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Kansas City, Missouri, was the site of the 1994 U.S. Branch annual meeting, which was held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Music Library Association (MLA). The board met earlier in the same week and again during the IAML annual conference in Ottawa.

More than fifty members of the branch attended the Ottawa conference. Because of its proximity to the U.S., we were able to use funds usually allocated to assist our members with travel expenses to bring a delegate, Emilia Rassina of the Moscow Conservatory, to the Helsinki conference from Russia. Afterwards she visited the RIPM Center at the University of Maryland to work toward resolution of issues concerning the integration of a Russian group into RIPM.

A clearinghouse to identify and disseminate music materials to libraries in post-communist and/or developing countries will be established as soon as details can be worked out. The second plenary session of the upcoming annual conference of the Music Library Association (Atlanta, February 8-11, 1995) will be devoted to international music librarianship and will focus on the realities revealed and opportunities presented by recent changes in world politics. Don Roberts, IAML President, will discuss the current international scene and IAML's outreach program. Aurika Gergeležiū, National Library of Estonia, will describe music libraries and music librarianship in the Baltic countries, and the problems confronting them in the post-Soviet era. The President of the US Branch of IAML, Ruth Henderson, will outline what MLA members can do to assist their colleagues in other parts of the world.

We are awaiting word regarding acceptance of our invitation to IAML for a conference in the San Francisco Bay Area; possible years have been narrowed to 1999, 2002, or later.

Current members of the U.S. Board include: Ruth Henderson, President; Robert Follet, Secretary-Treasurer; John Roberts and David Sommerfield, Members-at-large; Lenore Coral and Don Roberts, International Board Representatives.

Ruth Henderson, President