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MINUTES and BOARD REPORTS

submitted by Paul Laprade, Secretary, on _____

Board of Directors Meeting, IL-ACDA (at IMEC)

January 27, 2023 In person AND virtual via ZOOM 12:00–1:30 p.m.

Faith United Methodist Church: Heritage Room-175

(NOTE: The Heritage Room did not have WiFi connectivity, so the ZOOM option was NOT available.)

In attendance: Amy Branahl, Mitchell Barrett, Matt Begale, Monica Bertrand, Brian Birch, Cory Boulton, Nick Brokamp, Liza Caliesi-Maidens, Laura Coster, Jonathan Cramer, Lisa Fredenburgh, Dan Gregerman, Ali Kordelewski, Paul Laprade, Irene Leites, Christian Larios, Lynda Marshall, Nythia Martinez, Janet McCumber, John McDonald, Carol Munn, Paul Nielsen, Kristin Ramseyer, Jen Reece, Andrea Solya, Kayley Smetana, Christopher Windle, Brian Winnie, Lizzy Zarley

Absent: Jim McCullough, Donald Fraser, Jason Hawkins

- MINUTES -

1. Welcome: Laura Coster

Laura welcomed everyone and introduced Dan Gregerman as the new Vocal Jazz Chair and Kate Lee as the new chair of the Diversity Committee.

2. Review of Minutes: Paul Laprade

The minutes were accepted unanimously, with the emendation of two spelling errors. The motion to accept was made by Paul Nielsen and seconded by Chris Windle.

3. Treasurer's Report: Paul Nielsen

Paul's report was distributed in advance of the meeting. The report was unanimously approved. We are in effect breaking even on our obligations, yet the decrease in membership (due to the pandemic) has made this responsibility more challenging. The motion to accept the report was made by Paul Laprade and seconded by Andrea Solya.

4. Reports of R&R Chairs & District Representatives (written reports emailed prior to meeting) –

The reports were approved by acclamation. They appear at the bottom of the approved minutes for our last meeting. (The R and R reports for June 2023 appear at the bottom of these minutes.)

5. In-person Reports

-Andrea Solya is excited to bring IL-ACDA to the U of I campus for the Fall Convention. Our event will dovetail with a U of I/ACDA event called *Lift Every Voice* that will provide opportunities for young BIPOC choral conductors to be mentored by experienced BIPOC conductors. The Friday evening concert of the Fall Conference will feature the young conductors directing the U of IL choirs in performance.

6. New Business

A. Reading Session: Today (Friday, Jan. 27) 3:30-4:30 PM, SFP Lower level (Monica Bertrand)

The reading Session was planned by Monica Bertrand. R&S chairs selected the titles and Monica used the format created by Barbara Tagg, a former national ACDA reading session chair. Monica reviewed the logistics of the session with the board. Leaders of each R&R area will briefly introduce themselves and their chosen work, and conduct their selection. The board was asked to assist with the distribution of scores. At the end of the session, Kayley and Lizzy, membership chairs, will meet with IMEC attendees who may be interested in joining ACDA and any others who may be interested in filling one of the open board positions. Special thanks to Monica for all her work.

B. Membership Update (Lizzy and Kayley)

Liz and Kayley invited the board to continue working on the extensive list of Illinois choral positions/contacts that had been previously provided. They also thanked those who have already contributed. They also offered directives and sent a template for all District chairs to send out a communication reminding members to renew.

C. Website update (Lisa Fredenburgh and Paul Laprade)

Lisa has led the majority of the work on the website, working with Kelly Schawb, a web designer recommended by our past webmaster, Jason Hawkins. The goal is to have a working model that can be updated by our

anticipated new webmaster (see G, below). After it is initially updated, further refinement and changes can be made with the help of the Board, through the President.

D. DIC Update (Kate Lee)

Kate Lee introduced herself as the new chair of the DIC. She discussed the need to fully support the continuation of *Join Voices Chicago*, and further ideas for supporting equitable programs for both singers and choral directors

of color, including affinity spaces, expanding *Join Voices* beyond Chicago, and increasing BIPOC membership in IL-ACDA.

E. Join Voices 2022 and plan for 2023 (Laura)

The entire Board of IL-ACDA voiced its continued support for *Join Voices*. Funding for *Join Voices* has been a concern for IL-ACDA, as our income since the pandemic has lessened greatly, yet the costs have not. Laura met with

Darcy Nendza, Executive Director of ILMEA, prior to our board meeting and learned that ILMEA is still very interested in partnering with IL-ACDA to provide the financing so that *Join Voices* can continue. The ILMEA budget

committee will meet in March 2023 and then the full board will vote on the full funding of *Join Voices* later this spring. If this passes with the full board, *Join Voices* will be able to continue in the long term.

F. 2023 Decker Award: Voting (Laura)

Lee Kesselman, past President, was nominated and unanimously accepted as our 2023 Decker Award recipient. Voting was by acclamation.

G. Open board positions: Webmaster, Church and Worship, Lifelong R&S, World Music & Culture (change name?), District 5 (Note: this position was filled after the meeting) Plans were made to invite interested new board members to meet Kayley and Lizzy after the reading session on Friday.

7. Old Business and updates

A. Deadlines for Board Reports and the *Podium* (Paul L, Jonathan Cramer & Kristin Ramseyer)

Paul reminded everyone that Board reports are needed shortly after the start of the month before each Board meeting. Jonathan thanked?

B. Young Choral Director Award nominations (Laura)

Nomination forms are available online at: <https://www.il-acda.org/young-choral-director-award/>
The deadline for submission is: March 1st.

C. Composition Contest--April 1 deadline (Donald Fraser, via Laura)

We discussed creating a committee that would reexamine the contest from many perspectives. Since the contest is already underway, Donald asked that we begin the reexamination with the 2024 contest. Chris W., Paul L., and Christian signaled their interest. NOTE: No vote has yet been taken to establish the committee or precisely define its charge.

D. ReTreat 2023 at Bradley University- 6/21-22 (Lisa Fredenberg, conference chair; Cory Boulton, site host)

Lisa announced that the theme will be "Artistry for All Ages" and that the headliners will be Emily Ellsworth and Andrew Magill. Emily will hold several sessions, and Andrew will be leading the Directors' Chorus.

Paul Nielsen will be in charge of registration.

E. Fall Conference at U of I, Urbana-Champaign- October 27-28, 2023 (Laura Coster, conference chair; Andrea Solya, site host)

- *Headliners*- Andre Thomas and one more TBA soon. Fernando Malvar-Ruiz will conduct the High School Honor Choir. *Logistics and Organizational Roles*: Registration-Paul Nielsen; Stage Manager/Logistics-Jim Yarbrough (for the final time); Performing Choir Auditions Chair- Paul Laprade; Interest Session Chair-Deb Aurelius-Muir; Reading Session Chair-OPEN; High School Honor Choir Chairs (2)-OPEN; Hospitality-OPEN

F. Join Voices 2022 and plan for 2023 -Laura explained the plan in section 6E, above. (Laura)

G. Future Board Meetings (*Save the dates!*)

- Tuesday, June 20, 2023, 5:00-7:00 PM Dinner meeting at Bradley University: Dingleline Music Center, Peoria. (Virtual option possible)

(The summer meeting is held on the eve before the IL-ACDA Summer ReTreat which is on June 21-22, 2023.)

- Saturday, Sept. 23, 2023, 10-11:30 AM (Virtual)
- Friday, January 26, 2024 -Winter lunch meeting at IMEC: Time and location TBD

8. IL-ACDA Calendar of Events

- Jan. 27 (Fri.) - IMEC Reading Session-3:30 pm in the FPS lower level
- Feb. 3 (Fri.) - Treble Choir Festival Chicago: College of DuPage Glen Ellyn (Andrea Solya, chair; Patrick O'Shea host)
- Feb. 4 (Sat.) - College Student Online Session: Music Theory and Conducting (Lynda Marshall and Mitch Barrett, hosts)
- Feb. 9 (Th.) - Treble Choir Sing and Share Central IL: Five Points, Washington, IL (Lara Reem and Ben Luginbuhl-co-chairs/ hosts)
- Feb 10 (Fri.) - University Sing and Share, 9:30 am to 4:00 pm at WIU, Macomb (Brian Winnie, chair)
- Feb. 11 (Sat.) - Freshman/Sophomore Honor Choir (Monica Bertrand and Matt Begale)
- Feb.22-25 (Wed-Sat) - National ACDA Conference in Cincinnati
- June 21-22 - *ReTreat 2023*, Bradley University
(Lisa Fredenburgh, chair; Cory Boulton, host)
- Sept. TBA - Tenor-Bass Festival (Brian Birch, chair)
- Oct. TBA - Honor Show Choir 2023 (TBA)
- Oct. 27-28 (Fri., Sat.) - *Singers' Banquet: Programs with Beauty, Balance, and Truth (Fall Conference 2023)*, University of IL-Urbana
(Laura Coster, chair; Andrea Solya, site host)

9. Adjourn- The motion to adjourn was offered by Monica Bertrand and seconded by Brian Winnie. The meeting was concluded at 1:27pm.

Thank YOU for serving Illinois ACDA!