

Western Music Association Columbia Chapter Minutes of Organizational Meeting

An electronic meeting of the organizing members of the proposed Columbia Chapter of the Western Music Association (WMA) was held on February 2, 2010

In attendance were: Bruce Matley, Lauralee Northcott, Susan Matley, and Clark Crouch constituting an interim executive committee for the purpose of Chapter organization.

Approval of Bylaws

The proposed bylaws (copy attached), as previously circulated and accepted by the organizers, was presented and unanimously approved.

Election of Interim Officers

A list of proposed organizing officers to serve until successors are elected at the first Chapter meeting following formal Chapter establishment was presented and unanimously approved. Elected to office were:

Bruce Matley, President
Lauralee Northcott, Vice President
Clark Crouch, Secretary
Susan Matley, Treasurer

Approval of Budget

A proposed budget (attached) was presented by Susan Matley and unanimously approved.

Annual Meeting

By consensus, the first regular meeting of the Chapter was tentatively set for Summer 2010 in Stevenson, Washington, subject to change dependent on the availability of a suitable venue. The tentative agenda includes a report of the interim officers, election of new officers, and approval of a formal chapter dues structure.

Other Business

Executive Meetings. The interim officers agreed to continue meeting regularly via the internet to deal with any questions or issues which might arise during the process of chartering the Chapter and initial phases of its operation. Membership building, restoration of their trust in Chapter leadership, and enhanced opportunities for performance members all remain high on the list of issues.

Financial Records Review. Susan Matley observed that with Bruce Matley as

organizing board president and check signer for the Chapter account, and Susan Matley as organizing board treasurer who prepares the accounting records and financial reports, as spouses they are related parties and there should be a mitigating control to ensure against the potentiality of collusion, in appearance or in fact, of mishandling chapter funds Susan recommended and all concurred that as long as this situation exists, another board member review the accounting and financial records on a quarterly basis to assure that all disbursements are properly documented and approved, and that all receipts are deposited to the Chapter account.

Appreciation. Moved and seconded: an expression of appreciation for and acknowledgement of the invaluable help received in the planning stages of the Chapter from Marsha Short, WMA Executive Secretary, and Suze Spencer Marshall of the WMA Advisory Board. The motion was approved by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Clark E. Brown".

Secretary