

ROPA CONFERENCE 2018
VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT
Naomi Bensdorf Frisch¹

August

- Researched orchestra reports and publicly available tax documents to update ROPA orchestra budget sizes.
- Submitted MAL assignments draft to President Smith.
- Consulted with President Smith regarding MAL assignments draft revisions.

September

- Consulted with President Smith regarding five potential new ROPA orchestras.
- Contacted Local 466 for assistance in identifying El Paso delegate.
- Submitted MAL assignments draft to Board for review.
- Revised MAL assignments to reflect updated information.
- Discussed with MALs a list of questions for initial 2017-2018 orchestra contacts

October

- Revised MAL assignments to reflect updated information.
- Discussed with MALs a list of questions for initial 2017-2018 orchestra contacts.
- Discussed potential members Sacramento Orchestra and Marin Symphony with David Granger, OC Chair for both, via phone and email.
- Discussed potential member Opera San Jose with committee member Bill Harvey.
- Updated MAL delegate contact information.

November

- Distributed questions and timeline to MALs for initial orchestra contacts.
- Revised MAL assignments to include new member orchestras and updated information.
- Continued discussion of potential members Sacramento Orchestra and Marin Symphony with David Granger.
- Discussed potential member National Philharmonic with Local 161-710 Secretary/Treasurer Marta Bradley via email and in person.
- Discussed potential member Opera San Jose with committee member Bill Harvey.
- Presented Marin Symphony and Sacramento Orchestra to the Executive Board as new candidates.
- Continued discussion of potential member Opera San Jose with committee member Bill Harvey.

¹ Dave Shelton was elected Vice-President of ROPA at the 2017 conference. He served until March, 2018, when he resigned and Naomi Bensdorf Frisch was appointed. On this report, the activities from August – February are Dave's and March – July are Naomi's.

- Liaised with President Smith, Secretary Sandene, and Treasurer Loomis regarding new applicants and potential new members.

December

- Discussed El Paso Symphony Orchestra's possible transition to Associate status with Alicia Dolan of AFM Local 466.

January

- Assisted MALs with orchestra contacts
- Contacted and assisted new orchestra delegates
- Collected MAL reports
- Administered MAL Check-in Conference Call

February

- Consulted OC Chair Bill Harvey regarding ROPA membership for Opera San Jose
- Administered creation of questionnaire for 2nd round of MAL contacts
- Contacted representatives of the Vermont Symphony, AFM Local 171, and AFM Local 9-535 regarding ROPA membership.
- Contacted David Whiteside, National Philharmonic member, regarding ROPA membership.
- Discussed potential member National Philharmonic with Local 161-710 Secretary/Treasurer Marta Bradley and President Ed Malaga.
- Discussed potential member Lancaster Symphony (new CBA) with Local 294 Secretary John Hess and OC chair Brent Edmondson.
- Contacted potential member Ballet West via Union Steward Sally Humphreys, OC member Kyra Sovronsky, and initial contact Keith Carrick
- Discussed potential member Opera Philadelphia with ROPA President Mike Smith.
- Presented Opera San Jose to the Executive Board as a candidate for membership.

March

- Attended Mid-year meeting in Chicago
- Participated in a conference call with Dave Shelton for update of VP activities to date
- Assisted new members Opera San Jose and Sacramento Philharmonic and Opera in joining

April

- Followed up with potential new members Ballet West, Lancaster Symphony, Opera Philadelphia
- Drafted new ROPA Social Media Policy
- Attended IMA meeting in New York

- Attended IMA meeting in Chicago
- Participated in IMA conference calls
- Wrote an article for The *Leading Tone*.

May

- Attended IMA conference calls

June

- Attended IMA Conference Calls
- Attended PCC conference call
- Attended League of American Orchestras Conference in Chicago, IL
- Attended LCC/PCC meeting in Las Vegas, NV
- Discussed meetings and conference planning with President Mike Smith
- Formulated questions for final MAL check-in before conference

July

- Followed up with MALS regarding spring check-in
- Created google spreadsheet to track check-in calls
- Discussed meetings and conference planning with President Mike Smith
- Consulted with ICSOM General Counsel Kevin Case regarding a delegate's request
- Presented Cape Symphony to the executive board as a candidate for membership
- Revised New Delegate Handbook
- Prepared presentations for conference
- Created and maintained conference app
- Participated in IMA conference calls and discussions
- Attended 2018 Conference