

# ROPA

Regional  
Orchestra  
Players'  
Association

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

**40<sup>th</sup> 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 *When Employers Behave Badly: Using NLRB Processes  
to Protect Musicians' Rights* - Rochelle Skolnick,  
Director of AFM Symphonic Services Division
- 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 Job Action Panel: Fort Wayne Philharmonic,  
Opera Philadelphia, Minnesota Opera, Philly Pops

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