

Motions Passed at the ICSOM Conference

September 1 - 3, 1970
Chicago, Illinois

(Official Minutes to Follow)

1. The Syracuse Symphony Orchestra and the New Haven Symphony Orchestra (on condition that its members vote to join) were accepted into membership in ICSOM.
2. The minutes of the last Conference were accepted, with the correction "Forbes" instead of "Weaver," top of page 10.
3. The treasurer's report was accepted.
4. The editor of Senza Sordino's report was accepted.
5. The delegates concurred with the recommendation of the ICSOM Executive Committee that orchestras be encouraged to participate in the AFM Symphony Strike Fund.
6. The following sub-committees were appointed to expedite the business of the Conference:
Services of ICSOM -- Beach, Elitzik, Segall, Simon, Smiley
AFM/ICSOM Relationship -- Corey, Erb, Fay, McLean, Weaver
ICSOM Relationship to Public -- Bocaner, Gravagno, Weait, Werner
7. The delegates voted unanimously to send a letter of appreciation to the International Executive Board of the AF of M for its efforts toward implementation of the AFM Symphony Strike Fund.
8. ICSOM went on record as strongly opposing any attempts by any orchestra managements to reduce the size of orchestras; managements, on the contrary, should work to improve the quality and increase the size of orchestras, by improving their fund-raising efforts. (This statement will be sent to all orchestra managements.)
9. The sub-committee report on the AFM/ICSOM relationship was adopted.
10. The delegates moved to have this report typed and distributed at the Conference.
11. The sub-committee report on services of ICSOM was adopted.
12. The sub-committee report on ICSOM's relationship to the public was adopted.

13. The delegates decided to remove from the table the subject of the San Antonio resolution.
14. ICSON decided to request AFM President Davis to immediately make a detailed investigation of Local 23 and the San Antonio Symphony Society to determine whether the Federation should place Local 23 in trusteeship and whether the San Antonio Symphony Society and its conductor, Victor Alessandro, should be placed on the Federation Unfair List, the investigation to include a member of ICSON and a full report to be made to the IEB at their September 30, 1970 meeting and a copy to be sent to ICSON.
15. ICSON moved to send a telegram of support to the New Haven Symphony Orchestra.
16. Upon the recommendation of the ICSON Executive Committee, I. Philip Sipser was retained as legal counsel on the same basis as before.
17. The invitation from Seattle to host the 1971 Conference was accepted by the delegates.
18. The delegates concurred with counsel's opinion pertaining Art. IV, Sec. 3(c) of the By-Laws, I.e., that the date "1964" notwithstanding, the new first vice-chairman shall serve for two years.
19. Sam Denov, Ralph Mendelson, and David Smiley were nominated for the office of Chairman.
20. Ralph Mendelson was elected Chairman on the second ballot by sixteen votes.
21. David Smiley was elected First Vice-Chairman 19-8.
22. Robert Maisel was re-elected Secretary by acclamation.
23. Gino Raffaelli regretfully declined to be nominated again as Treasurer, so Roy Cox, Larry Hartshorn, John Swallow, and William York were nominated.
24. Roy Cox was elected Treasurer on the second ballot by seventeen votes.
25. Upon the recommendation of David Smiley, Vance Beach was elected Editor of Senza Sordino by acclamation.
26. The delegates moved unanimously to have Sam Denov to continue to serve as one of the trustees of the AFM Symphony Strike Fund.

27. The delegates instructed the ICSON Executive Committee to draft an appropriate communication, subject to ICSON's legal counsel's approval, to be sent to the managements of ICSON orchestras, the San Antonio news media and AFM President Davis; this communication to ask that ICSON orchestras urge their managements (1) not to perform in San Antonio; (2) not to engage Victor Alessandro as a guest conductor (he being considered persona non grata as far as ICSON orchestras are concerned); this communication to also include ICSON's previous resolution to AFM President Davis concerning San Antonio; this communication to be sent to the managements of all ICSON orchestras, all news media in San Antonio, and to AFM President Davis.
28. The delegates moved to have a standing recording committee appointed by the ICSON Executive Committee to study and explore ways of improving possibilities in recording and all future performance media for all ICSON members, and to report to each ICSON Conference on its progress. The following members were named to serve on this committee: Lee Collins, Gerald Corey, Sam Denov, Larry Hartshorn, Irv Segall, and Henry Shaw.
29. An amendment to this motion was passed which called for one member of this committee, at the discretion of the ICSON Executive Committee, to be ready to serve, when requested, on any and all negotiations for recording contracts involving symphony musicians.
30. The delegates voted unanimously to send a telegram of support to the New Haven Symphony Orchestra.
31. The delegates resolved that the following resolution be conveyed to all members of the United States Congress, the Chief of Army Bands, the Army Chief of Staff and Major-General Walter Higgins at Fort Hamilton, Brooklyn, N.Y.: "The International Conference of Symphony and Opera Musicians is shocked and dismayed by the action of the Commanders at Fort Hamilton who have persecuted members of the 26th Army Band and suppressed their Constitutional right of free speech. As musicians and citizens who are vitally concerned about the preservation of our civil liberties for all citizens, regardless of the expression, we respectfully urge you to end the harassment of these musicians and rescind all punitive actions taken to date.
32. The delegates resolved to deal with the matter of supporting those orchestras in negotiations.

33. The ICSOM Executive Committee was authorized to send individual letters of support of orchestras involved in negotiations and/or lock-outs, specific language to be worked out after the Conference ended.
34. The ICSOM Secretary was instructed to send a letter of appreciation to Local 10-208, AFM, thanking them, as well as the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, for hosting this Conference.
35. The delegates resolved to send a petition from Philadelphia concerning the ending of the country's military and political intervention in Southeast Asia to all ICSOM orchestras, to be signed and sent back to the ICSOM Secretary. If a majority of the orchestras concur with Philadelphia's petition, ICSOM can then take an official position on this matter.
36. ICSOM went on record as being in support of equal rights for women in all employment, and specifically in the field of symphony, opera, and ballet orchestras, with this position to be suitably publicized.
37. ICSOM voted to renew membership in ASOL.
38. The delegates resolved to send a telegram from ICSOM to the Canadian Conference of Symphony Musicians, wishing them well.
39. The delegates decided to discontinue asking orchestras for contributions to the ERF.
40. The delegates resolved unanimously that ICSOM go on record as being grateful to Sam Denov and Gino Raffaelli for their many years of service to ICSOM.