

MINUTES
Central Iowa Symphony Board
February 12, 2008

(Rescheduled from February 5 because of a snow storm)

Attending: Donita McCoy (presiding), A. M. Fink, Kathleen Foster-Wendel, Noelle Fultz, Karl Gwiasda

Administrative

President McCoy called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. The distributed agenda was approved.

The minutes for the meeting of January 8 were approved.

Filling in for the treasurer, McCoy distributed copies of the budget review. The treasurer's report was approved. .

Board membership

McCoy introduced the board's new member, Noelle Fultz. Fultz's addresses and phone number are:

1115 Orchard Drive / Ames 50010
515-450-1007 (cell)
noelle@university-west.com (work) – use this address on weekdays (excluding holidays)
noelle.fultz@yahoo.com (home)

McCoy reported that Tammy Kaufman has resigned from the board.

Orchestra and Concerts

Search committee for new conductor

Fink reported that the conductor-evaluation form has been prepared and was used following the December concert. The same form will be given to orchestra members after each of the remaining concerts this season and after any concerts next season that are led by an applicant for the conductor's post.

McCoy reported that a second application has now been submitted. She has notified all of this season's guest conductors that the application deadline is April 1.

Next season's schedule

McCoy reported that Jeff Prater (ISU Music Department) has inquired whether the CIS might be interested in having a visiting Russian conductor, Arkadi Feldmann, guest-conduct the orchestra during his planned two-week residency with the Music Department next fall. Because of the timing of the residency, the concert date would have to be shifted to November 9 from October 5 (the date chosen in planning next season's schedule). The board took a favorable view of the proposal but noted some matters that need to be looked into before a final decision can be made:

Would the orchestra members be agreeable to the necessary changes in scheduling rehearsal sessions? In addition, would the players object to the shortened time between the season's first and second concerts

because of shifting the opening concert from October to November? McCoy will consult the players to determine their response.

Can arrangements be made for someone to lead a few initial rehearsals to prepare the orchestra and also to serve as the back-up conductor should something go awry with Feldmann's travel schedule? McCoy will look into this matter.

Orchestra support

Young Artists Auditions

McCoy reported that the winners of the Young Artists Auditions are Nathan Friend (cellist) and Emily Mullaney (violinist).

March 8 concert

Fultz agreed to coordinate or prepare publicity for the March concert. She will provide information to Laura Pieper and Carole Horowitz at *The Tribune* and will pursue other opportunities to publicize the concert.

Gwiasda will have the posters ready by the end of the week. He will also take care of getting the concert playbills printed.

Keys will arrange having ushers at the concert.

Fink will arrange taking the conductor to lunch after the morning rehearsal.

Appeal letter

Work on correcting the mailing list is not yet finished. When it is, the letter will be sent.

Next season's brochure

McCoy reported that Wormley has suggested that the brochure and program cover design used this season be used again for the coming season. The board agreed with the proposal, both because the design is attractive and because re-using it would reduce next season's costs. In response to a suggestion from Fultz, McCoy will check with Walter at WZ Design to make sure that there no barriers to or restrictions on re-using the design that the firm prepared.

Other business

The board approved rescheduling the next meeting for March 11 instead of March 4 so that the president would be able to attend. (March 4 is a rehearsal date for the Des Moines Symphony.)

The meeting was adjourned at about 8:45 pm.

Karl Gwiasda
Secretary

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, March 11, 7:15 pm