
ROPA

Regional
Orchestra
Players'
Association

A conference of the American Federation of Musicians, AFL-CIO

40th Annual Conference
Courtland Grand Hotel
165 Courtland Street NE
Atlanta, GA

Negotiation Workshop: July 24, 2023
General Session: July 25-27, 2023
(subject to change)

Saturday, July 22

4pm-7pm ROPA Executive Board Meeting

Sunday, July 23

9:30am-5pm ROPA Executive Board Meeting

1pm-5pm Conference Registration - Lower Level, 1st Floor

Monday, July 24

8:30am-6pm Conference Registration - Lower Level, 1st Floor

9am-5pm Negotiating Orchestras Workshop - Atlanta 4-5

4:15-5:45pm Legislative Committee Open Meeting - Capitol North

6:30pm Monday Night Mixer - Metro Diner

229 Peachtree Street NE

9pm-11pm Hospitality Suite - South Tower, Floor 12, Concierge Club

Tuesday, July 25

- 8:30am Registration/Information Table open - Lower Level, 1st Floor
Coffee and tea available
- 9:45am Opening Session - Capitol North
Call to order - President Steve Wade
Announcements - Vice President Amanda Swain
Roll Call - Secretary Karen Sandene
Welcome Remarks - Local 148-462 President Bruce Kenney
Nathan Kahn Award Presentation
President's Address - Steve Wade
- 11am Break
- 11:15am *Media and Messaging* - Jake Berent, Director of Communications, Chicago Federation of Labor
- 12:30pm MAL Group Lunch and Breakout Meetings (Closed Sessions)
Sharon Jones - Atlanta 4 and 5
Bev Setzer - Atlanta 1 and 2
Cory Tiffin/Amanda Swain - Georgia 4
Brandon LePage - Georgia 6
Lisa Davis - Georgia 3
Richard Kelly - Atlanta 3
Marjorie Goldberg - Georgia 5
Ann Rule - Georgia 2
- 6:30pm Local 148-462 Reception/Dinner - Georgia 6-7-8, Courtland Grand Hotel
- 9-11pm Hospitality Suite - South Tower, Floor 12, Concierge Club

Wednesday, July 26

- 8:00am Legislative Meeting – 3rd Floor, Collage Restaurant
(breakfast not provided)
- 8:30am Registration/Information Table open - Lower Level, 1st
Floor
Coffee and tea available
- 9:00am ROPA Reports - Capitol North:
ROPA EDI Workgroup - Alana Wiesing
AFM Convention Report - Naomi Bendorf
Frisch
Leading Tone Editor - Sharon Jones
Conductor Evaluation Bank Administrator - Lisa
Davis
AFM Reports:
Electronic Media - Debbie Newmark, AFM
Director of Symphonic Electronic Media
Diversity Committee Report - Alfonso Pollard
- 9:45am Legislative Report - Alfonso Pollard, AFM Diversity,
Legislative and Political Director
- 10:30am Break
- 10:45am *FMCS* - Kent McVay, Atlanta, and Dan Ross, CT
- 12pm AFM President-elect Address - Tino Gagliardi
- 12:30pm Lunch on your own
- 2:00pm Player Conference Reports:
ICSOM, OCSM, TMA, RMA
- 2:30pm Job Action Panel: Fort Wayne Philharmonic,
Opera Philadelphia, Minnesota Opera, Philly Pops
- 3:45pm Photo on the stairs
- 4:00pm Break

- 4:15pm Business Meeting:
Officer Reports; Audit Report; Budget; Approve
Previous Minutes; Resolutions/Bylaws;
Nominations
- 8-11pm Hospitality Suite - South Tower, Floor 12, Concierge
Club

Thursday, July 27

- 8:30am-3pm Registration/Information- Lower Level, 1st
Floor
Coffee and tea available
- 9am *Keynote Address* - Dr. Michelle Au, D - Georgia
50th District
Capital North
- 9:20am *Taxes for Musicians* - Rick Basehore, CPA
- 10:30am Break
- 10:45am *When Employers Behave Badly: Using NLRB Processes
to Protect Musicians' Rights* - Rochelle Skolnick,
Director of AFM Symphonic Services Division
- 12:15pm Lunch
- 1:30pm Speeches/Elections
- 2:00 *The Musician as Athlete: Performing Artists and
Special Considerations for Medical Evaluation,
Diagnosis and Care* - Dr. Valerie Trollinger
- 3:15pm Election Results, 2024 Conference Site
- 3:30pm Oath of Office
- 4pm Adjourn