

MUSIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
Annual Business Meeting
Indianapolis, Indiana; February 15, 1991

I. President Susan Sommer called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM. The minutes of the meeting of February 23, 1990, were approved as distributed.

II. Treasurer's report. Sommer led a round of applause thanking Sherry Vellucci for her magnificent work during four years as treasurer, and introduced Diane Parr Walker, who succeeded Vellucci in October 1990. Walker reported a beginning balance for fiscal year 1989/90 of \$256,509.25, operating income of \$253,313.94, operating expenditures of \$236,554.45, and an ending balance on June 30, 1990, of \$298,408.34, a net gain of \$41,899.09. This net gain represents operating budget surplus and interest on investments. The operating budget surplus is less than that of the previous year and indicates that expenses are catching up with income, a progression predicted in 1987/88 when dues were last increased.

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

A. Election. A total of 295 eligible ballots were received (as compared with 287 in 1989, and 217 in 1988). Papakhian noted that the last few elections have been very close. He thanked Michael Fling, who assisted as an election teller.

B. Publications. The 1991 membership directory will be available in March or April. Suggestions to improve the directory have been directed to the Publications Committee. A straw poll asking who would be willing to pay slightly higher dues for an improved directory was inconclusive. During the past year, about 100 copies of publications in the Index Series and about 400 copies in the Technical Reports series were sold. The third edition of the Directory of Library School Offerings in Music Librarianship is available from Papakhian for \$5.00, prepaid. About 33 copies have been sold. Brochures on music librarianship and MLA are also available from the executive secretary.

C. Membership. A strategic goal of the association is to maintain a stable membership level. As of January 1991, the total number of members is 1986, an increase of 13 over the previous year. The number of subscribers is 822, 26 fewer than the previous year.

D. MLA-L. There are now over 335 participants. Recent improvements have enabled file serving.

IV. Notes Editor's report. Michael Ochs reported that AR Editions will produce Notes beginning with the June 1991 issue. An advisory committee is studying the results of a survey on the future of the Index to CD and Record Reviews; it appears that the column will continue in some form. Dick LeSueur will end a 5-year stint as compiler of the column with the June 1992 issue. He was given a round of applause for his work. Notes continues to grow; the increase in size is due largely to the expansion of the book review section as it catches up with a backlog of reviews. Unfortunately, Ann Basart will give up the book review editorship with next issue; a new editor is sought. Ochs thanked contributors to Notes and encouraged potential contributors to contact him or the appropriate review editor.

V. Convention Manager's report. Chris Hoffman reported a total of 490 registrants [later revised to 493], including 60 first-time attendees, 32 students, 25 on-site registrations, and 45 vendors exhibiting at 58 tables. There were also 18 program book advertisers. Hoffman thanked the exhibitors, particularly exhibitor/donors Audio Buff, K.G. Saur, and OCLC. MLA's 1992 meeting will be held February 19-22 at the Stouffer Harborplace Hotel in Baltimore, where rates will be \$99 single or double. In 1993, MLA will meet in the San Francisco Bay Area. Hoffman thanked the Program Committee, Local Arrangements Committee, exhibitors, and hotel staff. She invited comments and suggestions about how the conference was handled.

VI. Election results. Sommer introduced new members-at-large James Cassaro, Jane Gottlieb, and Sherry Vellucci, and thanked the entire slate of candidates and the Nominating Committee chaired by Richard Griscom. Sommer thanked outgoing Board members Nina Davis-Millis, Dale Hudson, and Gordon Theil. Gordon Theil will chair the Nominating Committee for the 1991 election, when the membership will choose a vice president/president elect, recording secretary, and three members-at-large.

VII. Announcements.

A. Beth Christensen, Program Committee Chair for 1992, described changes in the program format that will take place in 1992.

B. Bruce Wilson, Curator of the MLA Archives, thanked senders of retired records and encouraged retiring chairs and others to send him documents. A form for this purpose is available from him.

C. Lenore Coral, NISO Representative, reported on progress in the development of the International Standard Music Number.

As head of the US RILM Office, Coral thanked volunteers and noted that more are always welcome. Librarians in PhD-granting institutions are encouraged to get abstracts from PhD candidates. RILM on CD-ROM will be available in the spring; a paper issue of the index is in the mail. RILM will be current (1 year behind) in about three years. Coral recognized and thanked Jean Harden, former assistant at the RILM Office.

D. Geraldine Ostrove, Development Committee Chair, reported that about \$3,700 had been raised for the Gerboth fund during the conference and thanked contributors.

E. Paula Matthews, Placement Officer, thanked participants in the mentoring program and reported that there were twenty-five mentor/mentee matches.

F. Susan Sommer reported that MLA will be visible at the ALA meeting in Atlanta through programs on performing arts collections and on the preservation of music materials.

VIII. Awards.

A. Sommer reported that the MLA Board has approved the creation of a new award, the Special Achievement Award, which is to be given for remarkable work done over a short period of time (as compared to the citation, which is given for cumulative achievement). The Board welcomes suggestions for recipients.

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 Alan A. Green in support of his work towards the publication of a bio-bibliography of American composer Allen Dwight Sapp.

C. Awards for publications that appeared in 1989 are as follows:

1. The Eva Judd O'Meara Award for the best book or score review published in Notes: William Kraft, review of Stravinsky's Histoire du Soldat (edition by John Carewe and James Blades), in Notes, vol. 46, no. 1 (September 1989): 212-216. The award was accepted for William Kraft by Fran Barulich, Notes Music Review Editor.

2. The Richard S. Hill Award for the best article-length bibliography or article on music librarianship: Gillian B. Anderson for "Putting the Experience of the World at the Nations's Command: Music at the Library of Congress, 1800-1917," published in Journal of the American Musicological Society, vol. 42 (1989): 108-149. Anderson was present to accept the award.

3. The Vincent H. Duckles Award for best book-length bibliography or reference work: Hans-Joachim Schulze and Christoph Wolff, Bach Compendium: Analytisch-bibliographisches Repertorium der Werke Johann Sebastian Bachs (Peters, 1985-1989). The award was accepted for the authors by Michael Ochs.

IX. MLA Citation. Lenore Coral was recognized by MLA with a citation which reads, "In recognition of her distinguished service to music librarianship, the Music Library Association awards this citation to LENORE CORAL Past President, whose vigorous, timely, far-reaching achievements in music bibliography & descriptive cataloging impart highest standards of intelligence, skill, courage, & integrity, & whose persistent encouragement of associations, colleagues, & students is valued above all." Coral accepted the award, to resounding applause.

Sommer thanked the committees responsible for recommending these awards: the Gerboth Award Committee, chaired by Maria Calderisi; the Publication Awards Committee, chaired by Harold Diamond; and the Nominating Committee, chaired by Richard Griscom.

X. New Business. Sommer introduced Ned Quist, Baltimore (1992) Local Arrangements Committee Chair, who issued an invitation to Baltimore from the librarians in the Baltimore area.

Sommer thanked the Program Committee for the Indianapolis meeting: Jane Gottlieb, Chair, Beth Christensen, David Day, Holly Mockovac, Anna Thompson, and Ross Wood; and the Local Arrangements Committee: Anna Thompson, Chair, Penny Pace Cannon, Eileen Dolan-Heitlinger, Nancy Gootee, Marilyn Martin, Phyllis Schoonover, Thomas Sterner, and Nyal Williams, as well as their supportive institutions, staffs, and families. Additional volunteers were recognized and thanked: Barb Denzio, Joe Hafner, Joe Chehovin, Mark Scharff, Sarah Wire, Mary Schroeder, Rick Schwegel, Jeannette Casey, Anna Horton, Shari Storms, Pat Gammon, and Diane Murray.

There being no additional new business, Sommer "passed the torch" to her successor as president, Don L. Roberts. Roberts called for a round of applause to recognize Sommer's service to MLA as president.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Nuzzo, Recording Secretary