

**VSA Board Meeting  
November 9, 2017, 8:20 AM ET  
at VSA Convention 45 in Arlington, VA  
Minutes**

**Present:**

Richard Dodson, Rebecca Elliott, Christopher Germain, Sarah Gray, Nicholas Lampo, Ryan P. McLaughlin, Joyce Miller, Zak Moen, Kate Mohr, Bruno Price, Sharon Que, Fan Tao, Vito Vissicaro, Marilyn Wallin, Ted White.

Jay VandeKopple (Ex-Officio)

**Absent:**

William Sloan

**Staff:**

Allegra Hale

**Call to Order – Fan Tao**

**Roll Call – Ted White:** Quorum declared.

**Approval of Minutes of 8/1/17 BOD Meeting – Ted White  
Resolution to Approve the Minutes of 08/01/17:**

1. a. Moved by Marilyn and seconded by Ted
- b. Discussion: none
- c. Assenting: all; Dissenting: none; Abstaining: none
- d. Passed

**Membership Report – Allegra Hale**

(see attached Membership Report Summary)

Convention numbers are close to last odd-year, but the budget is behind. We expect more walk-ups. She had some concern for the Convention budget.

**Treasurer's Report – Rich Dodson**

If someone joins in the middle of a year, do they pay for the full year or get that first year for free? Need to confirm what is happening. If loophole, may pay once and be eligible for two Conventions.

(See attached Balance Sheet and Income Statement of Oct. 31, 2017)

Investments are doing very well, and some will still be credited at the end of the year.

Things look good for the English Bow book. We will have some shipping costs, but have raised the price of the book since we last discussed it. Profits may be spent on another study exhibit.

**Publications Committee Report – Ted White**

We currently plan 3 issues of The Scroll per year. We had hoped for 4, and may have budgeted for it.

We need someone to work with the Convention presenters, to encourage them to get their talk into print.

If a talk is given at a Convention, we need to review the ownership of the talk. We will pass this to the Executive Committee for discussion. Zak should look at the documents given to presenters. Fan added that we may want to allow Strad to reprint some of our material.

### **Governance Committee – Ted White**

(See attached handout of revised Bylaws)

#### **Resolution to Approve the Bylaws changes as proposed:**

2. a. Moved by Rich and seconded by Marilyn
- b. Discussion: none
- c. Assenting: all; Dissenting: none; Abstaining: none
- d. Passed

Fan noted that the Board should revise and formalize the Committee structure.

### **Indianapolis Competition**

Glen Kwak is interested in getting a new instrument to be loaned out. The instruments would be evaluated, blind, by contestants and jury members. Fan would like to work on this, if it is not deemed a conflict. Glen would like an instrument made in the last 10 years; but it must be for sale. Are there issues that might be a good connection for the VSA – perhaps Au Concour members? A proposal needs to be brought to the Executive Committee.

### **Strad 3D DVD**

(See attached proposal from Sam Zigmuntowicz)

The prior Strad 3D DVD doesn't work with modern browsers. Sam had corresponded with the CAS-F Grant Committee while forming the document. It requests \$3000 (of \$6000 costs), and proposes to repay 50% of the revenue for the first 2 years (up to \$3000).

#### **Resolution to provide Sam Z a grant of \$3000 from CAS-F funds to update the Strad 3D project.**

3. a. Moved by Ted and seconded by Kate
- b. Discussion: none
- c. Assenting: 10; Dissenting: none; Abstaining: 5
- d. Passed

### **Competition Committee – Ryan McLaughlin**

Fan would like to reorganize the competition so that the Chair is more of an executive role, and staff and volunteers execute it. To do this, we need to fully document all parts of the Competition. Documentation is currently scant, but MJ is working on it.

Resolution to provide room and travel for the Competition Chair in a Competition year.

4. a. Moved by Chris and seconded by Marilyn
- b. Discussion: none
- c. Assenting: 14; Dissenting: none; Abstaining: 1
- d. Passed

Information for judges will be put in writing. There has been concern about too few gold medals; and we have noted that some don't understand the process. We could provide historic numbers that typically get moved thru each round. There was discussion of increasing the per diem for judges. Ryan will work with the Finance Committee.

Chris Dungey has been assistant Chair for recent competitions and would be a good prospect for next Chair.

#### **Resolution to Adjourn**

5. a. Moved by Chris and seconded by Nick
- b. Discussion: none
- c. Assenting: all, Dissenting: none, Abstaining: none
- d. Adjourned at 10:35

Respectfully submitted,  
Ted White, Secretary

Jay VandeKopple, Asst. Secretary  
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