

## **ASSOCIATION OF WISCONSIN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRAS**

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

April 24, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

Sharon Lynne Wilson Center, Brookfield, WI

**Present:** Dommerhausen, Edelstein, Fraser, George, Gerbig, Grutzmacher, Huntoon, Quigley, Richards, Richman, Roby, Schallhorn, Winkle

**Absent:** Fell, Prochaska

Meeting called to order by President Winkel at 9:02 a.m. Agenda approved with one correction (“Roger” to “Robert” Rosen). Minutes of March 20, 2015 approved.

### **Executive Director Report: Melissa Roby**

**Financial Statement:** there’s been an increase individual donations and ‘thank you’ to Mary Gerbig for her generous donation to the Scholarship Fund; there are a few more member organizations who need to pay their dues yet

**Membership:** discussion topic: more contact with membership is needed; emails – phone calls – letters/ surveys.

- Idea presented to have board members call members periodically to check in; members should supply their board and staff lists to make sure the correct people are included in the ‘Member Group Emails’.
- Idea presented (again) to create a flier that is made available to all members and on the website as a printable PDF; it would include statements of ‘why join AWSO’; Committee to see this project through to completion is Carl Dommerhausen, Bridget Fraser and Melissa Roby; all board members asked to submit their answer to *Why is AWSO Important to Me?* via email to Jon Winkle.
- Discussion on what should be sent to the membership to keep them in the loop more than just twice a year (1-to attend workshop and 2-to pay their dues)
  - Annual Meeting Notes would be emailed to membership
  - All Meeting Agendas/Notice of Meetings
  - Summary of Meetings/Workshop (members can request minutes if they want)

### **Nominating:**

Bylaws say immediate past president chairs the nominating committee and is ex officio for 2 years.

Nominating Committee to be: Evan Richards, Mary Gerbig, Mike George, Sharon Grutzmacher

### **Scholarship Committee: Jill Quigley**

Scholarship Committee Members: Mike George, Bridget Fraser, Sharon Grutzmacher, Jill Quigley

Almost ready to announce winners! Winners and non-winners will be notified by May 2<sup>nd</sup> at latest by Melissa. Jill will write a press release to be sent to the membership and they are asked to share it with their communities (especially if any of the winners are from their communities); member organization is encouraged to contact the winner and offer to present the scholarship in a public forum on behalf of AWSO. If you do this, please get a photo and/or share your experience(s) with Melissa/Jon.

### **2016 Workshop Update: Jon Winkle/Mary Schallhorn**

The Sheboygan Symphony is considering hosting the workshop next year. Mary asked for help from the Workshop Planning Committee in helping to make sure her Board has all of the info. they need to make a decision at their May board meeting.

**Other Business:**

The proposed amendments to the AWSO By-Laws are still on the table to be voted on by the board.

Added to Article X, Elections, new wording for **3. Voting in an election may be in-person or by telephone during the annual meeting.**

And:

Added to Article XI, Quorum, new wording for **3. The vote of a simple majority of the Board of Directors present or voting via telephone during the meeting shall be required to transact business at all meetings of the Board.**

And new **4. On matters needing a vote between meetings of the Board of Directors, a notice requesting a vote may be sent to the Board of Directors via email and votes cast via email are valid if received and dated within 3 days of the original notice. Such notice shall include a motion and supporting documentation. A second is not necessary for the motion to be considered.**

*(Amendment prepared by Mike George)*

Re: Bylaws change: Motion to update the bylaws to allow voting by phone and email between meetings, if necessary. Voted on and approved unanimously.

**New Business:**

Melissa Roby shared that Frank Almond would be soloing with the LaCrosse Symphony and that the sheriff who played a role in the return of Frank's stolen violin would be present at the concert. She inquired if AWSO would want to make any acknowledgement of the sheriff's efforts in this public forum since he was a suggestion for the Service to Music Award winner. The board decided no.

**Adjourn:** 9:56 a.m.

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Jill Quigley, Civic Symphony of Green Bay*

**AWSO REMINDERS:**

1. [www.wiscsym.org](http://www.wiscsym.org)
  - o Current membership list
  - o Discussion boards to ask questions – available to all members if you have questions, looking for info, etc.
  - o Consider linking AWSO to your website
2. LIKE the AWSO page on Facebook
3. An AWSO ad is available for you to include in your season program book; request one with your size requirements from Melissa at [robymelissa@gmail.com](mailto:robymelissa@gmail.com)