

Resolution N°. 7

August 1, 2018

Subject: *Resolution proposing to amend Article III, Section 5(f) and Article X, Section 3 of the ROPA Bylaws to increase annual ROPA dues in the 2019-20 Fiscal Year*

Dues Resolution

Whereas, Dues for Membership in the Regional Orchestra Players' Association ("ROPA") have remained the same since the 2005-2006 Fiscal Year; and

Whereas, Over the past thirteen years, the ROPA Executive Board has worked tirelessly to keep expenses low while providing high quality services; and

Whereas, The ROPA Executive Board has chosen to forgo certain projects because of the cost; and

Whereas, The cost of producing the ROPA Annual Conference has increased and will continue to increase in the future by an unknown amount; and

Whereas, The ROPA Executive Board wishes to maintain its fiscal responsibility to its membership; and

Whereas, The ROPA Executive Board believes that a raise in membership dues will help to maintain this fiscal responsibility and better fulfill ROPA's mission; and

Whereas, The ROPA Executive Board realizes that an increase in annual dues may be a burden to ROPA members; and

Whereas, The cost-cutting measures in the 2017-18 Fiscal Year resulted in a budget surplus, and delaying an increase until the 2019-20 Fiscal Year gives ROPA members time to prepare for the increase; therefore, be it

Resolved, That Article III, Sec 5(f) and Article X, Section 3 of the ROPA Bylaws be amended as follows, **beginning with the 2019-20 Fiscal Year** (dues due on December 31, 2019):

Article III, Section 5(f)

(f) The dues for Associate members shall be ~~\$200~~ \$220 per year, payable in accordance with the regulations set forth in Article VIII of the ROPA Bylaws.

Article X, Section 3

Dues for a Full Member Orchestra shall be ~~\$680~~ \$700 annually. Dues for an Associate Member Orchestra shall be ~~\$200~~ \$220 annually.

Submitted by: The ROPA Executive Board