

2019-2020 ROPA Electronic Media Committee Report
Mike Smith, Chair
ROPA Electronic Media Committee

The ROPA Electronic Media Committee was not very active this past year until COVID-19 began to spread and caused the total shutdown of our orchestras for the remainder of the 2019-20 season. Most of our discussions and work the past few years has had to do with the Integrated Media Agreement (IMA), and participating in meetings with the ICSOM Electronic Media Committee and AFM Electronic Media Committee, in preparations for negotiating with the Symphony and Opera Employers Electronic Media Association (EMA). With the coming of the pandemic, and the realization that media would play a major role in continuing to provide music to our communities and continuing to be compensated by our organizations, we have become quite busy again in drafting modifications to the current IMA agreement.

Respectfully submitted,
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