



ICF Board Meeting
March 2nd, 2002, from 11 - 1 pm
University of Northern Iowa

Attendees: Jerry Owen, Jonathan Chenette, Jon Southwood, Jon Schwabe, Lathan Jernigan, Ralph Kendrick

Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes from the last year's annual meeting were read and approved.

Website Reorganization

Jon Schwabe suggested posting meeting minutes on the ICF website (in addition to including them with the newsletter) as a PDF attachment that could be downloaded.

The board was in agreement that several features of the website needed to be enhanced to make its usage more clear. Currently, several of the links are a bit misleading.

Several additions will be added to the website including adding composer bios with pictures (should hosting space be sufficient) and adding mp3s of excerpts from member's pieces.

Jon Southwood suggested adding an Iowa Composers Forum web page to MP3.com... then having that link back to the official ICF page. That would allow people on MP3.com to search by region (say midwest or Iowa) and find out about the forum.

Jon Chenette was added to the marketing committee and Jon C., Jon S., and Ralph K. will begin immediately implementing changes to the design and adding functionality to the web page.

Marketing News

Jon Southwood suggested marketing the ICF CD at a CD store on the web that distributes only independent labels. The store will handle the selling of the CD.

Ralph Kendrick reported that a link for the ICF website was added to the Meet the Composer website.

Lathan Jernigan said that he would investigate the possibility of a guest string quartet from Russia marketing the music of the ICF throughout the state.

Strategies for marketing the organization to Western Iowa were discussed which include:

- sending posters to all Iowa Colleges regarding ICF competitions
- Have a festival on the westside of the state
- arrange a concert with the American Celebration duo, from Briar Cliff College

Membership News

Jerry Owen requested that all membership checks come to him.

It was agreed that the membership chair should have the sole authority to determine who is current and who is not current regarding dues.

The membership dues notice will become a bill that is sent on June 1 to the membership... The bill will be due on July 1 and members that have not paid by August 1 will no longer receive the benefits of membership until they pay their dues.

2002 Festivals

Jeffrey Prater is interested in hosting an ICF festival at the ISU campus on either November 8-9 or January 31 - Feb 1. The board agreed that possible, the November 8-9 timeframe would work better due to weather concerns.

ICF received an \$800 mini-grant from the IAC for the March Festival at UNI. Many thanks to Tracey Rush for applying for this grant.

Jon C. will look into \$50 savings bonds being given to the student winners of this year's ICF composition competition.

Education Committee

Jon C. volunteered to be on the education committee to coordinate the student composer competition. The winning works will be performed on November 8 and 9. Calls for the competition will begin this next week and the due date for the competition will be July 1.

Grant Committee

A new grant committee was created to investigate funding sources and for applying for grants. The members of the committee will include Jon Schwabe, Tracey Rush, Lathan Jernigan, and Jeffrey Prater.

Pyle Fund/ICDA commission fund

Ideally, the members at the meeting would like to offer both the ICDA and Pyle Commission to its membership. Jerry will work with the executive committee to discuss the Pyle fund for the next year.

There was some uncertainty as to how much was currently in the commission fund and as to whether or not the \$5 from each members dues had been included in the figures. Jerry will work with Denny to clarify this issue.

Newsletter

The goal for the newsletter is to be published once a quarter. Ralph Kendrick will start a 'Meet the Members' section of the newsletter and try to interview one composer from the membership for each quarter. The next newsletter will be published around May 15th and will include:

- UNI conference report
- Announcement of the new festival in Ames
- Summary of improvements to web page
- Member Activities
- Beethoven club concert report
- the first meet the member interview

Thanks to all who attended.