United States, report 2007

Board of Directors: Mary Wallace Davidson (president); Jane Gottlieb (past-president); Robert Acker (secretary); Mary Alice Fields and Carolyn Dow (treasurer); Barbara Dobbs Mackenzie, Alan Green, and Elizabeth Davis (members-at-large); John Roberts and James Cassaro (IAML Board)

Elections were held early in 2007 for one Member-at-Large, to succeed Barbara MacKenzie, yielding Elizabeth Davis (Columbia University). Mary Alice Fields having indicated her wish to step down as Treasurer, the Nominating Committee recommended Carolyn Dow to be her successor. This appointment by the President was ratified by the Board in March. The Nominating Committee, comprising Linda Solow Blotner, Jane Gottlieb, and Geraldine Ostrove, chair, also took the opportunity to make several recommendations for by-laws changes, and other methods for strengthening the organization, currently under consideration by the Board.

In the United States, the Music Library Association, founded in 1931, is the principal organization in which most music librarians are active, and comprises something over 900 personal members. As of December, 2006, the IAML-US branch comprises about 88 of the same members, representing an increase of 24% from this time last year. At the annual meeting of both organizations, plus the Society for American Music (SAM), the IAML-US Branch requested, and received an exhibit table gratis in an attempt to increase visibility of IAML-US within MLA. We also held a raffle at the exhibit table for a free one-year membership in IAML-US. The recipient, Cathy Lutz, Cataloging Librarian at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota, was delighted. We noted with a smile that one of the many contestants was someone whose membership had lapsed for several years, and that person, though not a winner, immediately paid up. At one of the SAM sessions, Mary Davidson made a brief presentation, “Librarians without Borders,” providing an overview of IAML-US, CAML, and IAML.

In another effort to improve our visibility, this time on the Internet, the position of Web master was separated from that of the elected Secretary, and Manuel Erviti was appointed at the recommendation of the Nominating Committee, to begin in June 2007. Manuel has already created a new design, and some new content, which he has presented for approval by the IAML-US Board at this meeting.

With respect to financial matters, a successful transition occurred to a calendar fiscal year coinciding with IAML’s, which will clarify our accounting and reporting. Our Non-Profit corporate tax status, established provisionally in 2002, was reviewed by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service, and that status confirmed permanently.

Guidelines for the Lenore Coral Travel Fund were established, and we hope to have enough contributions to make the first award in 2008. The Fund was established in 2006 to assist new members’ attendance at international IAML meetings.
The chief continuing activity of IAML-US is the Donated Materials Program, hosted at the University of Pennsylvania under the creative leadership of Marjorie Hassen. The most significant activity was the transfer of twenty-two boxes of books and journals from the estate of Barry Brook to the music library of the Univerzitet Umetnosti in Belgrade. Shipping costs were covered by IAML Outreach. Naxos agreed to extend its previously-granted 5-user subscription to its Music Library to Jagiellonian University, Krakow, through December 2007.

Finally, the IAML-US Board issued an invitation to the IAML Board offering the Juilliard School in New York City as a site for the 2015 meeting. The invitation was evidently accepted by the Board, and is to be approved by the IAML Council at this meeting in Sydney.

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