

ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRAS
2022 ANNUAL MEETING (Virtual)
Wednesday, September 7, 2022 | 12:45 – 1:15 PM (PDT)

ACSO Board President Alice Sauro called the Annual Meeting to order at 12:51 PM PT and established that a quorum of 10 member organizations or more was present. Alice opened the meeting by thanking the panel of artistic leaders who spoke just prior to the Annual Meeting. Alice called for approval of the 2021 Annual Meeting minutes. Scott Vandrick moved to approve the minutes as presented. Steve Friedlander seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by a majority, with 3% of the members present abstaining from the vote.

President's Report

Alice Sauro began her report by sharing that she is at the end of her term as ACSO Board President. She highlighted the efforts that the ACSO staff, board, and volunteers have made to move the organization forward over the last year and to begin to transition ACSO programs back to an in-person format. Alice shared highlights from 2021-2022, including the 2022 National Conference held in Los Angeles partnership with the League of American Orchestras, the Los Angeles Philharmonic, and ACSO. In addition, she spoke of ACSO's mission-driven work, such as the 40 virtual peer group meetings across 11 different constituency groups, seven webinars which provided professional development opportunities to more than 300 people, information and resource sharing, and arts advocacy efforts initiatives. Alice closed by thanking members for their support and engagement and by recognizing the ACSO board for its work to keep forward momentum in the organization over the last two years.

Finance Report

Treasurer Steve Friedlander reported on ACSO's good financial condition and noted that the organization is expecting a surplus from operations this fiscal year. He shared an update on the performance of the investment account. Steve concluded by thanking the members of the Internal Affairs Committee (IAC) for their time and efforts this year.

Governance Report

Vice President and Governance Chair Scott Vandrick thanked the committee members for their efforts this year. Loribeth Gregory-Beck, Jamei Haswell, Alice Sauro, and Donna Williams were presented for member vote as renewing board members for an additional three-year term. Scott called for a member vote on the renewing slate which was approved by a majority, with 7% of the members present abstaining from the vote.

The officers for 2022-2023 were announced: Elizabeth Shribman as president, Alice Sauro as immediate past president, Scott Vandrick and Alicia Gonzalez as vice presidents, Loribeth Gregory-Beck as secretary, Steve Friedlander as treasurer.

Scott ended the Governance Committee report by expressing gratitude to outgoing ACSO Board President, Alice Sauro, for her service to the organization.

Executive Director's Report

ACSO Executive Director Sarah Weber began by thanking Alice Sauro for her partnership as the ACSO Board President over the last two years. Sarah then shared highlights of what the organization is planning for 2022-2023. The 2023 ACSO Conference for 2022-2023 will be held on August 16-18 in the Inland Empire. It will be hosted by the San Bernardino Symphony at the Mission Inn in Riverside. Since the virtual peer forums have been successful, ACSO will continue to host those conversations via Zoom and in-person at the conference. ACSO will also continue to provide professional development opportunities via its virtual webinar series. Sarah encouraged the members present to reach out with topic suggestions for future webinars. ACSO will continue to utilize its platforms to amplify the positive work of its member organizations.

As in-person activities resume across member organizations, Sarah noted that she is looking forward to attending concerts and visiting with member organizations in-person. She highlighted ACSO's regional expansion with members in Oregon, Hawai'i, Nevada, and Arizona. Sarah finished her report by expressing appreciation to the ACSO board, staff, volunteers and members for their contributions and engagement over the last year.

Meeting Adjournment

ACSO Board President Alice Sauro adjourned the meeting at 1:14 PM PT.

Minutes submitted by Loribeth Gregory-Beck, 2021-22 Secretary of the ACSO Board of Directors.