

VSA Board Teleconference Meeting

October 2, 2018, 7:00 PM ET

Minutes

Present:

Rebecca Elliott, Christopher Germain, Sarah Gray, Nicholas Lampo, Ryan P. McLaughlin, Zak Moen, Kate Mohr, Bruno Price, Sharon Que, Bill Sloan, Fan Tao, Marilyn Wallin, Ted White.
Jay VandeKopple (Ex-Officio)

Absent: Richard Dodson, Joyce Miller, Vito Vissicaro

Staff:

Elizabeth Kirkendoll

Call to Order – Fan Tao

Roll Call – Jay VandeKopple: Quorum declared.

Approval of Minutes of 8/7/2018 BOD Meeting – Ted White

Resolution to Approve the Minutes of 8/7/2018:

1. a. Moved by Ted and seconded by Sarah
- b. Discussion: none
- c. Assenting: all; Dissenting: none; Abstaining: 3 (Chris, Kate, & Marilyn)
- d. Passed

Management Report – Elizabeth Kirkendoll

(see attached Management Report and Summary of Membership)

It was noted that we need reports earlier so that we can distribute them ahead of the meeting. If you have no report, let Elizabeth know. Marilyn would like to eliminate simple verbal reports. Elizabeth updated her report to say that the 2016 fee revenue was about \$36K. Current membership numbers are 1182, as compared to 1173 two years ago.

Executive Committee Report – Fan Tao

(see attached Travel Reimbursement Policy and hotel proposal for Dallas in 2019)

The Travel Reimbursement Policy document draft describes the current practice. Some items depend on the number of hotel upgrades. Ryan noted that some drive rather than fly. That can be compared to airfare, and they may get the lesser amount. Housing for judges is not specified, as some live locally.

Resolution to Adopt the VSA Travel Reimbursement Policy

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

We discussed the proposal for a 2019 Convention in Dallas. Elizabeth knows the DoubleTree in Dallas. We would take all of their meeting space at that time. There are 2 airports, each 20 minutes away. Room block data was taken from 2017. Sarah asked whether they had a crisis plan, including Internet security, etc. Rich had raised some concerns about distance. But the fee is \$129 per night.

Resolution to Accept the Proposal for the 2019 VSA Annual Meeting in Dallas

3. a. Moved by Ted and seconded by Bill
- b. Discussion: none
- c. Assenting: all; Dissenting: none; Abstaining: none

d. Passed

It was reported that Awards are to be presented to Philip, Lori, and others at the membership luncheon.

Treasurer's Report – Rich Dodson

As Rich is absent, we will get the next report at the November Board Meeting. It is scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 4, 2018 at 9am in the Rockefeller Board Room.

Governance Committee Report – Ted White

(See Governance Committee Report and bios of Nominees)

Resolution: That the following individuals be put forward as a slate of candidates by the Board of Directors of the VSA to stand for election as new Board members at the Annual General Meeting in November 2018:

- Kristin Ballenger
- Julian Cossmann Cooke
- Claire Curtis
- Chris Dungey
- Zak Moen
- Cameron Robertson
- Chris Ulbricht

4. a. Moved by Ted and seconded by Bill

b. Discussion: none

c. Assenting: all; Dissenting: none; Abstaining: 1 (Zak)

d. Passed

Resolution: That the following individuals be put forward as a slate of candidates by the Board of Directors of the VSA to stand for re-election as Board members at the Annual General Meeting in November 2018:

- Rebecca Elliott
- Marilyn Wallin

5. a. Moved by Ted and seconded by Bill

b. Discussion: Joyce had decided not to stand for a second term.

c. Assenting: all; Dissenting: none; Abstaining: 2 (Becky and Marilyn)

d. Passed

Fan reminded that the membership must be notified of the time and date of the Membership Meeting, along with the slate, in advance of the meeting.

There was some additional discussion about a choice for the next President Elect, but that discussion should be with the new Board, after election in November.

Programming Committee Report - Nick Lampo

Nick reported that things continue to go well. Elizabeth had some details in the Management Report. There is still room in the Open Forum. We still need bios for the judges.

Publications Committee Report – Ted White

(See attached Publications Committee Report)

The VSA Papers is nearly ready to go; we are adding 2 more papers. It should be ready for November.

The next issue of the Scroll should arrive soon.

Claire Curtis has previously been involved with VSA publications and might potentially be asked to chair Publications.

Competition Committee – Ryan McLaughlin

We are almost set with judges, and we're collecting the bios. Competition registration looks good.

Old Business

New Board nominees should be invited to attend the Board Meeting on Sunday, Nov. 4 (Kristin, Julian, Claire, Chris D, Cameron, and Chris U). Marilyn will meet with them and welcome them. Jay reminded that we still have work to be done on the Committee Job Descriptions. Marilyn, Ted, and Jay will discuss parcelling them out.

New Business

We need additional high quality items for the auction.
Nick asked about continuing work on the Strategic Plan.

Resolution to Adjourn

- 6. a. Moved by Ted and seconded by Kate
- b. Discussion: none
- c. Assenting: all, Dissenting: none, Abstaining: none
- d. Passed and Meeting Adjourned at 8:04pm ET

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