

## **ASSOCIATION OF WISCONSIN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRAS**

Board of Directors Meeting: Minutes

September 14, 2007

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Davis & Kuelthau, s.c.

Green Bay, WI

*Present:* Boor (late), Breed, Brenden, Ericson, Gerbig, Gregg, Grutzmacher, Laws, Nowak, Richards, Richman, Topitzes, Wildman

*Absent:* Charlson, Fosshage, Hanes, Smith

*Also present:* Bell

Meeting was called to order by President Grutzmacher at 11:05 a.m. Board members introduced themselves. Acknowledged: 1) resignation from Peg Garber; 2) thank you card from Geri Smith, Racine Symphony; and 3) change in the Racine Symphony executive director.

Motion was made to accept agenda. Carried.

Motion made to approve minutes of June 29, 2007 by J. Topitzes, with correction for A. Nowak, Green Bay Symphony Operations Dir. Carried.

**Financial: 1)** Bell presented financial statement through August 31, 2007 (actual) and the 2007-08 Budget (proposed). As of Aug. 31, 2007, actual revenue from the memberships, contributions and AWSO convention exceeded actual expenses, for a year end balance of \$2810.94, based upon a September 1 to August 31 fiscal year. The 2007-08 Budget added line items for executive director mileage, conference registration and Service Music Awards; note future substitution of the term “surplus” for “profit” in the amended budget. Potential adjustment required in the Licensing Fee category (990 update). Motion by J. Gregg to accept the Proposed 2007-08 Budget. Carried. **2)** Board members were asked to send their minimum contribution of \$50. **3)** Board members were asked to review the Board member and organization list rosters, check for accuracy and send corrections to M. Bell. Grutzmacher is sending reminder letters to organizations to join AWSO. Specific inquiry regarding joining AWSO is being sent to the Red Cedar and Wausau organizations. **4)** Oct. 25, 2007 submission date for *Allegro*. Send press releases to E. Richards. Janesville inquiry to *Allegro*: request for successful Young People’s concert ideas.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Convention: 1) 2007 Racine Symphony:** Gregg reported that the June 2007 went exceptionally well. The Q&A format with a variety of conductor/speakers was well received. It was well attended (57 registrations for Friday and 54 for Saturday). The Racine Harbor Convention Center was an ideal location. Convention surplus was \$1164.23. There were no speaker fees or transportation

costs. Friday night concert and meal was well attended by board members.  
Service Music Awards: Jeri Smith, Racine and Joann Krause, MSO League.

**2) 2008 Manitowoc Symphony Orchestra:** Wildman reported that the timeframe for the convention is June, the location is the Inn on the Maritime Bay, potential evening chamber music concert. Committee formed to prepare convention agenda with a music education theme. Request for speakers. J. Boor will act as AWSO coordinator.

**3) 2009 Chippewa Valley Symphony:** volunteered to host convention.

**Membership:** Festival City Symphony has joined. Membership list is updated and on the website. See updated list. As of Aug. 31, 2007 there are 31 AWSO member organizations.

**Nominating:** Wildman/Grutzmacher reported that the board is currently at 17 members. Given a 20 member limit, discussion regarding additional board member prospects. Gerbig to inquire as to Mindy Toranto, Madison Community Orchestra. (Two 3 yr terms and One 1 yr term open).

**Website:** Richards reported on the newest version of Dream Weaver utilized on the AWSO website. He is reviewing/compiling an the analysis of the website information. Discussion and exploration of a calendar of member organization concerts.

**Old Business: 1)** John Kelly found an underwriter to create general liability and health insurance group coverage for member organizations, but received low (4) feedback from his inquiries to the member organizations. Richards will post Kelly's inquiry on the website.

**2) 2008 Meeting Dates:**

January 11, 2008 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Milwaukee new MYSO Facility,

contact: F. Richman

April 11 Eau Claire

Friday June 20 Manitowoc, Saturday June 21 Annual Meeting/Convention

**New Business: 1)** Convention 2008: see report above. **2)** Krause reviewed the flyers regarding League of American Symphony Orchestras (ASOL) volunteer council presentation on fundraising and volunteers on September 28th in Milwaukee. **3)** Grutzmacher discussed surveying member organizations regarding a concert discount concept. **4)** Rabin Arts Awards discussed; nomination form due Dec. 15, 2007 posted on website. **5)** Gregg discussion of fundraising ideas: Battle of the Baton (peninsula website) and Essay Contest successful for other member organizations.

Motion to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by Mary S. Gerbig, Secretary