

**ARIZONA MASTERWORKS CHORALE
MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 24, 2020
REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

PRESENT: Karla Allingham, Ruth Derge, John Cleveland, Kathy Yoder, and Bob Altizer.

ABSENT: Janus Torres and Alan Schold

The regular meeting of the Arizona Masterworks Chorale was held via the *Zoom* platform on October 24, 2020. The meeting was called to order by President Karla Allingham at 1:11 p.m.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Copies of the minutes of the last meeting were emailed to all members of the board for their review prior to the meeting by secretary, Ruth Derge.

There being no additions or corrections a motion was made to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting of the board of directors. Seconded. Carried.

Karla announced that Ruth Derge is resigning from the board of directors effective after the Annual Meeting which is to be held on October 26, 2020. There was some discussion regarding term limits of officers. We will reach out to the chorale membership at the annual meeting for new board members.

TREASURER' S REPORT

Copies of the financial statements were emailed to all members of the board for their review prior to the meeting by outgoing treasurer, Soni Koskela.

Karla announced that Bob Altizer has agreed to run for the office of Treasurer of the board. There was some discussion regarding the finances of the chorale. Karla will follow up with Soni regarding the insurance policy that the chorale holds. Karla would like information regarding the declaration page of the policy. Upon Bob's election to the position of treasurer he and Soni will handle transferring of the financial records.

A motion was made to approve the treasurers report. Seconded. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

MUSIC DIRECTOR JOB DESCRIPTION

Copies of the proposed Music Director Job Description, Artistic Agreement and proposed updated section of the Arizona Masterworks Chorale Bylaws (Article VI) regarding the hiring of a music director were distributed by email for review by the board. There was a lengthy discussion regarding these documents.

There was some discussion as to whether the music director should be a member of the board. Ultimately it was decided that the director should not be a member of the board. To that effect the following motion was made.

Motion was made to change only Article VI of the AMC By-Laws as follows:

1. Appointment . . . Is not a member of the board (or a member of the corporation). Seconded. Carried.

A motion was made to approve the music director job description language as specified in the distributed document titled “Music Director – The Arizona Masterworks Chorale, Inc., Phoenix AZ” and the Artistic Agreement language as specified in the document titled “Details to be included in the Artistic Agreement, not in the job description”, which were distributed by email prior to this meeting. Seconded. Carried.

SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

It was clarified that the Search Committee will place ads for a new director. The Search Committee will conduct initial interviews of any potential candidates for the position of director. Any candidates that the Search Committee feels are qualified and suitable for the position of director will then be asked to lead the chorale in a rehearsal of two musical selections: one chosen by the candidate and one chosen by the Search Committee. After these rehearsals are completed the board will ask for feedback from the chorale. The final decision as to hiring the director will be made by a vote of the board of directors.

It was noted that we already have one interested candidate (Emily Anderson) to consider for director. John will follow up and contact her prior to the annual meeting, which is Monday, October 26, 2020.

UPDATE REGARDING REVISION OF BYLAWS

Bob and John have been working on the revisions to the AMC Bylaws. Bob will send out a copy of the proposed revisions to the board for review.

GRANTS

Bob stated that the Arizona Commission on the Arts should be notifying us soon if we are among the successful grant recipients. The funds will be paid during the first quarter of 2021.

Bob also noted that at our first attempt with the **A Community Thrives (ACT)** program we raised \$1,000.

OTHER

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to welcome Bob Altizer as a member of the board.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The date for the next regular meeting of the Arizona Masterworks Chorale Board of Directors will be held on November 17, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. This meeting will take place via the *Zoom* platform.

It was noted that a slate of officers for election will be presented at the annual meeting which will be held on October 26, 2020.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and carried. The meeting adjourned at 3:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Derge, Outgoing Secretary
Arizona Masterworks Chorale