

**Indiana University School of Music Alumni Association  
Board Meeting held Saturday, April 9, 2005, at DeVault Alumni Center**

*The mission of the Indiana University School of Music Alumni Association is to serve as a vehicle for its alumnae to support, and promote the Indiana University School of Music, and to assist the school in maintaining and enhancing its position as one of the preeminent schools of music in the world. (11/6/2004)*

**Attendance.** Attending the November 6 meeting were: Scott Addison, Alain Barker, Rachel Caswell, Alice Curry, Roberta Graham, Wil Greckel, Janet Hamilton, Dwan Hublar, Lynn Lewis, Heidi Martin, Kathryn Red, John Seward, Eric Stark, Rebecca Stenner, and Karl Zacker.

**President.** Lunch was served at noon, and President Wil Greckel called the meeting to order at 12:42.

**Secretary's Report.** Minutes of the November 6, 2004, Board Meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's Report.** The Treasurer's report was distributed and reviewed by Karl Zacker in Celeste Holler's absence. As of 2/28/2005, the SOMAA account balance was \$12,728.59. This year only, as the fiscal year of the organization is changed, the fiscal year will run from 9/1 through 6/30. Hereafter, the fiscal year will begin 7/1 and run through 6/30.

**Membership Report.** Karl Zacker distributed and reviewed the membership report. SOMAA membership stands at 1,398 total as of 2/28/05. The graduating class will add about 300 new members in May.

**Development Report.** Lynn Lewis discussed the "Dean's Circle," introduced one year ago, which has accumulated substantial gifts – funds have been used so far for a visit by the American Brass Quintet, sending a pep band to a soccer tournament, and purchase of a practice organ from Penn State over ebay for about \$12,000. The recent Cinderella ballet, a sell-out and a great success, was made possible by Commitment to Excellence funds.

**Dean's Report.** Dean Richards was unable to attend. Lynn Lewis solicited answers from Board members to three questions on behalf of the Dean: 1) What good things is the SOMAA doing for the SOM? 2) What do you think this Board can do to move the SOM forward? 3) What can we do as individuals to help the SOM? A program for the summer music festival was distributed and discussed, and it was announced that the world premier of Ned Rorem's opera "Our Town" will be performed in February of 2006.

**Publicity and Marketing Report.** Alain Barker shared printed materials, including the Prelude and the IUSOM alumni magazine. Magazine articles will feature research articles, and a broader view of everything going on in the SOM. Input on publications is always welcome. The SOM web site was reviewed in the meeting, it is impressive; [www.music.indiana.edu](http://www.music.indiana.edu).

**Friends of Music.** John Seward reported on the travel grant awards presented earlier in the spring, and the upcoming Big Band Night where the Friends would sponsor dinner.

**Other Business.**

**Board Action:** Kathryn Red proposed that the SOMAA fund t-shirts for SOM students at the April 28 Senior Salute. The Board agreed to this expenditure.

Board members are encouraged to consider hosting receptions for alumni at events in their communities. Funds are available from the Board for this purpose. Several members commented on the great success of the SOM reception held at a national choral convention in Los Angeles earlier this year. Members are requested to consider ways to gather contact and other information from alumni when they hold these events.

Commencement and the luncheon for the SOM graduates will be held Saturday, May 7, 2005, at the MAC. Volunteers will meet at 11:00 am.

The Board discussed the Professional Development Seminar in Dick Hoffert's absence. The Board has a continuing interest in providing professional development opportunities for students. The ad-hoc committee is waiting word from Dean Richards before proceeding with further planning for the seminar. SOM staff reported that something is in the works regarding a seminar of this type involving the Kelley School of Business and the Johnson Center for Entrepreneurship.

Committee reports were presented for the Communications Committee by Scott Addison, and for the Outreach Committee by Heidi Martin. The Communications Committee enhanced the alumni focus of the web site and the IU Music magazine, creating special alumni areas for these two communication tools. The Outreach Committee will explore a hospitality booth for one of the summer music festival events, and an alumni concert package.

The Nominating Committee includes the past presidents, the current president, and the vice president, with the IUAA Advisor, currently Karl Zacker, as an ex-officio member. This committee is discussing the work of the Board, and how to best match the qualifications of potential new members with those of the existing members. The Board also discussed the procedure of adding new members. A recommendation by the current President was approved that new members will not become Board members officially nor attend meetings until a majority vote of approval by the Board. The exception to this would be that if members resign before their terms are up, the Nominating Committee can appoint their replacements.

**Next Meeting.** Fall meeting for 2005 –October 29, 1:00 lunch meeting at DeVault Alumni Center, followed by dinner and the opera Romeo and Juliet (to be confirmed). Please RSVP to Laura Brumba at [labrumba@indiana.edu](mailto:labrumba@indiana.edu).

**Adjournment.** The Board Meeting was adjourned at 3:40 pm.

#### **Board Membership.**

Officers: President Wil Greckel, Vice President Scott Addison, Secretary Rebecca Stenner, Treasurer Celeste Holler Seraphinoff, Past-President Roberta Graham

Class of 2004 includes: Eric Stark, Dwan Hublar (Michael Fiske resigned)

Class of 2005 includes: Janis Stockhouse, Janet Hamilton, David Lamb, (Henry Upper resigned)

Class of 2006 includes: Alice Curry, Larry Stickler, Rachel Caswell

Class of 2007 includes: Heidi Martin, Dick Hoffert

Ex Officio Members include: Gwyn Richards, Lynn Lewis, Kathryn Red, Alain Barker, John Seward, Karl Zacker

Respectfully submitted, Rebecca Stenner, Secretary.