

ROPA Vice President Report – Amanda Swain
2021 Conference

Below is a highlight report of my 2020-21 activities as Vice President of ROPA. There were many, many emails and Zoom meetings throughout the year which are not reflected in this report.

My top three accomplishments this year were: recruiting and onboarding three new full member orchestras (Oregon Ballet Theatre Orchestra, Ballet West Orchestra, and Boise Philharmonic), conducting multiple new delegate orientations rather than just one orientation at the annual conference, and re-designing and compiling our conference exit surveys so that the board can better utilize your feedback for future conferences.

If you have any questions about my report or about any of my activities, please feel free to reach out: ropavicepresident@gmail.com.

August/September/October/November

- Designed and distributed digital exit surveys
- Compiled all digital exit surveys from the 2020 ROPA Conference for easy reading and reference by the EB
- Created list of recommendations for next conference based on exit surveys
- Attended the TMA virtual conference
- Made MAL assignments
- Manage new delegate information throughout the year (ongoing)
- Formulated and sent out questionnaire for the fall MAL check-in
- Successfully onboarded Oregon Ballet Theatre Orchestra as a full ROPA member!
- Proofread Leading Tone

December/January/February/March

- Successfully onboarded Ballet West Orchestra as a full ROPA member!
- Successfully onboarded Boise Philharmonic as a full ROPA member!
- Reached out to conductor Roderick Cox about the importance of union work in the U.S.
- Conducted three new delegate orientations as part of an effort to better educate delegates year-round rather than just at the conference
- Updated our delegate records to include every single local's contact information for easy access
- Proofread Leading Tone
- Proofread minutes from the 2020 virtual conference

April/May/June/July

- Had a recruiting meeting with representatives from the Philadelphia Ballet Orchestra
- Communicated with MALs and Secretary to ensure delegate information was up to date for conference
- Prepared for virtual conference MAL check-in
- General conference prep