



**Music Publishers' Association of the United States**

Minutes of the Officers & Board of Directors Meeting  
January 13, 2005 at ASCAP

Julie Averill (Administrator)	Present
Jennifer Bilfield	Present
Beebe Bourne, President	Present
Arnold Broido	Present
Gene Caprioglio	Present
Susan Feder	Absent
Louis Fifer	Absent
Aida Gurwicz	Present
Margaret Heskin	Present
Brian Hill	Absent
Christopher Johnson	Absent
Lauren Keiser	Present
James Kendrick Esq., Counsel	Present (via conference call)
Kathleen Marsh	Present
Larry Morton	Present
David Murray	Absent
Marc Ostrow	Absent
Lee Paynter	Absent
Lynn Sengstack	Present
John Shorney	Absent
Charles Slater, Treasurer	Absent
Robert Thompson, Secretary	Present

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:00am.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the December 8, 2004 Meeting were approved as circulated.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report was approved as circulated.

Old Business

Annual Meeting: Panelists for the morning session (Berenson, LoFrumento and Vacher) have been confirmed. Arnold Broido will chair the session. For the luncheon speakers, Koenigsberg has been confirmed. Jenny Bilfield is awaiting word from Dana Gioia. For the afternoon panel, Irons, Machover and Leonhard are confirmed. Although no guest has yet requested airfare or hotel, Jenny Bilfield inquired as to whether funds might be available. President Bourne asked Bilfield and Thompson to work on focus/concept for afternoon panel.

Archives: Agreement will be signed shortly, and arrangements will follow to transport the archive to The Sibley Music Library

DVD Project: President Bourne recommended that, prior to any decision on the format and content of the DVD project, the MPA seize the chance to tape Dave Olsen's February 25, 2005 talk. The video footage will be incorporated into the MPA Website for member review, after which the

Board can discuss how to move ahead with the project. Carl Fischer will provide a support staff person who will attend Olsen's talk. A Motion to approve the video taping on February 25 was approved.

MPA/ASCAP AD: Lynn Sengstack has reported that the ads have gone out and are appearing in various industry journals and magazines.

Membership Renewals: 59 dues payments have been received, totaling \$34,700 in revenue. 12 publishers have not yet responded to the renewal notices.

Museum Tour: The tour of the Schomburg Center, following the April 21<sup>st</sup> board meeting at BMI, is confirmed. It was suggested that the attendees have lunch not at BMI, but at Sylvia's Chicken in Harlem. Members should email Charles Slater ([cslater@jwpepper.com](mailto:cslater@jwpepper.com)) if they wish to attend.

Oral Histories: Del Fiorentino from NAMM will attend the April 21st meeting to discuss how NAMM and the MPA can collaborate on the oral history project. President Bourne requested that names of potential interviewees be submitted to her. President Bourne has requested that a Board member oversee the project.

Paul Revere Traveling Exhibit: The exhibit will appear in February at the Los Angeles Public Library, to coincide with The MOLA Convention. An Ad has been placed in MOLA Notes.

R&D Survey: The survey will be distributed by Larry Morton to MPA members shortly. The results will be compiled and distributed to the Board.

MENC - Michael Blakesley: President Bourne stated that the MPA, due to Anti-trust laws, could not address the issue of additional recording fees charged in connection with rental material used for recordings.

#### New Business:

Copyright Awareness Week: President Bourne distributed an email from The Copyright Society announcing this years Copyright Awareness Week (CAW) to be held from March 21-25, 2005. Volunteers are needed to assist during this week.

Contributions: The Board approved a \$1000 contribution to MOLA. President Bourne felt it was important to have a committee that would establish criteria for donating to organizations and asked Keiser, Sengstack, Bilfield and Marsh to be charter members of this sub-committee.

Kendrick Report - Golan: Jim Kendrick briefed the Board on new developments regarding the Golan case. The plaintiffs have served informational subpoenas on several publishers. The trial is scheduled for mid-2005

Technological Developments (Keiser): Lauren Keiser showed the Board, to its amazement, a plain paper Connecticut Vehicle Registration form that, when copied on a photocopy machine, resulted in the word "void" appearing over the existing text. The word "void" was invisible on the original document.

#### Committee Reports

ACDA: No Report

Annual Meeting: (See Above)

Archive: (See Above)

Copyright/Licensing: (No Report)

Educations Contacts & Trade Relations: No Report

Engraving: Arnold Broido stated that the committee is investigating the ever-increasing width of scores.

Finance/Audit: No Report

International Contacts: The next ICMP meeting will be at MIDEM, with Arnold Broido in attendance.

Membership: No Report

MLA/MOLA/MPA: No Report

Performance: No Report

Press/Publicity/Public Relations: (See Above: ASCAP Ad).

Research/Development/New Technology: (See Above: R&D Survey)

The meeting was adjourned at 12:03pm. The next meeting will take place February 24, 2005 10:00am - 12:00pm at Harry Fox.