

VSA Board Teleconference Meeting

June 5, 2018, 7:00 PM ET

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, Bill Sloan, Fan Tao, Vito Vissicaro, Marilyn Wallin, Ted White.

Jay VandeKopple (Ex-Officio)

Staff:

Allegra Hale, Elizabeth Kirkendoll

Call to Order – Fan Tao

Roll Call – Jay VandeKopple: Quorum declared.

Approval of Minutes of 4/13/18 BOD Meeting – Ted White

Minutes were amended under New Business, correcting "Beck" to "Rebecca."

Resolution to Approve the Minutes of 4/3/18 as amended:

1. a. Moved by Ted and seconded by Marilyn
- b. Discussion: none
- c. Assenting: all; Dissenting: none; Abstaining: 2 (Rebecca and Kate)
- d. Passed

Management Report – Allegra Hale and Elizabeth Kirkendoll

(see attached Management Report and Summary of Membership)

Note that Allegra is near her last day on June 14th. Current membership is at 985. It was reported that Fan, Marilyn, and Rich have met with Madeleine, Allegra, and Elizabeth.

Executive Committee Report – Fan Tao

(see Executive Committee Report in the Agenda to the meeting.)

Thanks were given to Allegra and a welcome to Elizabeth, who will have the title of General Manager of the VSA.

Since our last meeting, Elizabeth has negotiated a better rate for Orange County. Emails were distributed to the Board for input on site choice. Info and rationale supporting Orange County are listed in the Agenda. It was also noted that Cleveland is very busy in November, which can create problems for competition instruments.

Rich felt we should assume some loss of registration for Orange County, with some loss in profits, but we might bring vendor fees back up. Fan felt we might get some West Coast sponsorships, and that we might get more Chinese competitors. Concerns were voiced about humidity issues.

Resolution: Select Hyatt Orange County as the site of our 2020 Convention

2. a. Moved by Chris and seconded by Ted
- b. Discussion: Chris brought up the issue of AirBnB. Fan noted that there are other hotels in the area at lower rates. Rich said we should start on our marketing plan.
- c. Assenting: all; Dissenting: none; Abstaining: none
- d. Passed

Treasurer's Report – Rich Dodson

(see attached Treasurer's Report, Projected 2018 Budget, Balance Sheet and Income Statement for April 30, 2018)

Rich commented on the great sales of the British Bow book. He also noted stock market problems, but we may get some rebound.

Programming Committee report - Nick Lampo

So far we have 14 presentations. Nick reported that Eric Blot has accepted. We also need some musicians for a panel.

Publications Committee Report – Ted White

(see attached VSA Publications Committee Report)

The announcements for publishing VSA Papers articles was well received. We will also look at the possibility of a bound annual addition for the membership.

Governance Committee – Ted White

We continue to work on the Job Description for the Executive Committee. We need to chase down a few more committee job descriptions.

The call for volunteers went well, as we are getting some good responses. Fan reminded the Board to send ideas for potential Board members to Ted soon, as we need to come to a decision soon.

Competition Committee – Ryan McLaughlin

(see attached Competition Committee Report)

We are still getting judges and need to fill the Quartet.

The rules are in final revision. A change was discussed that we ask judges not to buy instruments they are judging, and whether that would have a time limit or in perpetuity.

Resolution: In order to maintain the highest integrity, all judges for this competition have agreed not to buy, own, or conduct transactions involving instruments or bows that have been entered in this competition. [Wording as it will appear in the Rules.]

3. a. Moved by Ryan and seconded by Marilyn
- b. Discussion: none
- c. Assenting: 10; Dissenting: 3; Abstentions: none
- d. Passed

In addition, there was concern about the use of carbon fiber or other synthetic materials.

Resolution: All instruments and bows that are accepted into the competition must have essential parts that are hand crafted from traditional materials. For stringed instruments, essential parts include the top, back, sides and scroll. The essential parts of the bow include the stick and frog. Synthetic or composite materials are allowed for the fittings and accessories of the instrument such as the tailpiece, fingerboard, pegs, and chin rest. No essential parts made from carbon fiber or other synthetic or moldable materials are allowed. The Competition Chair reserves the right to restrict any instrument or bow that does not adhere to these standards.

4. a. Moved by Chris and seconded by Marilyn
- b. Discussion: Fan noted that we may not want to penalize new things as technology changes, but it was felt that the judges may downgrade these anyway.
- c. Assenting: 11; Dissenting: 1; Abstentions: none
- d. Passed

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Resolution to Adjourn

5. a. Moved by Ted and seconded by Rebecca
- b. Discussion: none
- c. Assenting: all, Dissenting: none, Abstaining: none
- d. Passed and Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,
Jay VandeKopple, Asst. Secretary
Ted White, Secretary
Violin Society of America
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