

MUSIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
Annual Business Meeting
Tucson, Arizona; February 23, 1990

I. President Susan Sommer called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM. The minutes of the meeting of March 17, 1989 were approved as distributed.

II. Treasurer's report. Sherry Vellucci reported a beginning balance (July 1, 1988) of \$206,666.72; operating expenditures of \$224,768.47; and a closing balance (June 30, 1989) of \$256,509.25, for a net gain of \$49,842.53. She presented a summary of specific categories of income and expenditures within the operating budget, and commented upon the expansion of program funding, the necessity to maintain financial stability, and the need for periodic dues increases. MLA members may refer to an article by Fiscal Officer Richard Griscom in the MLA Newsletter (no. 78, Sept./Oct. 1989; "The Genesis of the MLA Budget") for further information on budget structure and the budgetary process. Vellucci expressed her pleasure at having had the opportunity to serve MLA as treasurer for the past four years. Sommer expressed her appreciation for Vellucci's excellent and conscientious service to MLA.

III. Executive secretary's report. Ralph Papakhian reported as follows:

A. Publications. The 1990 membership directory is undergoing editorial revision and should be available in March or April. During the past year, 133 copies of publications in the Index Series were sold, as well as 366 copies in the Technical Reports series. A new version of the "Directory of Library School Offerings in Music Librarianship" will be available soon. Brochures on membership and music librarianship are also available from the executive secretary.

B. Related organizations. MLA is pleased to have an exchange agreement with ARLIS/NA and to welcome its representative to the Tucson meeting.

C. Election. A total of 287 eligible ballots were received (70 more than the previous year), as well as 16 ineligible ballots. Michael Fling assisted as an election teller.

D. Membership. Membership remains reasonably stable. The total number of current members (1973) decreased by six, while the total number of subscribers (895) decreased by 23.

E. MLA-L (electronic mail). Currently there are over 190 subscribers.

IV. Notes editor's report. Michael Ochs expressed his thanks to individuals who have contributed this past year as authors of articles, reviewers, or who have submitted information to "Notes for Notes". Those interested in reviewing current publications should contact the appropriate review editor. Ann Basart is assuming responsibility as book review editor.

Notes has grown: the projected size of the March issue (312 pages) is a new record. Growth is due in part to a dramatic expansion of the index to CD reviews. An ad-hoc committee has been appointed to examine this feature's readership, use, and duplication by other sources. Opinions from MLA members are welcome.

MLA members are encouraged to submit articles to Ochs for consideration for publication in Notes, and to urge others (including students) to do likewise.

V. Report of the convention managers. Martin Silver reported a total of 489 registrants at the Tucson meeting, including about 50 first-time attendees. Silver, who is stepping down as convention manager, is being replaced by Christine Hoffman, who has been serving as assistant convention manager. Hoffman announced dates and locations of future meetings and described briefly the hotel facilities, room rates, and other matters relevant to the 1991 meeting in Indianapolis. She thanked Silver for his continuing support and expressed appreciation on behalf of MLA to the 47 exhibitors at the Tucson meeting, with special thanks to reception contributors.

VI. Election results. Sommer introduced new officers: Don L. Roberts, Vice-President/President Elect; Nancy Bren Nuzzo, Recording Secretary; and incoming board members Joseph M. Boonin, Joan Swanekamp, and Ross Wood. Sommer thanked past president Lenore Coral, outgoing recording secretary Jean Geil, and outgoing board members Laura Dankner, Diane Parr Walker, and Richard W. Griscom for their hard work and outstanding contributions to the organization. She expressed her appreciation to Ruth Henderson and other members of the nominating committee this past year, and announced that Richard Griscom will chair the nominating committee for next year's election.

VII. Announcements.

A. Publicity officer Christine Olson asked for volunteers to assist in setting up and/or staffing exhibits at conferences of six exchange organizations.

B. Richard Smiraglia noted that numbers 16 and 17 in the Technical Reports series were issued this past year, numbers 18 and 19 are well underway, and that additional manuscripts are under consideration.

C. James Farrington noted that the deadline for the next newsletter is March 9.

D. Archivist Bruce Wilson reminded MLA members to submit relevant materials to the archives.

E. Sommer noted that the midwest chapter is developing a catalog of automation projects.

G. Local Arrangements Committee chair Dorman Smith expressed appreciation to all who helped to make the previous evening's reception a success. He gave particular thanks to Arizona committee members Laurie Eagleson, Mona Frontain, Spencer Hunter, Charles King, Connie Gempeler, Shelley McGehee, Arlys McDonald, and Annette Voth, as well as to many others who contributed their time and energy to this year's annual meeting.

H. Lenore Coral spoke briefly on the ongoing work of the national RILM office. She thanked MLA for its continuing support and expressed appreciation to all individuals who contribute abstracts.

VIII. Awards.

A. Awards for publications that appeared in 1988 are as follows:

1. The Vincent H. Duckles Award for best book-length bibliography or reference work is shared between two publications:

The Dictionnaire des Éditeurs de musique français, vol. II (covering the years 1820 to 1914), by Anik Devriès and François Lesure (Editions Minkoff, 1988).

Ancient Greek Music Theory: a Catalogue Raisonné of Manuscripts (RISM, B xi), by Thomas J. Mathiesen (Henle Verlag, 1988).

2. The Richard S. Hill Award for the best article-length bibliography or article on music librarianship: John Beckwith, "Tunebooks and Hymnals in Canada, 1801-1939," published in American Music, vol. 6, no. 2 (Summer 1988): 193-234.

3. The Eva Judd O'Meara Award for the best book or score review published in Notes: Joshua Rifkin, review of facsimile publications of J. S. Bach's B-minor Mass (Bärenreiter, 1983 and Hänssler, 1983), in Notes, vol. 44, no. 4 (June 1988): 787-798.

B. The Walter Gerboth Award, for an MLA member in the first five years of his or her career as a librarian, was presented to David Hunter in support of his project to prepare bibliographic descriptions of opera and song books published in England, 1703-1726.

Sommer thanked members of the Publications Awards Committee (Thomas F. Heck [chair], Harold Diamond, John Howard) and Walter Gerboth Award Committee (Linda Solow Blotner [chair], Maria Calderisi, John Shepard).

IX. MLA Citations. Two individuals were recognized for their distinguished service to music librarianship:

A. Nicolas Slonimsky: "...indefatigable hunter of facts, merciless warrior against misinformation, prince of musical lexicography, and diaskeuast supreme." Sommer read excerpts from Slonimsky's letter of January 24, 1990 thanking the association for the citation.

B. James B. Coover: "...embodiment of the scholar-librarian, whose works, wisdom, and wit have inspired multitudes of his students and colleagues." Coover accepted the citation in person, to rousing applause.

X. New Business. Sommer introduced Anna Thompson, Indianapolis (1991) Local Arrangements Committee chair, who described plans for next year's meeting. A new work by composer Bruce Adolphe commissioned by MLA for its 60th anniversary will be premiered.

There being no additional new business, Sommer expressed appreciation to James P. Cassaro, Joyce Clinkscales, and others who contributed to the success of the preconference workshop. She acknowledged contributions by the following persons to the success of the annual meeting:

Program Committee: David A. Day [chair], Beth Christensen, Kirby Dilworth, Jane Gottlieb, Dale Hudson, Shirlene Ward.

Local Arrangements Committee: Dorman Smith [chair], Laurie Eagleson, Mona Frontain, Spencer Hunter, Charles King, Connie Gempeler, Arlys McDonald, Shelley McGehee, Annette Voth, Janet Bischoff, Irene Halliday, Nancy Carter, Karl Kroeger, Leah Middlemiss, Carolyn Dow, Monique Durham, Barbara Johnson, Jim Wright, Michelle Gotz, Sue Weiland, Susan Hitchens, Marie Kroeger, Lois Kuyper-Rushing, Carol Neighbor, Myron Patterson.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Geil, Recording Secretary