



July 29th, 2026

Report to the ROPA Conference

In my fourth year as Treasurer, I have completed the process transferring all bank accounts to Prime Alliance Bank (an online bank, located in Utah), as well as the CD ladder (also with Prime Alliance).

Between March and June, I worked to garner support for AFM Convention Resolution #6 (sponsored by ROPA), which reduced the eligibility requirement for AFM members to qualify for the multi-local rebate from full-year membership in 3 or more locals to full-year membership in 2 or more locals. I attended 4 Zoom meetings with the Small Locals Workgroup, reached out AFM Delegates from several of the larger Locals, and worked with a committee to draft language for official resolution, which was sponsored by ROPA, TMA, and 7 Locals. During the AFM convention in Ottawa, which I attended as a ROPA Delegate, I testified before the Joint Finance & Law committee against IEB Recommendations #1 and #2, before the Finance committee in support of Resolution #6, and spoke in favor of Resolution #6 on the Convention floor.

Below is a summary of additional tasks which are either completed or ongoing. Please let me know if I can clarify or add any detail to the tasks so that you may better understand how your organization's finances are being managed.

Banking

- Fall: All funds transferred to Prime Alliance bank. Ten CD's of varying periods with interest rates between 3.65% and 4.1% were opened, with some having renewed already. ~\$100k is in CD's, which should generate roughly \$4k/year, at current interest rates, in addition to the interest earned in the savings account.
- December: Created a second checking account to be used as an e-payments account that orchestras can use to make ACH payments directly to ROPA. This account can be paid by using a direct ACH payment via the payor's bank, but ROPA's accounts are not connected to Zelle, Venmo, or other third-party payment apps.
- January: Closed all accounts with Wells Fargo.

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Reporting / Filing

- December: Completed and filed 24/25 LM3 with Department of Labor
Completed and filed 24/25 990EZ with IRS (via form990online)
- January: Prepared / uploaded financial reports for EB review (Mid-Year)
Attended Mid-Year meeting
- July: Prepared / uploaded documents for EB review (26 Conference)
Prepared / uploaded documents for Audit Committee (26 Conference)

Collect Receipts / Process Payments

- August: Paid Q3 2025 honorariums
- September: Billed locals for reimbursement of room costs of their Delegates who also served as EB members at 2025 Conference
Sent first notice of ROPA annual dues via email listserv
- October: Updated ROPA dues payment form
- November: Paid Q4 2025 honorariums
Processed IMA reimbursements
- December: Assisted Steve in finalizing contract with Hilton for 2026 conference
Emailed 2nd Delegate dues notice (mass email via Delegate listserv)
Paid second conference hotel deposit
- January: Emailed 3rd Delegate dues notice (mass email via Delegate listserv)
Updated ROPA reimbursement payment form
Closed PaySimple account (payment processor)
Briefly opened, then closed, PaySafe account (payment processor)
- February: Paid Q1 2026 honorariums
- April: Paid third conference hotel deposit
- May: Paid Q2 2026 honorariums
- June: Finished collection of hotel room reimbursements from Locals
- July: Issue payments for AFM Negotiating workshop
- Ongoing: Processing dues payments (92 of 94 orchestras fully paid up for 25-26, no orchestras have a prior-year balance due); 2 orchestras still have an amount due, of which 1 is only late fees.

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