

The following resolution [ICSOM Governing Board] to thank Paul Gunther for his service as he steps down from his position as Member at Large after 11 years, was adopted by unanimous consent:

Whereas, Paul Gunther began his musical career as a percussionist, majoring in music theory and composition; and

Whereas, For two years he served as a member of the 423rd Army Band until his honorable discharge as a conscientious objector; and

Whereas, He joined the Minnesota Orchestra from 1975-78 as the orchestra's Assistant Librarian before moving to the Milwaukee Symphony to serve as its Chief Librarian from 1978-86; and

Whereas, In 1986, Paul Gunther returned to the Minnesota Orchestra as its Principal Librarian, until stepping down after 30 years and serving a final season as part-time librarian before his retirement in 2017; and

Whereas, Paul Gunther's work ethic and dedication to service and volunteerism has manifested in a wide variety of ways – as a regular blood donor, as a member of the board of his housing association, as ICSOM Delegate for the Minnesota Orchestra from 2004-07 and as Alternate Delegate on numerous other occasions, proofing countless articles and minutes for ICSOM Governing Board members, and serving as Orchestra-L moderator and working on the ICSOM Directory; and

Whereas, He must hold a very special place in the hearts of orchestral librarians everywhere as a founding member of the Major Orchestra Librarians Association (MOLA) in 1982, for which he served six years on the organization's board and two terms as president; and

Whereas, Even in "retirement" he continues his library work, this time with the Los Angeles Philharmonic for its 2017-18 season; and

Whereas, Paul Gunther steps down after serving 11 seasons as ICSOM Member at Large, working not only with his assigned orchestras but also the wider ICSOM membership; and

Whereas, His cheery disposition, thoughtfulness and keen eye will be greatly missed by his colleagues on the Governing Board; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Officers and Delegates to the 2017 ICSOM Conference offer their appreciation and gratitude to Paul Gunther for his tireless efforts to improve the lives of orchestral musicians and librarians around the world and wish him the very best in all his future endeavors.