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BELLINGHAM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA (BSO) BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 2023 REMOTE / MBT ENCORE ROOM

Present:		Excused:	Absent:	Guest:
Corey Welch, President	Ken Bronstein, Past President	Charli Daniels, Vice President		Carol Comeau
	Barbara Ryan, <i>Director</i>	Barry Meyers, Director		Garland Richmond
Debbie Arthur, Secretary	Kristi Kilgore, Director			Mark Tomko
Gena Mikkelsen, Treasurer				Ted Schuman
Eileen Brownell, Exec Director	Barbara Ryan, <i>Director</i>			
Yaniv Attar, Music Director	James Ray, Director			
	Trisha Norman, Director			
Jim Quist, Player Representative	Sandra Peyton, Player Representative			

REPORTS REFERRED TO BELOW ARE POSTED TO THE SHARED DRIVE FOR REVIEW PRIOR TO MEETING.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION		
CALL TO ORDER and GREETINGS:	Corey Welch, BSO Board acting President, called the meeting to order at 5:40pm and read the Land Acknowledgement.		
SECRETARY'S REPORT: Debbie Arthur	The BSO Board reviewed the draft minutes for the May 3rd, 2023, BOD meeting. ACTION: The board approved the minutes with unanimous consent.		
TREASURER'S REPORT: Gena Mikkelsen	See below in the Executive Director Report		
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS: Eileen Brownell	See reports and note the following: Eileen presented the Baton Sponsor concept for each concert and reviewed the submitted Proposed Budget 2023-24. The current budget is recommended by the finance committee. There was a side discussion about the symphony's masking policy going forward. We have had significant expenses for masks and test. Most other orchestra organizations are not masking. Health attestations by the players was valuable for creating a sense of responsibility. We will discuss further at the next board meeting. ACTION: There was a motion to approve the Proposed Budget that was presented at the meeting. James Ray moved, and Jim Quist seconded, and the board approved the motion unanimously.		

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS: A) Executive (C. Welch) B) Governance (C. Welch) C) Nominating (C. Welch) D) Strategic Planning (D. Arthur) E) Finance (G. Mikkelsen) F) Development (TBD) G) Youth and Community Engagement (C. Daniels) H) Artistic Planning (Y. Attar) I) Players (BSPA Chairperson) J) AEDI (TBD)	See reports and note the following: *Standing Committees did not report at this meeting* A) B) C) D) E) F) G) . H) I) J)	
OLD BUSINESS:	*No old business was reported at this meeting*	
NEW BUSINESS:	ACTION: There was a motion to approve membership of the following new board of director applicants. Ken Bronstein moved, and Gena Mikkelsen seconded, and the board approved the motion unanimously. O Carol Comeau O Mark Tomko O Garland Richmond O Ted Schuman ACTION: There was a motion to accept the following new officers of the BSO Board of Directors. Corey Welch moved, and Barbara Ryan seconded, and the board approved the motion unanimously. President - Corey Welch Past President- Carol Comeau Vice President - Charli Daniels Treasurer - Gena Mikkelsen Secretary- Mark Tomko Mount Baker Theater Negotiations: Corey suggests we accept MBT's offer to extend the current contract for six more months. A discussion followed and there were concerns about making sure we secured our concerts dates. ACTION: There was a motion to agree to a 6-month extension with added language recognizing the concert dates that we have secured for the season. Ken Bronstein moved, and Kristi Kilgore seconded, and the board approved the motion unanimously.	
SEASON EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:	Board of Director Party: July TBD, 2023 (Corey's house) Annual Board Retreat: September 17th, 2023, 11:30am-1pm for all members (outgoing and incoming) and all day for all new and current members Players Welcome Party; September 10th, 2023, 11:30am -3pm (Jill's house)	
CLOSING ADJOURNMENT:	Corey Welch, BSO Board President, adjourned the meeting at 6:42 pm	

NEXT MEETINGS AND CONCERTS:	Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, July 5th, 2023	
MINUTES APPROVAL:	Mark Tomko, BSO Board of Directors, Secretary attest and approves these minutes.	