

MUSIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors

Boston, Mass., February 26-27 and March 3, 1978

Sunday, February 26: 2:15-6:00 p.m., 7:20-10:00 p.m.; Monday, February 27: 9:05 a.m.-noon, 3:00-6:00 p.m.; Friday, March 3: noon-1:30 p.m.

Present: Mary Ashe (except Sunday), Maria Calderisi, Shirley Emanuel, George Hill (except part of Monday afternoon), Michael Keller, Jon Newsom (except Friday), Michael Ochs, Geraldine Ostrove, Don Roberts, Martin Silver, Linda Solow, Clara Steuermann, Ruth Watanabe (except part of Monday afternoon), William Weichlein (intermittently on Monday); for X, William McClellan; for XI, Arne Arneson, Robert Evenson, Don Hixon, Marian Korda, Vernon McCart, Donna Mendro, Jerry Persons, Ida Reed, Isabel Rose, Marlene Wong, David Wood; for part of XIV.A, Donald Seibert; for XIII.C, Dana Hull; members of the Association (except Monday morning and Friday). Dena Epstein presiding.

Before the meeting began the agenda was revised.

I. Recording secretary's report

A. The minutes of the previous meeting in Evanston, Illinois were approved with the following corrections:

p. 3, l. 14 and 16

...3, l. 2

change "concensus" to: consensus

change "recommentations" to:

recommendations

...3, l. 19

change "carred" to: carried

p. 5, l. 1

change "concensus" to: consensus

p. 6, ...4, par. 4, l. 2

change "Roberts" to: Silver

p. 7, IX.K, l. 3

change "concensus" to: consensus

B. The annual report of Board activities for 1977 was approved as distributed.

II. Treasurer's report. Shirley Emanuel

A. The third quarter 1977 financial report was distributed. As of February 25, 1978 our checking account balance was \$20,048.77.

B. Emanuel distributed her financial report for 1977. We had a net gain for the year of \$776.37. We overspent on certain lines as expected, and Emanuel's guess of our income was about right. Subscriptions and dues are on the way up. We had an I.R.S. audit recently (all non-profit organizations are examined periodically), and the verbal report indicated things are satisfactory. However, there was some questions about Notes advertising income. The I.R.S. wants more details in our annual report, another indication that our books have to be reorganized (see also IX.E).

As for unpaid bills, second bills for advertising were sent in December, and approximately \$5,300 has been received since. Problems with payment for the purchase of our mailing lists have also been straightened out. Only \$200 in AMS Reprints royalties for the sale of Notes was received in 1977. Since we received \$1,100 the year before, an explanation will be sought (see also IV). Emanuel called AMS before the conclusion of the Board meeting and they verified the amount. However, they have not provided us with a list of sales.

The annual report was approved as distributed.

C. The 1978 budget had been mailed prior to the Board meeting.

D. Emanuel called attention to the fact that our long-term savings certificates are due in spring 1978. The Record Ratings fund, one of the certificates, had been invested because Kurtz Myers said he would not need the money until his retirement. It was suggested we either withdraw the money and

consolidate it with operating funds, buy another note with it, or consolidate it with the development fund, omitting the identifier Record Ratings. Keller moved, with second by Solow, that we add the amount in the Record Ratings account, in the form of a four-year savings note, to the development fund, that we delete the identifier, and that we pay Myers's expenses, up to the amount in the present Record Ratings account at its maturity, out of operating funds. Motion carried. Later in the meeting Emanuel urged that we redeposit our savings notes at a higher rate of interest. The Board concurred. She also asked whether we preferred to continue using a bank in New York or to transfer the money to Washington. The Board preferred the latter.

III. Fiscal officer's report. Michael Ochs.

Notices of appropriations for various activities in fiscal 1978 were mailed prior to the Board meeting. The new dues and subscription rates will be presented during the business meeting.

IV. Executive secretary's report. William Weichlein

Weichlein distributed copies of 1) the growth index; 2) a list of the number in each category of members and subscribers; 3) a list by category of bank deposits between August 26, 1977 and February 26, 1978; and 4) an inventory of some MLA publications. An error in the November growth index is corrected in the current one. Board members also received a draft of the 1978 calendar (see also XII). A new, interim, MLA brochure was distributed. It is correct up to this meeting, and will shortly be superceded by a 1978 brochure.

Weichlein noted that Annemarie Schnase's new catalogue includes Notes, which would seem to indicate our royalties should be higher than they are. He informed the Board that a new number of the Index and Bibliography Series, Peter Dedel's Johannes Brahms: A Guide to His Autographs in Facsimile, will be ready in May. Weichlein also requested that, rather than selling the cumulated Notes Supplements for \$6.00, as had been decided on when the budget was approved at the last Board meeting, we sell them for \$5.00. So moved by Silver, with second by Steuermann. Motion carried.

V. Convention manager's report. William Weichlein

Boston. With 298 paid pre-registrants, Weichlein observed that it looks good. He praised the efforts of the planning committee. There were a number of problems which resulted from the Music OCLC Users Group's mailing copies of our registration form for their meeting. The inclusion of our closing date, which occurred before the Group's members received their notices, was confusing to their non-MLA members, and Brenda Goldman was obliged to make explanations that the error was not ours. All in all, there has been quite a bit of bad publicity for MLA. Goldman urged Epstein to ask them to put a notice of correction in their next newsletter. (See also VIII.C.5.) Solow later received a note from Karen Hagberg and Karl VanAusdahl apologizing for the confusion regarding their mailings and program changes. MLA's audio-visual and microforms committee also moved a meeting announced in the printed program without giving adequate notice, which misled many of those who had planned to attend.

New Orleans, February 6-10, 1979. Plans are not yet underway, but some exhibitors have already been registered. Liselotte Andersson is head of local arrangements and Mary Davidson of program.

Epstein brought to the Board's attention letters from 1) Theodore Front to Marsha Berman and Stephen Fry, in which he responded to complaints they had made about the increasingly high cost of music. Front suggested, among other things, that the subject be on the program in New Orleans (see also VII.B.6). 2) Ian Jacobs from the new Grove's Dictionary suggested a panel discussion on the criteria for the inclusion of subjects and musicians in encyclopedic reference

works. Both letters will be passed on Davidson. 3) A member of the Association from California wrote suggesting that four consecutive national meetings not be held in the east.

San Antonio, February 6-9(10?), 1980. The Texas chapter has agreed to our suggested change of year. Hotel bids are coming in.

Los Angeles, UCLA. Fry and Berman have extended an invitation for some time in the future. 1982 or 1983 may be possibilities.

Washington, D. C., Library of Congress. Construction of the Madison Building, to which the Music Division will move, keeps being pushed back. We will not meet here in 1980.

New Haven, Yale. 50th anniversary, 1981. Harold Samuel is skeptical about our obtaining satisfactory hotel accommodations. Cornell University was then suggested as a possible site because of Otto Kinkeldey's affiliation with the University and MLA.

## VI. Members-at-large reports

### A. Maria Calderisi. IFLA

1. Board members had received copies of a memorandum from Jane Wilson, ALA's international relations officer, discussing IFLA's dues structure and proposing amounts U. S. association members of IFLA might pay for 1978. MLA's assessment: \$200. Dues could be sent to Wilson or directly to The Hague. Board members asked if U. S. members were prepared to pay their full assessment and whether they had done so previously. Calderisi explained that evidently all of a country's members had to pay in full before any one of them could register for an unlimited number of sections. It was then suggested that U. S. association members pay dues solely according to their respective dues income rather than according to that income pro-rated by the number of votes they have (MLA has one vote). That way, our dues would be \$124 rather than \$200. Keller moved, with second by Ochs, that MLA pay \$162. Motion carried.
2. Calderisi reported that a round-table of music librarians has been approved and will convene in Czechoslovakia when IFLA meets there next summer. The membership proposed by IFLA includes three MLA representatives, with Steuermann as chair and Calderisi as secretary. They have accepted pro tem until a discussion of officers takes place at that meeting. IFLA is not concerned about who the other MLA member would be, and the appointment is within Epstein's authority to name special representatives. Ochs said he would write to CLR to ask them to subsidize our representatives. The IAML members of the round-table are Donald Krummel, Don Roberts, Eric Cooper, Heinz Lanske, and Calderisi.

### B. Michael Keller

1. MLA prizes. There will probably be a committee report during this meeting. The question of who shall announce the names of recipients at the business meeting was raised. It was decided that the chairman, Donald Thompson, should do that. The report of the advisory panel was read. For the best book-length bibliography or research tool published in 1976 their choice was Ruth E. Anderson for her *Contemporary American Composers: a Biographical Dictionary* (Boston, G. K. Hall). For the best article on music librarianship or article-length bibliography, the author being less than 40 years of age, the award would be to Richard D. Claypool for his "Archival Collections of the Moravian Music Foundation and Some Notes on the Philharmonic Society of Bethlehem," *Fontes Artis Musicae*, XXIII (1976), p. 177-190. The advisory panel decided not to make an award for the best review in Notes. It was the consensus of the Board that the amounts of the cash prizes

not be announced. After some discussion about one of the works suggested for a prize, Roberts moved, with second by Calderisi, that the report be accepted. Motion carried, with two abstentions. As for the future of the program, Epstein asked that Thompson continue for another year as chairman in the interest of refining the administration of the project. Keller asked to be relieved of the responsibility of sending out announcements. The Board agreed that Thompson should be reappointed as requested. Announcement of this year's winners and publicity about future awards will be sent by the business office.

C. Don Roberts

1. Annual reports from committees and representatives are in registration packets.
2. There are two items in Roberts's file of music library questionnaires, both of which were sent to him to fill out rather than in response to his announcement of the file.

D. Martin Silver

The index to Board minutes for 1977 was distributed. Epstein has asked Silver to prepare the 1978 index too.

E. Linda Solow

1. Board members received a cumulation with revisions of the index to Board policies.
2. Handbook for Officers and Committee Chairpersons. Solow had sent Board members a memo summarizing those changes of policy which resulted from the approval of the new Handbook but which, never having been voted on individually, do not appear in the policy index. Before those changes were taken up, Steuermann moved, with second by Roberts, that chapter chairpersons be national members. Motion carried. Roberts moved, with second by Calderisi, that the following policies, all on p. 2 of Solow's memo, be adopted:
  - a. Action taken outside those occasions when the Board convenes should be reported at its next meeting so that the action may be recorded in the minutes.
  - b. Since personal approval obtained from Board members separately is not the approval of the Board, ratification at the next regular Board meeting is necessary for it to become an official act of the Association.
  - c. The Board shall submit an annual report of its activities at a regular national meeting. [This is a paraphrase of Art. V.A.7 of the Constitution and By-Laws.]
  - d. The Executive Secretary files copyright registration and CIP information for all MLA publications.
  - e. The Executive Secretary distributes copies of the Handbook for Officers and Committee Chairpersons to new officers and chairpersons, and the current budget, minutes of the four previous Board meetings, the index to Board policies, and the Administrative and Committee Structure to newly-elected Board members.
  - f. Special officers and representatives to other organizations should submit an annual report to the Board.
  - g. The term of special officers expires at the conclusion of each regular business meeting; unless otherwise specified in the Constitution and By-Laws, special officers may be reappointed.
  - h. The Chairperson of the Open Forum is appointed by the President.
  - i. Representatives to other organizations serve for the term required by those groups; in the absence of a specified duration their term is set by the President.

- j. With the exception of Notes, the Newsletter, the Music Cataloging Bulletin, the Job List, and the Membership List, all materials intended for distribution under the Association's name, imprint, or logo shall be submitted to the Publications Committee for final review.

Motion carried. Epstein and other members of the Board joined in a vote of thanks to Solow. The Handbook will be duplicated by the Ann Arbor office and sent to the entire administrative structure.

Epstein extended thanks to the members-at-large for their work on behalf of the Association.

VII. Past-president's report. Clara Steuermann

Chapter representatives are scheduled to meet with the Board later on (see XI). The American Society of University Composers Journal for 1974 has an article on the Ghent Notation Congress. The Rocky Mountain Chapter will have its first meeting on May 18. Arne Arneson is coordinating the activities.

VIII. President's report. Dena Epstein

- A. Election results were announced to the Board by letter: Ruth Watanabe, vice president/president-elect; George Hill, recording secretary; Mary Ashe, Ann Basart, and Jon Newsom, members-at-large.
- B. Administrative structure changes (see also IX.B,D,E,G,J)
  1. Jack Ralston's resignation as chairman of the MLA 50th anniversary committee had been conveyed to the Board by the president prior to the meeting. Epstein appointed Donald Leavitt his successor.
  2. In consultation with Otto Albrecht, chairman, Margaret Johnson Luspinoza and Charles Lindahl have been appointed to the MLA/AMS joint committee on RISM.
  3. Mention was made of the Board's duty to appoint the fiscal officer. Epstein said she would present her choice to the Board as soon as possible, as the persons consulted about such positions must have time to think them over. Later in the meeting she presented the name of Jon Newsom. Her choice was approved.
  4. Robert Johnson informed the president he would be unable to continue serving as chairman of the administration committee. Epstein appointed Brenda Goldman to succeed him. Goldman has scheduled several meetings during this convention. The collection of salary figures is on the agenda. George Hill has agreed to collect material about music prices and the committee will be asked if they wish to take up that subject too.
  5. Epstein invited suggestions from all as she reviews the entire administrative structure.
- C. Other organizations
  1. ALA
    - a. Affiliates. Epstein attended the ALA midwinter meeting, where affiliates had a session. In response to her and the Catholic Library Association's question, Robert Wedgeworth, ALA executive director, said that affiliates can never have a vote on the ALA council because, in an effort to reduce the Council's size, not only affiliates but some smaller ALA subgroups were denied votes. Weichlein noted that we have to pay dues as an affiliate. Affiliates also have to pay for meeting space in ALA hotels during conventions. Epstein had sent Board members a draft of statements setting forth what MLA seeks in its ALA affiliation. To it, Board members added 1) that a statement about our common concerns in librarianship is needed, 2) a vote on the ALA Council, and 3) review of ALA publications in

- our field.
- b. Negotiations concerning ALA's distribution of our Basic Lists continues between John Tanno and Herbert Bloom, senior editor at ALA (see also IX.L).
  - c. Cataloging Code Revision Committee (CCRC). Epstein's report of her attendance as Katherine Skrobela's deputy at its session at the ALA meeting was sent to Board members. We may participate in the committee's orientation program for the new code. A recent article in the RTSD Journal on non-ALA participants in the code revision makes no mention of MLA. Keller suggested Donald Seibert be asked to write a letter to the editor about the omission and also to prepare an article for the Journal on the history of music cataloging in this country. It was reported later that the cataloging council is not enthusiastic about an article on the history of music cataloging rules, although they are interested in interviewing people like Virginia Cunningham. We have no response to our request for a permanent seat on the committee that will succeed CCRC.
  - d. In a memorandum, copies of which were sent to the Board, Epstein summarized the plans for the Public Librarians Association audio-visual committee's program for next summer's meeting. MLA's public librarians interest group will lead one of the sessions. They will meet in Boston to plan that session in detail.
  - e. Constance Nisbet attended the session on the White House Conference at the midwinter meeting. She reported that at the present time there is no potential for MLA participation.
2. IAML-US/MLA joint committee. There will be a meeting here in Boston (see also IX.H).
  3. SLA. (See also IX.F)

Epstein summarized our negotiations with SLA with regard to the removal of our business office to their office in New York. However, as of their Board meeting of February 4, 1978, SLA withdrew their offer to us. Epstein explained the circumstances in detail in a memo sent prior to the Board meeting. So although the executive officer search committee unanimously recommended Harold Diamond, who indicated his willingness to serve, the entire action is now in abeyance (see also IX.F). While negotiations with SLA were still apparently in progress, Epstein consulted the law firm of Friedman & Kolins to ask if they might be willing to represent us in the preparation of a contract. It was moved by Roberts, with second by Ochs, that we authorize funds for the payment of the fee in the event the firm submits a bill. Motion carried.
  4. The Boy Scouts of America have informed us that their music merit badge pamphlet is being revised, and a new book list is needed. Pauline Shaw Bayne's subcommittee has agreed to do it, and the list will be submitted to the publications committee.
  5. OCLC Music Users Group. The question of whether we need to formulate a policy with regard to their meeting with us was raised. Mary Davidson will be advised to talk with their chairperson, Karen Hagberg. It was decided that if they wish to meet with us in the future they must have their own registration and must maintain close contact with MLA, for they cannot use our meeting facilities without our knowledge.
  6. MLA/MPA joint committee. There will be a meeting in New York on March 7. The agenda is not yet known.
- D. Frits Knuf. We have shipped him 200 copies of our Survey of Musical Instrument Collections at the reduced price decided upon at the last Board meeting. In a letter to him, the president indicated our refusal to act as agent for the sale of his Directory in this country.

- E. Epstein has been invited by Pauline Shaw Bayne to speak on The Librarian and Interdisciplinary Research at an annual lecture at the University of Tennessee. Epstein will also speak on March 29 at the meeting of the Victorian Society of America on Music in Pre-Fire Chicago. She will chair a session at the next meeting of the American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies.

IX. Committees and projects

- A. Jane Franck has asked that an original copy of every MLA document be sent to the archives.
- B. The contributing libraries to Music, Books on Music and Sound Recordings will meet in Boston. Lenore Coral will attend a meeting at which the new Library of Congress registers, to be published after they close their catalogue in 1980, will be discussed. Epstein received from Donald Seibert a document about reconstituting the cataloging and classification committee into cataloging council. She will send copies to the Board. Board and other members are still distressed that the Library of Congress does not plan to implement MARC for music until some non-Roman alphabets are added to the MARC project (see also XIV.C).
- C. CNLA. Susan Sommer's report as our special representative is included with the committee reports in registration folders. The January 1978 issue of the College and Research Library Newsletter refers on page 3 to the new copyright law in its relationship to phonorecords; on page 15 Frazer Poole's paper on preservation, delivered at the Santa Barbara meeting, is mentioned.
- D. Education committee. The committee will meet at lunch prior to their open meeting. Judith Coon has been in touch with chairwoman Kathryn Logan on the subject of exchange of librarians.
- E. Endowment fund. Watanabe had met with her ad hoc committee immediately prior to the Board meeting to examine such questions as Is an endowment campaign feasible? Is the goal of a quarter of a million dollars realistic? Are we concerned about its being realistic? and Are the time and effort a campaign would require worth expending? They concluded that, however the Association will be administered in the future, a fund drive would be both possible and advisable. In response to questions about the cost of a campaign and where the money to finance it would come from, Watanabe said our operating fund would have to provide seed money. Among the goals of the drive could be further education for members, publications, and support for chapter activities. As a tentative structure for a supervisory committee, the ad hoc committee proposed six members directly responsible to the Board, a treasurer of the committee who would also be treasurer of the fund, and an organizer of members' participation in the drive. Activities for which the committee would be responsible would include appeals to industries (publishers, dealers, record manufacturers), to foundations, and to other music and non-music organizations. The committee would plan events and publicity for the campaign. She proposed further that there be an advisory committee composed of 1) important persons who would lend their names, and 2) senior members of MLA and others. Both groups would be mainly honorary, although the latter less so than the former. Organization of the campaign on the member level would be according to Keller's report presented to the Board at its August 1977 meeting, with the addition of some local events. National fund raising events could be held in conjunction with national meetings: benefit concerts, a wine tasting, an auction, a cruise in New Orleans, and a barbecue in San Antonio. Finally, we can encourage people to remember MLA in their wills.

Additional considerations which Watanabe brought to the Board's attention were, first, money. We shall need it, for example, for mailings, publicity (a brochure should be done professionally, or at least a logo and layout),

and for professional advice on the contents of our responses. Headquarters for the campaign must be established, as must a timetable, preferably tied to our anniversary celebration. She concluded by urging that a committee be appointed as soon as possible. It was noted that to fund such activities the Association needs a program budget.

Epstein requested a written report before the next Board meeting, to which Watanabe responded that such a report could be ready by the end of this meeting. She added that we will have to articulate goals so that the membership will be enthusiastic about participating, a task which was not her committee's charge. There is even some question of whether the committee succeeding hers should do that by itself, rather than in consultation with other members. She suggested the Board do the following: receive the ad hoc committee's report, discharge that committee, and appoint an endowment committee which would begin its work immediately, using the ad hoc committee's report and such objectives for the campaign as had already been suggested as their point of departure. Steuermann moved, with second by Solow, that as soon as Watanabe's written report be received the ad hoc committee be dissolved, with thanks. Motion carried. Epstein asked for suggestions for committee and advisory committee members. She stated that individual members and other MLA committees may make suggestions for projects.

The ad hoc committee's report was submitted as promised. Members in addition to Watanabe were Shirley Emanuel, Michael Keller, and Don Roberts. It was moved by Silver, with second by Steuermann, that the committee be discharged. Silver offered heartfelt thanks on behalf of the Board. Motion carried.

- F. Executive search. Copies of Epstein's charge to the committee had been mailed to Board members. In view of SLA's withdrawal of their offer to us (see VIII.C.3), she subsequently began to investigate other alternatives, including the Chicago chapter of the American Society of Association Executives. Most members of that organization are trade associations. She was advised also to consult the Institute of Association Management Companies, which has 80 member associations, all not-for-profit. Literature from the latter organization was available for Board members' perusal. To identify which among the 80 might be appropriate for us, she will meet with the Institute's managing director. We can also draft a letter outlining our requirements for dissemination to the Institute's members. Silver suggested we also try the American Society for Information Science. Questions about the Society's financial stability were raised. Epstein noted that the site search committee is not necessarily confined to replicating the Ann Arbor office elsewhere, and that the possibilities include multi-association management firms and the use of data-processing services.

In examining how a site search committee might proceed, Solow noted that up to now concentration on only a few possibilities had prevented full investigation of other options. A suggestion that we appoint a committee with authority to negotiate on behalf of MLA in the same way Frank McKenna acted for SLA in his dealings with us over the past several years was deemed inappropriate. It was then suggested that our committee include members from each of the four cities that appear to be the most likely sites, Boston, Chicago, New York, and Washington. Keller moved, with second by Solow, that the Board appoint a committee by March 4 with the charge to investigate the following possibilities for fulfilling the functions of our executive office: 1) replicate Ann Arbor in another location, 2) contract with a multi-association management firm for services, 3) cooperative ventures with similar library or music associations, 4) another solution. The committee shall have no fewer than three, nor more than five members, and shall be chaired by a member of the Board. Its preliminary report will be due at the spring



(June) Board meeting and its final report at the fall meeting. However, they should aim for a June final report as the finance committee needs to know what will be in store by September 15. Motion carried. Later in the meeting, Epstein asked that she be given more latitude with respect to certain stipulations of the decision. Steuermann moved, with second by Calderisi, that the subject of Keller's motion be reopened. The motion was defeated, 3 in favor and 5 opposed. Still later, Epstein announced that Roberts had agreed to serve as chairman of the site search committee and Silver to serve as co-assistant. Other members are Mary Davidson, Barbara Henry, and Ruth Hilton. By this time (Friday), the committee had met to begin their work. Weichlein urged that this committee be called the business office committee.

- G. Membership committee. Don Phillips has resigned as chairman. New projects are needed as well as suggestions for a new chairperson. There continue to be expressions of dissatisfaction with the Directory of Music Librarians. (See also I. and L. below.)
- H. Joint MLA/IAML-US committee. There has been a proposal that efforts be made to improve RILM's coverage of certain subjects. The committee could assist in such a project, for more people are needed to help plan what needs to be done and how. Barry Brook is interested in having the committee's help. Silver moved, with second by Steuermann, that the Board approve in principle the committee's assistance in the manner described. Motion carried.
- I. Open forum. Cheryl Osborn wants to be relieved of the chairmanship. There was discussion of what the open forum should do now. Suggestions were: to revert to a group for new members, to ask the membership committee to become involved, and to have Board members describe what they do. A new chairperson is needed soon (suggestions for whom invited by Epstein) so that correspondence with Davidson about next year's program can begin.
- J. Placement. Board members received copies of a letter to the president from Judith Kaufman praising several improvements in the service from the point of view of both a job seeker and an employer.
- K. The public librarians interest group has asked that there be a public librarians committee with Cheryl Osborn as chairwoman. The Board agreed to the request.
- L. Publications committee. John Tanno's written report was distributed to the Board.
- M. Publicity for national meetings was discussed. Ostrove described releases she had sent to Library Journal, to New England professional publications, and to BAML institutional publicity offices. Questions about how persons not affiliated with MLA can be reached, of who is responsible for publicizing national meetings, and about how chapter members find out if they are not national members were raised.

X. Notes. William McClellan

McClellan's written report included several issues for discussion. The Board suggested the statement proposed for inclusion following the copyright notice be revised to: "Material protected by this copyright may be copied for purposes of scholarship, research, and classroom use." No decision was reached about whether Notes should make formal agreements with individual authors assigning copyrights to MLA. Many associations are making such arrangements, McClellan said. He added that the publications council would be discussing parts of his report, and the Board asked him to inform them of any recommendations the council might make. Beginning with 1977 issues, Notes will be indexed in the new Arts and Humanities Citations Index.

XI. Meeting with chapter representatives. Clara Steuermann presiding.

Newly elected members of the Board who were present were introduced. Steuermann summarized her meeting with chapter representatives earlier in the day. Comments about mailing labels which have been sent from Ann Arbor indicate that although there is not universal enthusiasm, the majority of chapters want to continue to receive them. It was announced that a packet from this convention was being prepared for each chapter. In response to a suggestion that chapter members not belonging to the national Association be mailed notices of national meetings, Steuermann said that a survey of the number of people and an estimate of the cost would be needed first. Epstein noted that she received so many responses to her call in the Newsletter for volunteers that there may not be committee places for everyone.

XII. Future Board meetings. Calendar

Revisions to the draft calendar were made. The next Board meeting will be June 11-12.

XIII. Appointed officers and administrative officer

- A. Treasurer. Ochs moved, with second by Keller, that Emanuel be reappointed for another year. Motion carried.
- B. Executive secretary. Epstein stated that, owing to the complications in the business office, Weichlein had graciously accepted to serve another year. Keller moved, with second by Calderisi, that Weichlein be reappointed. Motion carried. This past year Weichlein served without an honorarium, although previously he had received \$2,000. Emanuel said that, as treasurer, she would not recommend against an appropriation in that amount. So moved by Keller, with second by Ochs. Motion carried.
- C. Administrative officer. A raise for Dana Hull is in the budget. Hull requested that the Association pay health insurance for her which, owing to the fact that she cannot belong to a group plan, costs \$49.96 a month. Keller moved, with second by Silver, that the Board approve in principle supporting in part the health insurance needs of our full-time employees, and that the question of the proportion of our payment be referred to the finance committee, which shall be instructed to consider the prevailing University of Michigan proportions, the MLA 1978 budget, and the MLA reserve fund, with the hope that coverage may begin by April 1, 1978. Motion carried.

XIV. New business

- A. Epstein informed the Board of a letter she received inviting MLA to consider sending a tour of music librarians to Europe for the purpose of establishing liaisons with similar groups there.
- B. In a letter to Epstein, Carol Bradley requested financial subsidy from the Association in order to tape interviews with several retired music librarians, in continuation of work (in progress) on an article for Notes about the history of MLA up to 1942. Ochs moved, with second by Solow, that we turn down her request and urge her to seek funds elsewhere. Perhaps she could consult with a future MLA development officer about applying for a grant through the Association. The Board felt as well that they ought to consider others who might also do such interviews before MLA lends its support to a particular individual. Motion carried.
- C. MARC for music. Newsom, who returned to Washington before the end of the meeting, verified at the request of the cataloguing and classification committee that the implementation of MARC for music has been postponed to 1980. The Board authorized Epstein to write to William Welsh at the Library of Congress protesting the postponement.
- D. Keller moved, with second by Ochs, that the president write once more to Daniel Boorstin, Librarian of Congress, complaining about his failure to


appoint a chief of the Music Division, and raising the points made in her previous letter. It was proposed further that we write to Congressmen Brademas and Fred Richmond.

- E. Correspondence with the president initiated by Helvi McClelland and Karen Hagberg asked that MLA resolve not to meet in States which have not passed the equal rights amendment. In her response, Epstein noted that it is too late to change our plans to meet in New Orleans in 1979. Ochs made the following motion, with second by Ostrove: In response to the suggestion of Helvi McClelland and Karen Hagberg, I move that the Board of Directors of MLA recommend that the Association refrain from holding a national meeting after 1979 in a State that has not ratified the equal rights amendment to the Constitution of the United States, and that the following steps be taken regarding the New Orleans meeting: 1) the meeting announcement and the program carry a statement that the Board regrets meeting in an unratified State, and an explanation for doing so; 2) the Board state and publicize its support for the ERA; 3) the convention manager work with the local arrangements committee and New Orleans organizations supporting ERA to publicize MLA's position and to publicize pro-ERA restaurants and shops in the meeting handouts. During discussion, Ochs added that it is necessary for the Board to have thought about this issue before it comes up in the business meeting and to show that we are not insensitive to it. Calderisi moved, with second by Roberts, that the motion be amended so that all but the first statement, i.e., everything following "of the United States," be deleted. The amendment was carried, 4 in favor, 2 against, and 3 abstentions. A second amendment was proposed in a motion by Ochs, with second by Keller, that the following be added: and further, that the Board issue an explanation to the members of the events leading up to the decision to meet in New Orleans. Motion for the second amendment carried, 5 in favor, 3 opposed, 1 abstention. The motion as amended was carried, 4 in favor, 2 opposed, 3 abstentions.
- F. The circumstances surrounding Weichlein's continued tenure will be mentioned at the business meeting, for, as Epstein informed the Board, some members had expressed curiosity about this in view of the announcements of his resignation as executive secretary. Weichlein, too, has requested that the situation be clarified.

Roberts offered a resolution of thanks to the outgoing Board members.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Geraldine Ostrove  
Recording secretary