

ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRAS
2023 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
Mission Inn, Riverside, CA
Thursday, Aug 17, 2023 | 12:45 – 1:00 PM (PDT)

ACSO Board President Elizabeth Shribman called the Annual Meeting to order at 12:45 PM PST and established that of a quorum of 10 member organizations or more was present in the room. Elizabeth called for approval of the Annual Meeting minutes from September 7, 2022. Dean McVay moved to approve the minutes as presented; Alice Sauro seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved with none opposed or abstaining.

Finance Report (presented by Elizabeth Shribman, Board President)

Elizabeth reported a projected year-end operating surplus for the fourth year in a row. Despite pandemic relief funds playing a large role, Elizabeth urged attendees to continue to support ACSO financially. Elizabeth presented assets and liabilities from the statement of financial position – cash surplus on hand and the investment account constituting board designated quasi-endowment susceptible to market fluctuations and recent down-turns but improving. No liabilities, equities are equal to assets. A financially healthy org.

Governance Report (presented by Elizabeth Shribman, Board President)

Elizabeth presented the slate of renewing board members for an additional three-year term: Nora Brady and Elizabeth Shribman. She called for a member vote, which was approved unanimously.

Elizabeth next presented the slate of new board members for their first three-year term: Ellen Armour, Connor Bogenreif, Jenny Darlington-Person, Kevin Eberle-Noel, Giuliano Kornberg, and Paul Meecham. The slate of new board members was passed unanimously. Elizabeth said she is excited to begin working with them at the start of the new fiscal year in October.

Next, Elizabeth expressed her thanks for the outgoing members of the ACSO board – Alicia Gonzalez, Kathryn Martin, Nicola Reilly, Alice Sauro, and Amber Joy Weber. She said they deserve our deepest thanks for their years of commitment and service.

Lastly, Elizabeth presented the 2023-2024 slate of Board Officers for member acknowledgement: President Elizabeth Shribman, Vice President Jamei Haswell, Treasurer Steve Friedlander, Secretary Chelsea Chambers. She expressed thanks to the officers.

Executive Director's Report (Sarah Weber)

Sarah shared highlights from the past year, during which time ACSO tripled its programs and services. ACSO got to know members much better during the pandemic using Zoom and continues to retain elevated number of members. Sarah said ACSO's focus was on a strong community. She commented that last fiscal year, ACSO provided forty programs for 900

attendees. ACSO expanded its awards program to recognize the good work being done in the community. ACSO partnered on statewide initiatives, such as the NPPA Grant and the CA Festival, and multiple statewide and federal advocacy issues.

Sarah stated that in the coming year, she looks forward to focusing on ACSO's growth by expanding capacity and building its internal infrastructure. ACSO board and staff will continue to focus on DEIB work. Sarah announced that next year's conference will take place in San Francisco. ACSO will also continue to present quarterly peer forums, webinars, and workshops, and will ask for feedback from its members about what is valuable to them, including content ideas, and remarked that a survey to its members will be forthcoming. Sarah asked everyone to renew as members and to anticipate renewal invoices going out next month. Lastly, Sarah invited anyone in the room not already an ACSO member to join this coming fiscal year.

Sarah closed her remarks by thanking the ACSO board, donors, staff, and Board President Elizabeth Shribman.

Meeting Adjournment

ACSO Board President Elizabeth Shribman adjourned the meeting at 12:58 PM PST.

Minutes submitted by Chelsea Chambers, 2023-24 Secretary of the ACSO Board of Directors.