

Resolution N°. 3

July 31, 2024

Subject: *Honoring the Service and Achievements of John Michael “Mike” Smith by Conferring the Title of “President Emeritus”*

Mike Smith Resolution

Whereas, John Michael (“Mike”) Smith served with distinction as the President of the Regional Orchestra Players’ Association (“ROPA”) from 2016-2022; and

Whereas, Prior to his presidency, Mike Smith contributed significantly as a member of the ROPA Executive Board for several years; and

Whereas, Mike Smith masterfully guided ROPA through the COVID-19 pandemic, one of the most tumultuous periods for orchestral musicians; and

Whereas, During that challenging time, Mike Smith played a pivotal role in the success of ROPA’s two virtual conferences in 2020 and 2021, and he worked tirelessly with other player conference leaders within the American Federation of Musicians of the United States and Canada (“AFM”) to support the health and safety of musicians nationwide; and

Whereas, Under Mike Smith’s visionary guidance, ROPA established an Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (“EDI”) Workgroup dedicated to improving policies, conditions, and representation within its member orchestras; and

Whereas, Mike Smith continues to lead the ROPA Media Committee, and in that role has strengthened ROPA’s voice in national media negotiations; and

Whereas, Mike Smith devoted countless hours to ensure ROPA’s operational efficiency, fiscal responsibility, and responsiveness to the needs of its member orchestras; and

Whereas, Mike Smith is a tireless advocate for musicians, a steadfast leader, and a cherished friend and colleague; and

Whereas, ROPA wishes to bestow its deepest and most profound expression of gratitude upon Mike Smith for his immeasurable contributions to ROPA, the AFM, and orchestral musicians across the country; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Regional Orchestra Players' Association ("ROPA") extends its heartfelt thanks to John Michael ("Mike") Smith for his exceptional service and dedication; and be it further

Resolved, That ROPA hopes Mike Smith will remain an integral and valued presence within the organization for many years to come; and be it further

Resolved, That in recognition of his outstanding contributions and unwavering commitment, ROPA confers upon John Michael ("Mike") Smith the honorary title of "President Emeritus."

Submitted by: The ROPA Executive Board