

I. REPORT DATE: May 13, 2021

II. NAME OF COMMITTEE: Music Library Advocacy Committee

III. MEMBERS: Linda Fairtile (chair), Laurie Bailey, Stephanie Bonjack, Lara Canner, Amy Hunsaker, Rebecca Littman, Lisa Shiota (ex officio)

IV. BOARD ACTION REQUIRED: none

V. BRIEF SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES:

- The committee met online on March 18, 2021, with TLA President Francesca Marini as an invited participant. Almost all members were in attendance, as well as about a dozen guests. Topics of discussion included common advocacy concerns in the theatre and music library communities, reviewing our completed 2020 goals, and beginning work on 2021 goals, especially creating materials to address the question “Why does our library need a music librarian?”
- After the meeting, Steve Landstreet and Laura Thompson rotated off the committee and were thanked for their service; they were replaced by Laurie Bailey and Rebecca Littman.
- On April 26, 2021, Linda Fairtile discussed with Liza Vick the removal of the Music Library Advocacy Committee from the Newsletter Editor’s ex officio assignments. Going forward, the Advocacy Committee will maintain an informal relationship with the Newsletter Editor.
- The Music Library Advocacy Group on Humanities Commons currently has 61 members, an increase of seven over last year at this time.
- The committee continues to post an “Advocacy Resource of the Month” to MLA-L. These resources are collected on our Humanities Commons site and are now also appearing in the MLA Newsletter.

VI. Implicit Bias Testing Report:

Members Laurie Bailey, Lara Canner, Linda Fairtile, and Amy Hunsaker reported that they have completed the implicit bias testing requirement. Stephanie Bonjack and Rebecca Littman completed implicit bias training at their workplaces.