

Music Library Association Board Report for Spring Meeting 2021

- I. DATE: 19 May 2021
- II. COMMITTEE: Lenore F. Coral IAML Travel Grant
- III. MEMBERS: Darwin Scott (Chair), new membership awaiting appointment by the MLA President by September..
- IV. Board Action Required: YES
- A. Amendements made to the Adminstrative Handbook regarding the Coral IAML Travel Grant adopted much of what I requested in the fall 2020 report, which now reads as follows (changes not yet accepted and are in red, with alternate version in B&W with changes indicated in italics):

BAR 03: Revise the following section in the Administrative Handbook:

Note: This Administrative Handbook change corresponds to item 10.vii BAR at the October 2020 Board meeting.

VI.H.9.h. LENORE CORAL IAML TRAVEL GRANT AWARD COMMITTEE (added 10/2017)

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The motion passed.

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Recommended rewording and expansion. Suggestions in blue (underscored in B&W version); see section V for explanation:

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V. Brief Summary of Activities

- None, other than chair working on documentation and schedule.
- The IAML 2022 meeting will be live in Prague (probably with an optional virtual version, for which the Coral grant is not intended). It is an appropriate meeting for which to offer the Coral grant. The next year (2023) is in South Africa, which will be an expensive meeting for MLA attendees. The following year is in Cambridge, UK, a much more viable destination and the dollar amount of the reward will be more substantial with the two years to accumulate enough off the principle to offer a substantial amount of support.. So next award would be in 2024 following the one granted for the 2022 meeting.
- Announcement date for Coral Travel Grant applications and the award should roughly parallel the two IAML Cohen travel awards. Darwin will coordinate timing and alert the Board.
- Funding opportunities by institutions for attending an international music conference will likely be greatly curtailed in academic year 21/22. There could be considerable competition for the Coral and the two IAML Cohen travel grants. The funding should be spread among the most qualified candidates as possible (i.e., not all the Coral and Cohen funding going to one chosen applicant for both). All other things being relatively equal, preference should be given to the candidate who has no institutional funding over one that has partial. Some mid-career librarians submitting presentations and who do not have any or adequate support may apply for the Coral grant. It is only fair to stipulate the preferred experience of the successful candidate. The submission of a presentation proposal by all applicants guarantees that the candidate would likely be playing a more visible role at the meeting (if the presentation is accepted by the program committee), or has at least given serious thought to attending the meeting.