



AMS

CAMPAIGN UPDATE

ROBERT F. JUDD FUND

Summer 2024

A photograph of an older man, Bob Judd, sitting at an outdoor cafe. He is wearing a plaid shirt, glasses, and a black and red baseball cap with "MUNICIPAL BAND" and "MAINE" on it. He is smiling and looking towards the right. In the background, there is a body of water, a tall patio heater, and a clear sky. The scene is set during the golden hour of late afternoon or early evening. A red banner is overlaid on the left side of the image.

Bob Judd enjoys a relaxing evening in Maine in 2018.



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REPORT ON THE ROBERT F. JUDD FUND

Robert (“Bob”) F. Judd, beloved Executive Director of the American Musicological Society, died unexpectedly on August 24, 2019. The outpouring of affection—from the newest members of the Society to friends and colleagues he had worked with for years—was remarkable. His leadership, his good judgment, his integrity, his welcoming spirit, and his forward-looking vision were reflected in the heartfelt tributes shared in the [AMS memory book](#) and at the [Celebration of Life for Bob](#) held at the 2019 Annual Meeting in Boston.

In the months before his death, Bob had commissioned a consultant to provide advice about how to improve the functioning of the AMS Office and to stabilize the Society’s finances after a period of rapid growth in programming. He was beginning to address the various challenges. To name just one, the very successful OPUS campaign (2002-2009) had raised considerable funding to support the activities of members—travel grants, publication subventions, fellowships, outreach, and prizes and awards—but the budget for managing these activities had not increased. When he died, the AMS Board of Directors voted to establish a fund in his honor that will endow the position of executive director and support operations. The Board also named the position in his honor: the Robert F. Judd Executive Director.

Now, five years after his death, we are writing to report on progress toward our goal of a \$1 million endowment for the Robert F. Judd Fund. As shown on page 6, thanks to a heartwarming response from members and friends of the AMS, as of June 30 we are now less than \$40,000 from achieving that goal. The pages that follow list the over 450 donors whose generous contributions, pledges, and estate plans have brought us this far. The campaign will continue through the 2024 annual meeting in Chicago. Thus, this remains a preliminary report. We hope that many more members and friends of the AMS will join those listed here in contributing to this effort to secure the financial stability of the Society for the future.

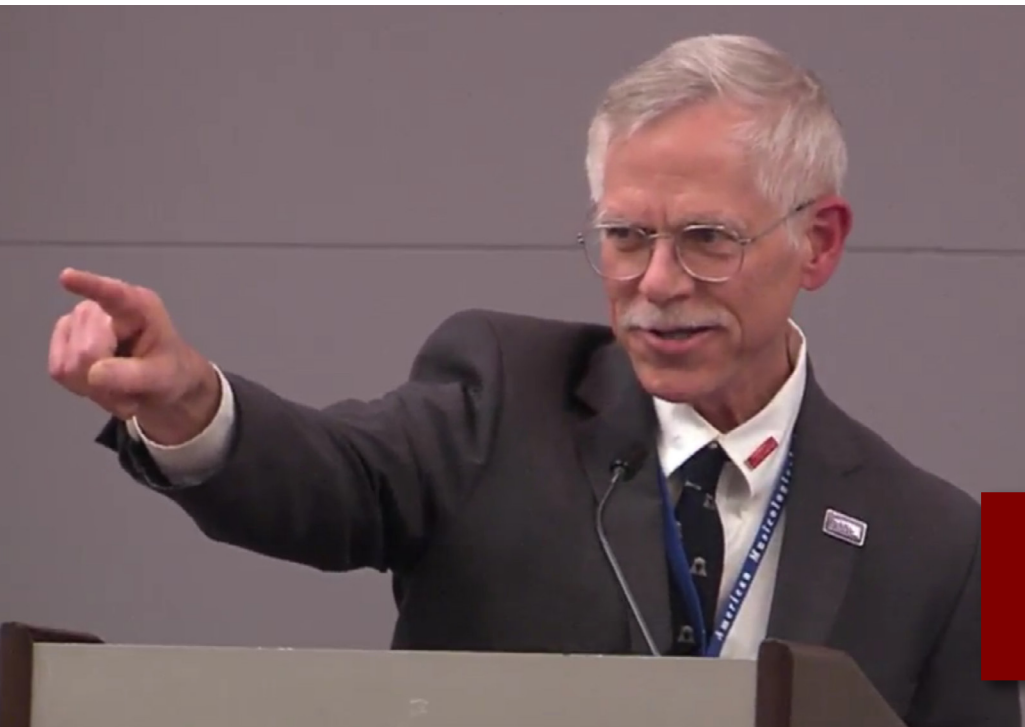
In 2023, revenue from the Judd Fund began to support the operations of the Society for the first time. Everywhere on the [AMS website](#)—and behind the scenes—is evidence of the initiatives Bob had begun to undertake, from new staff in the office who are providing additional service and support to members to a strategic plan that is guiding the AMS in expanding support, capacity, outreach,

and events, and in improving governance.

These initiatives are made possible by your generosity. Thank you for your contributions and for your faith in the future of the AMS.

At the AMS Celebration of Life, Bob's wife Cristle Collins Judd noted that "Bob was a list-maker and there was always a 'to-do' list going. On his desk, I found one of Bob's last such lists, headed 'My legacy with the AMS,' followed by 'financial sustainability.' Bob had begun conversations about retiring, and I suspect these notes came out of those conversations. Bob was hyper-focused on trying to help the Society reach this goal, and so I thank you especially for honoring him with your gifts to the Society. I suspect he would have been deeply humbled by the gesture, but also deeply grateful. So in the inimitable words of Bob Judd: "Thank you. Thank you for being the AMS he so treasured serving."

J. Peter Burkholder and Jessie Ann Owens
Co-chairs, Robert F. Judd Fund Campaign Committee



Bob Judd speaks at the 2018 AMS Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas.

CAMPAIGN UPDATE

CAMPAIGN GOAL: \$1 MILLION

GIFTS, PLEDGES, AND ESTATE PLANS
AS OF JUNE 30, 2024

\$961, 706

AMOUNT STILL TO BE RAISED	\$38,294
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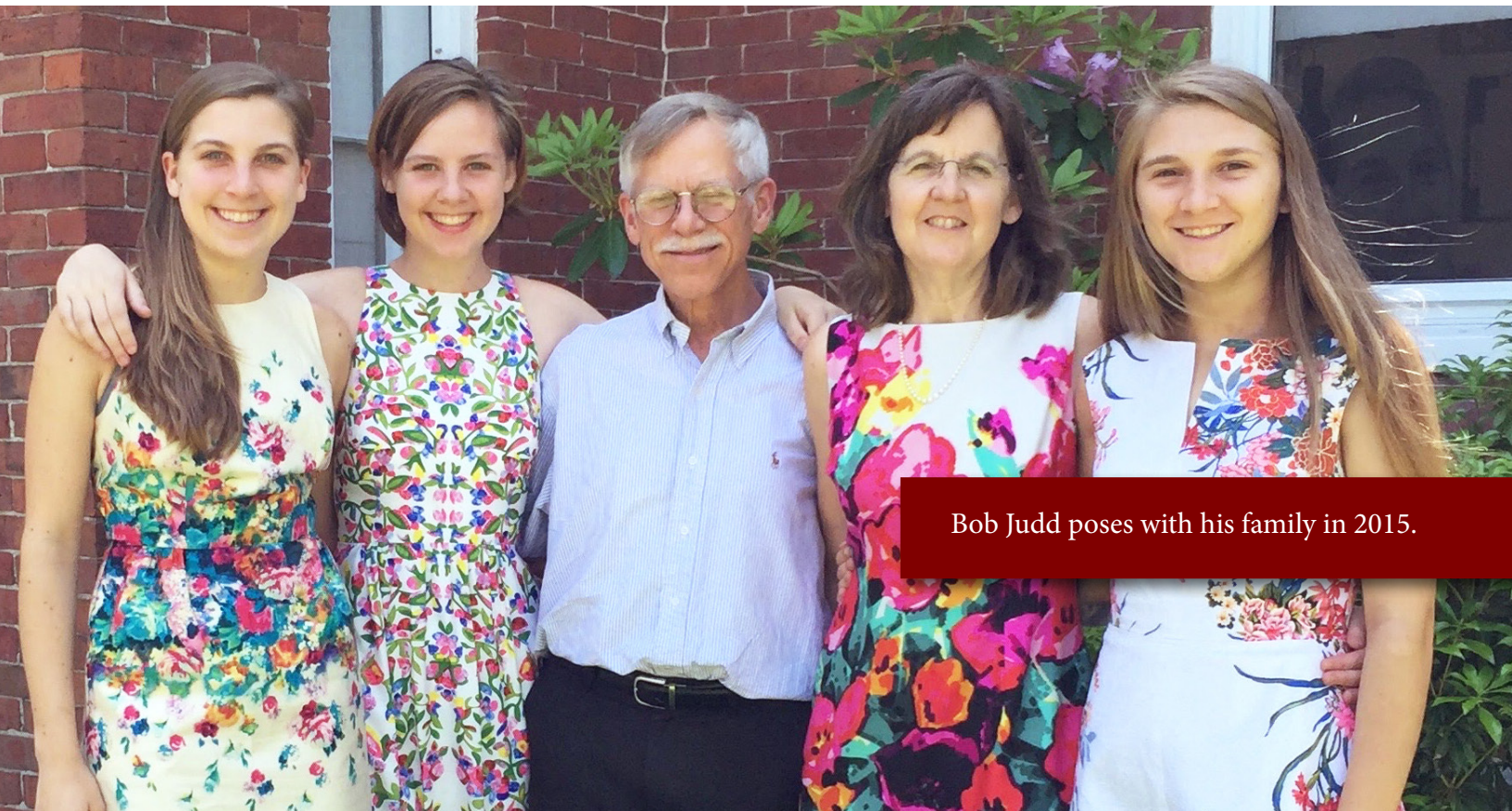
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Bob Judd poses with his family in 2015.

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