

2026 ROPA Conference
Dallas, TX
Secretary Report
Karen Sandene, ROPA Secretary

Below is a list of activities that the ROPA Secretary participated in since the 2025 Conference:

- Prepared minutes for the 2025 ROPA Conference.
 - Participated in the ROPA board post-conference ZOOM meeting on Sept. 7, 2025
 - Updated ROPA Rosters.
 - Updated the Delegate Handbook.
 - Added and deleted members of the ROPA General Discussion and Delegates-Only e-mail lists.
 - Served as ROPA Webmaster.
 - Served as ROPA representative/Trustee to the AFM Symphonic Strike Fund, participated in email discussions and voting.
 - Met with the Strike Fund Trustees in Cleveland for in-person discussion on August 22nd, 2025
 - Welcomed new delegates and answered their questions.
 - Participated in the ROPA Midyear Meeting in Chicago, January 5-6, 2026.
 - Prepared minutes for the Midyear Meeting.
 - Represented ROPA at the AFM Convention in Ottawa June 20-23, 2026
 - Participated in the ROPA Board pre-conference ZOOM meeting on June 13, 2026
 - Gathered and processed Delegate Orchestra Reports and Settlement Bulletins.
 - Began preparations for Conference, including setting up registration, putting information on the website, keeping track of registrations (both website and hotel reservations) and relaying information to MALs pertaining to delegate preparations for conference.
 - Helped delegates get registered on the ROPA website and gave instructions on how to log on.
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Board Email Motions

(8/4/2025) The Motion, made by Bev Setzer, that ROPA covers Steve's expenses to attend the ICSOM and TMA conferences, up to \$1700, PASSED with a vote of 9-0.

(8/4/2025) The Motion, made by Marjorie Goldberg, that ROPA covers Steve's expenses represent ROPA at the Canadian and OCSM Conferences, not to exceed the amount of \$1900.00 PASSED, with a vote of 9-0.

(9/30/2025) The Motion, made by Ann Rule, that ROPA accepts funds from Nathan Kahn's Trust, as an assigned beneficiary listed as ' Regional Orchestra Player's Association, c/o Asher, Gittler & D'Alba, Ltd', PASSED, with a vote of 12-0.

(10/8/2025) The Motion, made by Rick Basehore, that the Dayton Philharmonic's outstanding late fees for fiscal year 2025, in the amount of \$20, shall be waived with the understanding that the musicians of the Dayton Philharmonic will make every effort to pay their membership dues by the statutory deadline (January 31st) in future years, PASSED, with a vote of 11-0.

(10/25/2025) The Motion, made by Bev Setzer, to grant the Binghamton Philharmonic's request to change status from Full member orchestra to Associate member orchestra, PASSED with a vote of 12-0.

(11/12/25) The Motion, made by Amanda Swain, that ROPA accepts the San Antonio Philharmonic as full members and that we grant them the dues hardship clause, PASSED with a vote of 12-0.

(11/ 26/2025) The Motion, made by Beverly Setzer, to approve the ROPA Dues Hardship Phase-in Applications for all of the orchestras making requests, PASSED, with a vote of 10-0.

(12/1/2025) The Motion, made by Bev Setzer, for ROPA to switch to Paysafe for its electronic payments, PASSED, with a vote of 12-0.

(1/29/2026) The MOTION, made by Amanda Swain, that we accept the Lancaster Symphony as full members of ROPA, PASSED, with a vote of 12-0.

(2/27/2026) The Motion, made by Steve Wade, that the ROPA Executive Board approve the "Per Capita Dues Resolution" for submission to the AFM for consideration at the 2026 Convention, PASSED, with a vote of 10-0.

(2/27/2026) - The Motion, made by Steve Wade, I move that the Executive Board approves the document called "ROPA Tenure Review Recommendations and Ideas" as a resource for ROPA orchestras and members, PASSED, with a vote of 10-0.

(7/5/2026) The Motion, made by Amanda Swain to accept the Youngstown Symphony as full members of ROPA, PASSED, with a vote of 13 - 0.