

MINUTES
BELLINGHAM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA (BSO)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2023
BSO OFFICE

<u>Present:</u>		<u>Excused:</u>	<u>Absent:</u>	<u>Guest:</u>
Corey Welch, <i>President</i>	Deborah Arthur, <i>Director</i>			
Charli Daniels, <i>Vice President</i>	Barry Meyers, <i>Director</i>			
Carol Comeau, <i>Past President</i>	Sandra Payton, <i>Player Representative</i>			
Gena Mikkelsen, <i>Treasurer</i>	Jim Quist, <i>Player Representative</i>			
Mark Tomko, <i>Secretary</i>	James Ray, <i>Director</i>			
	Garland Richmond, <i>Director</i>			
Gail Ridenour, <i>Executive Director</i>	Barbara Ryan, <i>Director</i>			
Yaniv Attar, <i>Music Director</i>	Ted Schuman, <i>Director</i>			

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TOPIC	DISCUSSION
CALL TO ORDER:	The meeting was called to order at 5:02 by Corey Welch.
SECRETARY'S REPORT: Mark Tomko	<p>The BSO Board reviewed the draft minutes for the October 4th, 12th, and 23rd 2023 BOD meetings.</p> <p>ACTION: Carol Comeau moved to approve all minutes, with the corrected spelling of Sandra Payton's name. Ted Schuman seconded. Minutes approved by unanimous voice vote.</p> <p>Mark suggested the possibility of creating a minutes format that requires less time to prepare.</p>
TREASURER'S REPORT: Gena Mikkelsen	<p>See attached report for details.</p> <p>ACTION: Gena Mikkelsen moved that we remove Shachaf Zahavy-Mittelman from our Peoples' Bank account, effective Monday November 6th. Carol Comeau seconded. The motion passed unanimously.</p>
STAFF REPORT: Gail Ridenour	<p>See attached report for details. Highlights:</p> <p>Ramona started today (11/1) in the marketing role, training with Kare. Gail has reached out to bookkeeping firms; we are on waiting lists. Gail is meeting with a candidate bookkeeper tomorrow, (11/2). We are looking for an administrative coordinator.</p> <p>Discussion followed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> finding people to bring coffee to rehearsals as well as having board members sign up to host snacks at rehearsals.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> writing thank-you notes for concert sponsors; Carol and Garland will alternate concerts and Yaniv will write thank-yous to some large donors
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)	<p>C) The board discussed the application to the board from Kathy Bell. ACTION: Charli moved that the board admit Kathy Bell to the BSO board. Carol Comeau seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.</p> <p>G) The board discussed the report from Community and Youth Engagement and the requests made by David Jones for supplies to go to the music program at Whatcom Middle School. Discussion followed on how the board can facilitate supporting the school music programs. It was suggested that the Players' Committee collect money and items to donate, and that further donations could be collected by the orchestra and passed directly to the school. Doing so could benefit both the orchestra and the schools.</p> <p>Separately, discussion followed on comp tickets for musicians and board members. Gail plans to present further ideas at the upcoming board meeting.</p>
NEW BUSINESS: Corey Welch	Corey gave an overview of his work on creating a community advisory council. Further details will be sent to the board members for their consideration.
CLOSING ADJOURNMENT:	Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.
NEXT MEETINGS AND CONCERTS:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next board meeting: Wednesday, December 6st 5:30 p.m. at the BSO office
MINUTES APPROVAL:	Mark Tomko, BSO Board of Directors, Secretary attests and approves these minutes.