

**VSA Board Teleconference Meeting**  
**May 28, 2019, 7:00 PM ET**  
**Minutes**

**Present:**

Kristen Ballenger, Julian Cossman Cooke, Claire Curtis, Richard Dodson, Chris Dungey, Sarah Gray, Zak Moen, Cameron Robertson, Fan Tao, Chris Ulbricht, Vito Vissicaro, Marilyn Wallin. Jay VandeKopple (Ex-Officio)

Absent: Bruno Price

**Staff:**

Elizabeth Kirkendoll

**Call to Order – Marilyn Wallin**

**Roll Call – Zak Moen:** Quorum declared.

**Approval of Minutes of 3/26/2019 – Zak Moen**

**Resolution to Approve the Minutes of 3/26/2019 as amended**

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

**Management Report – Elizabeth Kirkendoll**

(see attached Management Report and Summary of Membership)

We were asked to submit Scroll items by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Elizabeth is leaving for the ISB Convention, but we can reach Lewis or Judy (office manager).

**Executive Committee Report – Marilyn Wallin**

(see attached 5/21/2019 Executive Committee Meeting Summary)

Zak reported that Nick Lampo (to focus on his retirement) and Kate Mohr (due to other commitments) have decided to resign from the Board. Nick will continue with the Programming Committee and Kate with Social Media/Young Professionals.

Zak and Julian are going to review our various policies on compensation for convention keynote speakers.

Regarding sites for 2021 and 2022, Marilyn suggested we consider convention centers. We need lots of space and only few hotels can satisfy our space requirements, so this could increase our options.

**Treasurer's Report – Rich Dodson**

(see attached Projected 2019 VSA Budget, Balance Sheet and Income Statement of 4/30/2019)

Rich noted that, after the market drop at the end of last year, there was some pickup in the first quarter.

The Proposed Budget for 2019 estimated a 3% increase for Crouch Management.

**Resolution to Accept the Treasurer's Report, Including the 2019 Budget**

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

The German Bow book should be ready about September. Julian will reach out to Bruce Babbitt for a report on the research and the book. We discussed the sale of books to non-members, and Fan recommended selling to members at a discount. For book sales, Rich suggested adding a list of sellers to the website.

### **Programming Committee Report – Julian Cossmann Cooke**

(see attached Programming Committee Report and listing of presentations)

We are planning a 2-track program.

Joyce Miller and Sharon Que have resigned from the Committee, but Julian would welcome new members, as there is still lots to do.

Sam Z has agreed to be our keynote speaker. The Convention theme will be preparing for the Competition.

We need to review our speakers' policy. We paid our keynote speaker last year. Rich noted that it needs to be in the budget or approved by the Executive Committee. Coach fare may be reasonable, but Marilyn noted that we hadn't paid for meals before.

### **Publications Committee Report – Claire Curtis**

Claire noted that ProQuest wants to handle the VSAJ and CASJ publications. A recommendation should be made to the Exec Committee.

It was noted that there is not money in the budget for a printed journal this year, so that would need approval. Elizabeth and Madeline should be invited to the next Publ Comm meeting.

### **Governance Committee Report – Fan Tao**

(see attached report)

We need to help train and mentor new Board members.

We don't plan to fill the 2 vacancies immediately. We'll review our needs and revisit it later.

We need to review the possible candidate for Treasurer.

Phil Kass will be invited to present a history of the VSA via teleconference to the Board.

We are planning a team building exercise at the Convention.

### **Competition Committee Report – Chris Dungey**

Chris will meet with the Committee in Dallas.

For scribes, we might reach out to the violin making schools.

When people register for the Convention, we should include the opportunity to volunteer.

### **Scholarship Committee Report – Jay VandeKopple**

(see attached report)

Jay announced \$300 VSA/Oberlin scholarships granted for 1) Violin Making and 2) Violin Restoration.

### **Site Selection Committee – Zak Moen**

This topic was already discussed during the Exec Comm report.

### **Social Media Committee – Chris Ulbricht**

The Committee will meet again on Monday. They'll look at how the social media pages are updated.

The will attend the ISB Convention next week. Strad has showed an interest in working more with us, so we'll expect something similar to our work with Strings.

The recommendations on the equipment and storage had been sent to a small group. It should be reviewed at the Exec Comm and brought to the full Board.

### **Old Business**

None

**New Business**

Board members were reminded to register for the Convention and their rooms. There will be a Board meeting that Thursday at 9am, followed by breakout sessions and team-building.

**Review of Action Items**

Items were summarized. Copies will be sent to the Board ASAP.

**Resolution to Adjourn**

3. a. Moved by Chris U and seconded by Kristin
- b. Discussion: none
- c. Assenting: all, Dissenting: none, Abstaining: none
- d. Passed and Meeting Adjourned at 8:33pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Jay VandeKopple, Asst. Secretary  
Zak Moen, Secretary  
Violin Society of America  
8/15/2019