

# ICSOM Officers from 1962 to Date

From 1962 to 1984, terms of office were for one year, thereafter for two years. In 1984 terms of office were staggered, officers being elected in even years, members at large in odd years beginning in 1985. (Members at large were elected for a one-year term in 1984-1985.) Beginning in 2004, terms of office were changed to stagger both officers and members at large. [In 2004 chair, treasurer and editor were elected to two-year terms; president and secretary for one-year terms. In 2005 president, secretary, and two members at large were elected for two-year terms, the other two members at large for one-year terms.] Beginning in 2006 two-year terms for chair, treasurer, editor and two members at large were elected in even years; president, secretary and two members at large in odd years. Unless otherwise noted, officers served terms concurrent with the periods between conferences of the years given. [*Italicized name = deceased*]

## **Chair:**

*George Zazofsky*, Boston Symphony Orchestra (1962-1969)  
*Sam Denov*, Chicago Symphony Orchestra (1969-1970)  
*Ralph Mendelson*, New York Philharmonic (1970-1974)  
*Irving Segall*, Philadelphia Orchestra (1974-1980)  
*Frederick Zenone*, National Symphony Orchestra (1980-1986)  
Melanie Burrell, Denver Symphony Orchestra (1986-1988)  
Bradford Buckley, Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra (1988-1996)  
Robert Levine, Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra (1996-2002)  
Jan Gippo, Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra (2002-2006)  
Bruce Ridge, North Carolina Symphony Orchestra (2006-2016)  
Meredith Snow, Los Angeles Philharmonic (2016- )

## **Vice-Chair: (office existed from 1962 to 1984)**

*Sam Denov*, Chicago Symphony Orchestra (1963-1966, 1968-1969)  
*Carlton Herrett*, National Symphony Orchestra (1966-1968)  
*Ralph Mendelson*, New York Philharmonic (1969-1970)  
*David Smiley*, San Francisco Symphony Orchestra (1970-1973)  
[David Smiley died in office, October 15, 1973. Stanley Dombrowski served as acting vice-chair until the 1974 election]  
*Robert Maisel*, St. Louis Symphony Orchestra (1974-1978)  
*Frederick Zenone*, National Symphony Orchestra (1978-1980)  
*Stanley Dombrowski*, Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra (1980-1982)  
Bradford Buckley, St. Louis Symphony Orchestra (1982-1984)

## **President: (office created in 1984)**

Melanie Burrell, Denver Symphony Orchestra (1984-1986; 1988-1990)  
Lynn Larsen, Utah Symphony Orchestra (1986-1987)  
[Lynn Larsen resigned to become personnel manager in Boston effective November 1, 1987. Chairman Melanie Burrell assumed the president's duties and appointed Tom Hall as special assistant to help carry them out.]  
David Angus, Rochester Philharmonic (1990-2002)  
Brian Rood, Kansas City Symphony (2002-2005, 2006-2015)  
Bruce Ridge, North Carolina Symphony Orchestra (2005-2006)  
George Brown, Utah Symphony (2015-2017)  
Paul Austin, Grand Rapids Symphony (2017- )

## Secretary:

*Harold Laudenslager*, Detroit Symphony Orchestra (1963-1964)

Roy Cox, Toronto Symphony Orchestra (1964-1966)

*Robert Maisel*, St. Louis Symphony Orchestra (1966-1974)

*Stanley Dombrowski*, Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra (1974-1980)

Nancy Page Griffin, Seattle Symphony Orchestra (1980-1988)

[With the Seattle Symphony's decertification in September 1988, Nancy Griffin could not remain ICSOM secretary; Richard Decker was appointed in November 1988 (and subsequently elected at the 1989 conference) to fill the unexpired term.]

Richard Decker, Syracuse Symphony Orchestra (1988-1990)

Lucinda-Lewis, New Jersey Symphony Orchestra (1990-2002)

Laura Ross, Nashville Symphony (2002- )

## Treasurer:

*Gino Raffaelli*, Cleveland Orchestra (1963-1970)

Roy Cox, Toronto Symphony Orchestra (1970-1971)

Harry Barnoff, Cleveland Orchestra (1971-1972)

*John Palanchian*, New York City Opera Orchestra (1972-1981)

[John Palanchian resigned as treasurer upon his election as vice-president of Local 802 (New York) in November 1981. Melanie Burrell was appointed to fill the unexpired term.]

Melanie Burrell, Denver Symphony Orchestra (1981-1984)

Penny Anderson [Brill], Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra (1984-1987)

[Penny Anderson resigned as treasurer at the 1987 conference; Florence Nelson was elected to serve the unexpired term.]

Florence Nelson, New York City Opera (1987-1990)

*Carolyn Parks*, Kennedy Center Opera House Orchestra (1990-1994)

Stephanie Tretick, Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra (1994-2002)

Scott Weber, Cleveland Orchestra (2002)

[Scott Weber resigned his position on August 22, 2002, shortly after being elected at the 2002 conference. Michael Moore was appointed to serve the unexpired term until the election in 2003.]

Michael Moore, Atlanta Symphony Orchestra (2002- )

## Editor of *Senza Sordino*:

*Robert Coleman*, Chicago Symphony Orchestra (1962-1963) [I]

*Reinhardt Elster*, Metropolitan Opera Orchestra (1963-1965) [II-III]

*Sam Denov*, Chicago Symphony Orchestra (1965-1966) [IV]

*David Smiley*, San Francisco Symphony Orchestra (1966-1970) [V-VIII]

*Vance Beach*, Los Angeles Philharmonic (1970-1972) [IX-X]

*Henry Shaw*, Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra (1972-1982) [XI-XX]

Tom Hall, Chicago Symphony Orchestra (1982-1986, 2002-2003) [XXI-XXIV, 41]

[In 2002, Marsha Schweitzer resigned as editor. Tom Hall was appointed to serve the unexpired term until the election in 2003.]

Deborah Torch, San Antonio Symphony Orchestra (1986-1993) [XXV-(30)-31]

[Deborah Torch resigned as editor at the 1993 conference; Robert Levine was elected to serve the unexpired term.]

Robert Levine, Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra (1993-1996) [32-34]

Marsha Schweitzer, Honolulu Symphony Orchestra (1996-2002) [35-40]

[Marsha Schweitzer resigned her position in October, 2002, after being elected at the 2002 conference. Tom Hall was appointed to serve the unexpired term until the election in 2003. Robert Levine served as assistant editor.]

Sam Bergman, Minnesota Orchestra (2003-04) [42]

Richard Levine, San Diego Symphony Orchestra (2004-2014) [43-52]

Peter de Boor, Kennedy Center Orchestra (2014- ) [52- ]

**Regional Vice-Chairs: (office existed from 1969 to 1984)**

**Eastern Orchestras:**

Larry Bocaner, National Symphony Orchestra (1969-1972)  
*Irving Segall*, Philadelphia Orchestra (1972-1974)  
*Frederick Zenone*, National Symphony Orchestra (1974-1978)  
David Angus, Rochester Philharmonic (1978-1983)  
*Donald Whyte*, New York Philharmonic (1983-1984)

**Southern Orchestras:**

*Robert Danielson*, San Antonio Symphony Orchestra (1969-1972)  
Crawford Best, New Orleans Philharmonic (1972-1975)  
Elizabeth Patterson (Girko), Dallas Symphony Orchestra (1975-1977)  
Larry Hartshorn, Kansas City Philharmonic (1977-1978)  
Bradford Buckley, St. Louis Symphony Orchestra (1978-1982)  
Patricia Brannon, Louisville Orchestra (1982-1983)  
Bernice Beckerman, Houston Symphony Orchestra (1983-1984)

**Central (originally Midwestern) Orchestras:**

*Henry Shaw*, Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra (1969-1972)  
*Stanley Dombrowski*, Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra (1972-1974)  
Paul Berns, Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra (1974-1975)  
*Bert Siegel*, Cleveland Orchestra (1975-1981)  
Catherine Compton, Detroit Symphony Orchestra (1981-1984)

**Western Orchestras:**

*James Weaver*, Seattle Symphony Orchestra (1969-1973)  
[James Weaver died in office in December 1973; Melanie Burrell served as acting regional vice-chair for the unexpired term.]  
Melanie Burrell, Denver Symphony Orchestra (1973-1981)  
[Melanie Burrell was appointed treasurer in November 1981 to serve John Palanchian's unexpired term; Burrell's unexpired term as regional vice-chair was served by Michael Nutt.]  
*Michael Nutt*, Los Angeles Philharmonic (1981-1984)

**Canadian Orchestras:**

Robert Ryker, Montreal Symphony Orchestra (1971-1973)  
John Miller, Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra (1973-1976)  
(OCSM formed in 1975)

**Governing Board Members-at-Large: (office created in 1984; one-year term 1984-1985, two-year terms thereafter)**

Bernice Beckerman, Houston Symphony Orchestra (1984-1985)  
Cathy Compton, Detroit Symphony Orchestra (1984-1985)  
*Michael Nutt*, Los Angeles Philharmonic (1984-1991)  
Donald Whyte, New York Philharmonic (1984-1987)  
Ellen McGlone, San Antonio Symphony Orchestra (1985-1986)  
[Ellen McGlone left the San Antonio Symphony to work in the AFM Symphony Department; Florence Nelson was elected to serve the unexpired term.]  
Gary Smith, St. Louis Symphony Orchestra (1985-1986)  
[Gary Smith resigned his position upon becoming personnel manager in Saint Louis in November 1986; Jay Wadenpfohl was appointed to serve the unexpired term.]  
Florence Nelson, New York City Opera Orchestra (1986-1987)

Jay Wadenpfohl, Boston Symphony Orchestra (1986-1987)

*James Clute*, Minnesota Orchestra (1987-1999)

[Jim Clute resigned his position in 1999; Bill Buchman was appointed to serve the unexpired term.]

Tom Hall, Chicago Symphony Orchestra (1987-1988)

[Tom Hall resigned his position in the summer of 1988; Carolyn Parks was elected to serve the unexpired term.]

Richard Decker, Syracuse Symphony Orchestra (1987-1988)

[Richard Decker was appointed ICSOM secretary in November 1988 to serve the unexpired term of Nancy Griffin. David Angus was appointed to serve Decker's unexpired term as member at large.]

David Angus, Rochester Philharmonic (1988-1990)

[David Angus was appointed Member at Large in 1988, elected in 1989, and left the position when elected ICSOM president in 1990. Michael Moore was elected to serve the one-year unexpired term.]

*Carolyn Parks*, Kennedy Center Opera House Orchestra (1988-1990)

[Carolyn Parks was elected Member at Large in 1988 (when Tom Hall resigned) and again in 1989. She was elected ICSOM treasurer in 1990, and Stephanie Tretick was elected to serve the one-year unexpired term.]

Michael Moore, Atlanta Symphony Orchestra (1990-2002)

[Michael Moore was appointed to serve as treasurer upon Scott Weber's resignation in 2002. Richard Levine was appointed to serve his unexpired term.]

Stephanie Tretick, Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra (1990-1994)

[Stephanie Tretick left the position when elected ICSOM treasurer in 1994. Mary Plaine was elected to serve the one-year unexpired term.]

Charles Schlueter, Boston Symphony Orchestra (1991-2001)

Mary Plaine, Baltimore Symphony Orchestra (1994-2003)

Bill Buchman, Chicago Symphony Orchestra (1999)

[Bill Buchman was appointed to serve the unexpired term of James Clute; Buchman declined to seek office at the conference.]

Jay Blumenthal, New York City Ballet Orchestra (1999-2004)

[Jay Blumenthal left the position when elected Financial Vice President of Local 802. Bruce Ridge was elected to serve until the 2004 election.]

Fred Sautter, Oregon Symphony Orchestra (2001-2002)

[Fred Sautter resigned his position in December 2002; Paul Ganson was appointed to serve until the 2003 election.]

Richard Levine, San Diego Symphony Orchestra (2002-2004)

[Richard Levine was appointed in 2002 to serve the unexpired term of Michael Moore, who was appointed ICSOM treasurer upon Scott Weber's resignation; elected in 2003, and left the position when elected *Senza Sordino* Editor in 2004.]

Paul Ganson, Detroit Symphony Orchestra (2002-2004)

[Paul Ganson was appointed to serve as member-at-large upon Fred Sautter's resignation in 2002; elected in 2003, he retired from the Detroit Symphony in 2004.]

Henry Peyrebrune, Cleveland Orchestra (2003-2005)

Bruce Ridge, North Carolina Symphony Orchestra (2004-2005)

[Bruce Ridge was appointed to serve the unexpired term of Jay Blumenthal in 2004. Elected to one-year term in 2004.]

Steve Lester, Chicago Symphony Orchestra (2004-2007)

Lynn Rosen, Utah Symphony Orchestra (2004-2005)

Nancy Stutsman, Kennedy Center Orchestra (2005-2006)

Meredith Snow, Los Angeles Philharmonic (2005-2016)

James Nickel, Dallas Symphony Orchestra (2005-2008)

[James Nickel resigned his position in May 2008; Matthew Comerford was appointed to serve until the 2008 election.]

Paul Gunther, Minnesota Orchestra (2006-2017)

Cathy Payne, San Francisco Symphony (2007-2013)

Matthew Comerford, Chicago Lyric Opera Orchestra (2008-2015)

[Matthew Comerford was appointed to serve as member-at-large upon James Nickel's resignation in May 2008; elected in 2008.]

Gail Kravand, New York City Opera (2013-2014)

Jennifer Mondie, National Symphony Orchestra (2014-2016)

Paul Austin, Grand Rapids Symphony (2015-2017)

Dan Sweeley, Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra (2016- )

Kimberly Tichenor, Louisville Orchestra (2016- )

Martin Andersen, New Jersey Symphony Orchestra (2017- )

Greg Mulligan, Baltimore Symphony Orchestra (2017- )