brian contacted three hotels that Eric Arbiter and Laura looked at on Tuesday when she got to Houston. The Hyatt has given us many great reasons to choose it. While there was discussion about the Hilton, the meeting space and room rates were of significant concern. The contract with the Hyatt must be signed by November 30.
- b. logistics of announcement – Bruce will send a press release to Eric and Lovie Smith-Wright who can try to get the announcement in their local paper.

### 2. Mid-winter

- a. logistics/purchasing plane tickets – the meeting on January 2 will begin with dinner. Ideally everyone should arrive around 4PM so we can have dinner and get some work done that evening. Chris Durham will arrive around lunchtime on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Hotel rooms will be needed for Bruce, Laura and Brian for Sunday evening as well. Those who have not purchased tickets should do so now.
- b. attendance of Mike Okun – Bruce will speak to Mike; the board feels he should come for both days if he's available.
- c. agenda items – we should begin thinking about topics. Conference planning usually occurs after the meeting with the SSD director; we'll also want to discuss the bylaws, and the AFM convention and potential resolutions we might wish to submit should also be on the agenda.

### 3. PCC meeting-January 4

- a. attendance –The PCC will meet on Jan. 4 at the O'Hare Hilton – the room and catering will be split by all the conferences. Each conference will have multiple attendees – ICSOM's will include Bruce, Brian, Laura (who will be leaving around lunchtime), and Matt.

### 4. Mike Okun follow-up

Mike Okun has offered to research some of the questions he recently submitted.

### 5. ICSOM Counsel issues

We're told Len Leibowitz has received another 30 day continuance. Bruce reported that Len is on the agenda for the League meeting in January 2010.

### 6. Bruce's schedule in New York January 6-10

Bruce will try to meet with orchestras and others while in NYC.

### 7. Orchestra reports

- a. Chicago Lyric – strike vote was taken but action has been deferred to Dec. 5. The orchestra is back to play and talk and there has been incremental movement from management.
- b. Honolulu – they are performing benefit concerts, but they are not working or being offering work by the Association through Dec. The musicians are gathering information about past orchestra bankruptcies. Although the board voted to file for bankruptcy, they have not yet done so.
- c. Detroit –We could be prepared at the conference to help them out, including marching with them at the Labor Day Parade.

- d. Cleveland is playing and talking and they decide month-by-month to continue working under last year's terms. They believe the orchestra is united and would strike if management tried to implement their plan. Bruce will try to reach out to their committee.

#### 8. AFM Local elections

Bruce has received many calls of concern because of rumors that ICSOM is endorsing the Members Committee slate in the Local 802 elections (and also rumored that ICSOM will endorse someone in other upcoming local elections). All these rumors are completely false; ICSOM does not involve itself in Local elections.

#### 9. Pension

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January 11 AFM pension meeting in Las Vegas – Meredith has agreed to attend for ICSOM.

#### 10. Senza Sordino

- a. December issue – Richard plans to send a draft out Tuesday. Bruce had one possible additional submission.
- b. subscription prices – the fee hasn't been increased in many years. We need to review the list of subscribers and Richard and Michael will discuss whether to raise the price and present their ideas to the Governing Board for possible action.

#### 11. Directory update

Paul, Brian and Richard are waiting to hear from one delegate and then everyone will be done submitting changes. As soon as *Senza* is completed we'll be able to get the Directory to the printer.

#### 12. Mark Lindsay

There is nothing to report. Bruce and Mark seem to be having e-mail communication problems. Once we have an agreement, we should communicate with our orchestras because there may be some places that could use his assistance.

The updated Sphinx ad is due Dec. 11.

An Electronic Media Committee/Integrated Media Agreement issue was briefly discussed.

Next Call – not really needed with Mid-Winter on Jan. 2-3, 2010