

ICSOM Governing Board Call – 7/8/09

Bruce Ridge, Brian Rood, Laura Ross, Michael Moore, Richard Levine, Matt Comerford, Paul Gunther, Cathy Payne, Meredith Snow, Len Leibowitz; Bill Foster joined at beginning of call

- 1. Bill Foster joins us to discuss the AFM-EPF** – Bill joined the call at the beginning of the call to inform the board of the current status of The Fund.

After Bill left the call it was agreed that Tom Lee should be ready to speak about the pension fund as head of the AFM Trustees group during the pension presentation at the conference, similar to his presentation at the Southern Conference. Brian pointed out the employer trustees issue would be a good topic to speak to the Major Managers Group about.

- 2. PCC/LCC meeting in Vegas** – Bruce reported on his contact with the other PCC heads, that he had hoped to meet with Chris Durham at this meeting but is not sure he'll be attending, and said he'd be drafting his comments over the next two weeks.

3. Norfolk '09 issues

- a. Resolutions** – members appreciated Jan Gippo's recent Orchestra-L posting regarding the 2008 ICSOM resolution marking his retirement. There was discussion about the few resolutions we are currently aware of.
- b. requests from polyphonic.org for video and potential blogging** – there was some concern that a videotaping request from Polyphonic might inhibit some of our conference participants. The topic Len is to discuss is not about negotiations, which is the focus of Polyphonic's course. The board agreed we would not approve the Polyphonic request, and that bloggers would have to follow certain guidelines that will be established during the governing board meeting prior to the conference. Videotaping of certain sessions for our own use is still being discussed.
- c. GB dinner on Monday night** – we will invite the delegate and Local president and their spouses as they have worked quite hard on this conference. Bruce is recommending dinner be held at one of the Virginia Symphony restaurant sponsors.
- d. general updates on conference agenda** – the latest agenda will be in the issue of *Senza Sordino*.

4. Integrated Media Agreement

- a. general updates** – Laura gave a brief update on the weekly phone calls. Bruce will be reaching out to the Cleveland committee in the next few days about this and other topics.
- b. potential reply to Robert Levine's delegate-I question** – it was agreed that rather than responding to Robert's question a few weeks ago, that we should just post the article in the upcoming *Senza Sordino*.

- 5. Senza Sordino updates** – it was agreed that this issue will be mailed individually and Richard can bring extra copies to the conference.

- 6. Logo updates** – it looks good and is going to be included on the banner at the conference in Norfolk. There are rules of use with the logo Richard will send out.

- 7. Orchestra updates** – The status of a number of orchestras was discussed. It was commented that many of the manager's requests are based on projections, not actual facts. Brian is putting together another negotiating call.

- Len mentioned that Joe Goldman (from Detroit) has been hired part-time to work for SSD on pension issues.
 - Michael asked about the possibility of increasing the amount of money available for the Emergency Relief Fund; however, we will not raise dues right now to accomplish this possibility.
 - Paul suggested the board discuss ICSOM's goals and how to achieve them with a professional lobbyist Paul's wife Holly has been working with regarding her health care work. He will be on the GB agenda Tuesday before the conference.
- 8. Survey request from Washington University** – Bruce has spoken to the person in charge and sent out the link to the survey that needs to be cut down to about 10 questions; it would be completely anonymous and is about musician health issues.
 - 9. American Horticultural Reciprocal attendance program** and how it might apply to orchestras – we can discuss this later. We would have to partner with the League on this one.

Next call – August 3 @ 12PM EDT, 11AM CDT, 10AM MDT, 9AM PDT