

ICSOM Governing Board – 9/20/09

Bruce Ridge, Brian Rood, Laura Ross, Michael Moore, Richard Levine, Matt Comerford, Paul Gunther, Cathy Payne, Meredith Snow

1. Orchestra updates: Bruce and others reported on negotiations and other issues in Colorado, Indianapolis, Baltimore (where Bruce will be visiting next week), New Jersey, Lyric Opera, Atlanta, Virginia, Los Angeles, as well as the recent problems in Grand Rapids and New Mexico. ICSOM would like to do what they can to show their very real support for our ROPA colleagues as well. Site visits to Colorado and Indianapolis may occur later this season.

(Michael joined the call in the middle of the ROPA orchestra report)

2. Counsel issues – Bruce gave some updates about Len Leibowitz.

3. Scheduling of future meetings

a. mid-winter updates – we will hold our meeting at the Marriott near O'Hare in Chicago and if everyone could be in by 4PM on the 2nd, we could meet for a few hours, have dinner and meet a bit more. We still need to discuss who we will want to meet with.

A PCC meeting has been requested and could tie in with mid-winter, on Jan. 4. Bruce could stay over another night, thus saving some airfare. Does Bruce need anyone else there for that meeting? Many will still be in town on the 4th.

b. 2010 conference dates - August 18-21, 2010 is definite for Houston. Laura announced that an e-mail she had just received from Detroit Symphony delegate Dave Everson expressed a positive response to their orchestra hosting the ICSOM conference in 2011.

4. Senza Sordino – the draft of the next issue was e-mailed today and is being reviewed. Paul and Bruce have sent corrections. Laura will send hers as soon as possible. There's not a lot of extra space for corrections.

Richard is planning on a December issue but printing must be coordinated with the Directory; they can't do both at the same time. For an early December issue, November 5 is the deadline for articles.

Richard asked if we wanted to return to the topic of education that we covered in each issue last season. Right now our focus will be to educate our members about the AFM as we head toward the Convention next summer. We might also be able to get a story from LA and Detroit and others. There was discussion about Paul's article being reworked a bit for the next issue.

5. the *International Musician* – Paul and Antoinette Follett had a recent call about some of ICSOM's concerns regarding reporting of orchestra news in the IM; he reported she understood our concerns and would try to be aware of it going forward. Laura reported that she had submitted changes for her upcoming article to Chris that he forwarded to Antoinette; it contained a very clear deadline for changes in the e-mail.

6. Mark Lindsay: - Bruce has received input from the board about what issues we'd like to look at; he will draft a letter to Mark. Bruce sent a preliminary note that we were interested after the conference.

7. scheduling of next call – October 17, 2009 @ noon EDT/11AM CDT/9AM PDT