



Music Publishers' Association of the United States

Minutes of the Officers & Board of Directors Meeting
24 February 2005 at the Harry Fox Agency

Julie Averill (Administrator)	Present
Jennifer Bilfield	Present
Beebe Bourne (President)	Present
Arnold Broido	Absent
Gene Caprioglio	Present
Susan Feder	Present
Aida Gurwicz	Present
Margaret Heskin	Present
Brian Hill (Scriptor pro tem)	Present
Christopher Johnson	Absent
Lauren Keiser	Present
James Kendrick Esq., Counsel	Absent
Kathleen Marsh	Present
Larry Morton	Absent
David Murray	Absent
Marc Ostrow	Present
Lee Paynter	Absent
Lynn Sengstack	Absent
John Shorney	Present
Charles Slater (Treasurer)	Present
Robert Thompson (Secretary)	Absent

Housekeeping & Announcements

The meeting was called to order by Bourne at 10:09 AM. The minutes of the 13 January 2005 were approved as circulated.

Treasurer's Report

Slater reviewed the balance sheet, income statement, and check register through 28 February 2005. Hill inquired about the disbursement to Wandering Nomad which was for video taping Dave Olsen's copyright presentation. A motion to approve Slater's report was approved.

Archives

Keiser spoke to Pauline Fox (Shawnee Press) who is storing the archives. He will arrange for the materials to be picked up and delivered to the Sibley Music Library. Slater asked if the Association was providing a stipend to the library for the maintenance of the collection. None was provided for in the agreement by the Association and the library.

DVD Project

Bourne announced that Olsen is being taped on Friday, 25 February 2005.

Membership

Slater reported that 62 dues payments (new and renewal) totaling \$35,000 have been received. Shorney again pointed out that the upper end of the Association's dues structure is much higher than those for other similar organizations of which Hope Publishing Company is a member.

Museum Tour

Slater has arranged a visit to the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture of the New York Public Library following the Board of Directors' meeting on 21 April 2005 at BMI. He will invite the entire Association membership. Lunch at BMI will be provided for those attending the board meeting and visiting the Schomburg Center. [POST MEETING UPDATE: THE SCHOMBURG CENTER CANCELLED THIS VISIT DUE TO SCHEDULING CONFLICT]

Paul Revere Awards

Bourne reported that the awards were displayed at the annual meeting of the Major Orchestra Librarian's Association in Los Angeles and that Paul Sadowski was reviewing the 2005 application form. It will be distributed electronically to the entire membership by Averill in two weeks' time. A motion to add 'For MPA members only' to the application was approved. Marsh asked about a category for digital publishing; Bourne suggested she speak to Broido.

R & D Survey

Morton has not yet delivered his report.

Oral History

Bourne reported on the letter dated 16 February 2005 from Del Fiorentino, Librarian/Historian of NAMM. Bourne also distributed a list of names of publishing executives who might be interviewed. Please send additional candidates' names and contact information to the Bourne office (bourne@bournemusic.com). A motion to work with NAMM on video taping was approved.

Contributions

Bilfield reported that the committee has not met.

Annual Meeting

Bourne announced that the venue for the meeting (Friday, 3 June 2005) will be the Millennium Hotel at One United Nations Plaza on East 44 Street Between 1st & 2nd Avenues. Bourne will make every effort to trim the comp list. Gurwicz asked if SESAC had ever been invited. Feder will check with the American Music Center about videotaping the proceedings and report at the April meeting.

Elections

A motion to approve the nominating committee (comprising Bourne, Broido, Keiser, Slater, and Thompson) which will prepare a slate to fill the five vacancies was approved. Dave Olsen (Warner Bros.) and Norman Ryan (European American) were suggested.

Legislative & Judicial Update

Marc Ostrow reported on the Lawrence Golan, Richard Kapp et al v. Ashcroft case.

International Confederation of Music Publishers

Bourne announced that she has received an invoice in the amount of € 4262 for membership. Caprioglio reported that the rate of exchange was € = \$1.34 US. A motion to approve payment of the dues was approved.

MLA/MOLA/MPA

Heskin reported on the MLA Preservation Committee's evaluation of different binding styles and will report at the April meeting.

Membership

A motion to accept the application of IMMA Publishing Company of New York City for membership in the Association was approved.

Adjourned 11:42 AM

The next meeting will be at 10:00 AM on Thursday, 21 April 2005, at BMI.