

## **Resolution N°. 2**

*July 31, 2024*

**Subject:** *Resolution to Modify the Membership Dues Collection Process and Amend Article X, Section 4(a) of the ROPA Bylaws*

### Late Fee Resolution

Whereas, Timely payment of Regional Orchestra Players' Association ("ROPA") membership dues is necessary for ROPA to exercise fiscal responsibility; and

Whereas, Currently, membership dues are due on December 31<sup>st</sup>, which falls during a time of year at which the majority of ROPA dues payors are on holiday; and

Whereas, The current schedule of Late Fees, as stipulated in Article X, Section 4, does not act as an effective financial disincentive to members paying their dues after the due date of December 31<sup>st</sup>; and

Whereas, Nonpayment and late payment of membership dues increase the administrative burden upon the ROPA Executive Board; and

Whereas, Nonpayment and late payment of membership dues increase the financial burden upon ROPA member orchestras that timely pay their membership dues; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That Article X, Section 4(a) of the Regional Orchestra Players' Association ("ROPA") Bylaws be amended as follows:

#### Section 4. Late Fees

- (a) Each Member Orchestra shall pay annual dues no later than ~~December 31~~ January 31 of each Fiscal Year (September 1 – August 31). Late fees will be assessed to any orchestra whose annual dues are

received after ~~December 31~~ January 31. Late fees for Full-Member orchestras shall be calculated as follows:

<u>Dues Paid</u>	<u>On or After</u>	<u>But Prior To</u>	<u>Late Fee Shall Be</u>
	January 1	February 1	\$ 5.00
	February 1	March 1	\$ 10.00
	March 1	April 1	\$ 20.00
	April 1	May 1	\$ 30.00
	May 1	June 1	\$ 40.00
	June 1	July 1	\$ 60.00
	July 1	August 1	\$ 80.00

<u>Dues Paid</u>	<u>On or After</u>	<u>But Prior To</u>	<u>Late Fee Shall Be</u>
	February 1	March 1	\$ 10.00
	March 1	April 1	\$ 20.00
	April 1	May 1	\$ 40.00
	May 1	June 1	\$ 60.00
	June 1	July 1	\$ 80.00
	July 1	August 1	\$ 100.00

Late fees for Associate Member Orchestras shall be 50% of the amounts listed for Full-Member Orchestras. If membership dues for a given year are paid without including assessed late fees, the late fee amount for that year will be frozen at the amount assessed when the respective membership dues were paid.

If the dues and/or associated late fees remain unpaid by the beginning of the next ROPA Conference, the Orchestra shall be expelled from membership and can only be reinstated upon payment of a ~~\$100.00~~ \$150.00 reinstatement fee, together with all ~~back~~ back indebtedness due as of the date of expulsion. The Executive Board shall be empowered to grant an extension for payment and/or waive any penalties if, in its opinion, an extraordinary situation requires the same.

**Submitted by:** Rick Basehore (ROPA Treasurer)