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Sacramento Choral Society & Orchestra Ratify New Agreement



SCSO President James McCormick and Local 12 President Larry Gardner shake hands upon signing of the new SCSO agreement.

On June 1st the votes were counted and the musicians of the Sacramento Choral Society & Orchestra (SCSO) voted overwhelmingly to ratify a new agreement for the next two seasons, (2009/10 & 2010/11).

The new agreement provides for 4% increases in each of the next two seasons, an increase in pension from 7% to 8%, and a broadening of who gets pension to include substitute and extra musicians. Additionally, the new agreement provides for roster updates and excused absences with at least 14 days notice.

Thanks to the SCSO Orchestra Committee. They are: Leo Gravin—chair, Janis Lieberman, Jon Maloney, Sandra McPherson, and Erika Miranda. Congratulations to members of the SCSO and to their committee!

Western Conference of Locals



AFM President Tom Lee, Local 12 Secretary-Treasurer Maryll Goldsmith and AFM Secretary Sam Folio at the Western Conference of Locals.

On February 20-22 Local 12 President Larry Gardner and Secretary Treasurer Maryll Goldsmith attended the 71st Western Conference of Locals of the AFM hosted by the San Diego Local. Before the conference began there was a training session for local officers that Goldsmith and Gardner attended. At the conference there were many important reports from players' conferences, AFM committees and officers, AFM pension fund, Film Musicians Secondary Markets Fund and more. Besides the informative reports the conference provides many networking opportunities for local and federation officers.



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Scheduled Meetings
(Unless announced otherwise)

General Membership
Quarterly at Local 12 office

Executive Board
Monthly at Local 12 office 10:30 a.m.
on the second Thursday of each month

Meetings are open, and members
are invited to attend.
Members wishing to formally
appear on the agenda must
submit a request in writing
at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

2009 Membership Dues

Category	Quarterly	Yearly
Regular	51.25	205.00
Life	22.50	90.00
Inactive Life	16.75	67.00

• A \$20.00 discount will be given if
Yearly Dues are paid prior to January
31.

Any notice appearing herein shall be
considered to be an official notice
to the membership.

Suspension Policy

Any members whose Regular or
Life Membership Dues remain unpaid
three months from the due date shall
stand automatically *suspended* from
membership and be ineligible for Local
12's benefits or referrals and shall be
required to pay a *reinstatement* fee of
twenty-five dollars, plus back standing
dues and late fees of five dollars per
quarter in order to resume membership
in good standing.

Members not paying dues for six
months will be dropped.

Reinstatement requires payment of
a Local Initiation Fee of fifty dollars in
addition to the reinstatement plus
quarterly late fees.

If off the role book for one year or
longer a Federal Initiation Fee of
sixty-five dollars is also due.

To Resign in Good Standing

If dues are current a member may
resign in good standing by written
request delivered by mail, FAX or
e-mail. **Telephone message is not
acceptable.**

Services and Benefits

- Recording Industries Music
Performance Trust Fund (MPTF)
- Pension Fund
- Payroll Service
- Legal Contracts
- Instrument & Equipment Insurance
- Use of Musicians' Hall Facilities &
Equipment
- AFM Signatory Booking Agent
Directory
- Emergency Traveling Assistance
Program: 1(800) ROAD-GIG
- Union Privilege
 - Legal Service
 - Loan Program
- Credit Union
 - Savings
 - CDs
 - IRAs
 - ATM cards
 - VISA
 - Auto loans
- Group Health Insurance (Self Pay)
- AFM National Website
- Wage Scales
- National Ear Care Plan
- Member Directory
- Referral Service
- Petrillo Fund
- Publications
 - *International Musician*
 - *Central California Upbeat*
- Electronic Media Services
- Audition Ads
- Collective Bargaining
- Legislative Representation
- Recording and Multimedia
Protection
- Experienced Negotiators
- Musician-to-Musician Support
- A Community of Musicians
- Union Driver & Traveler Motor Club
- Hertz Car Rental Discounts
- DisneyWorld Hotel Discount
- Parents' College Advisor
- Member Flower Service
- *TEMPO* - Task force for employment of
musicians promotional organization
- AFM Player Associations
 - *RMA* - Recording Musicians'
Association of Northern California
 - *ROPA* - Regional Orchestra
Players' Association
 - *ICSOM* - International
Conference of Symphony and
Opera Musicians
 - *TMA* - Theatre Musicians
Association

President's Message

Leveraging Your Union Membership: AFM GoPro Web Hosting

There have been a lot of exciting developments in the AFM's Freelance and Membership development divisions. A significant one is the benefit of AFM's webhosting service. The webhosting plans come with 99.9% uptime and a 30 day money back guarantee. The plans include a FREE control panel which has dozens of scripts that can be installed with a click of the mouse such as forums, blogs, image galleries, polls and surveys, PHP-Nuke, and much more. All the plans offer the same industry leading features. The only difference is the amount of disk space you purchase with the plans. Plans may be upgraded to more disk space at any time simply by paying the cost difference between the plans.

Paul Sharpe, AFM's Director of Freelance Services and Membership Development Divisions, says "the first full year of operation of GoPro Hosting produced particularly exciting results. Both members and Locals have responded positively to the Federation's offering of a wide range of low cost yet full featured web hosting service. Many members have reported cost savings equivalent to, or greater than, their AFM annual membership fees simply by using this service."

Personally, I purchased a duo plan. When I bought it, it came with 100 Megabytes of storage. Now, they've increase the storage to 250 Megabytes. There are unlimited email addresses. If you don't have your own website, now is a good time to purchase a domain name and begin your own website. You can check it out for yourself at <http://www.goprohosting.com/>. If you have problems, the AFM has a full-time Web developer/technical support specialist.

Have a great summer!

Larry

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Membership Update

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Hansen, Charles
Hiebert, Thomas
Ikemoto, Elaine
Keene, Theresa
Kidwell, Eva
Martin, Kyle
Miles, Michael
Nazlikian, Araksia
Schlesinger, Sheldon
Simmons, Paul
Tingle, Bryce "Chip"
Vargas, Raymond
Wood, Sarah

EXPELLED MEMBERS as of 7/01/09:

Baker, Rick
Douty, Dick
Gardner, Jared
Giannopolis, Tim
LaSavio, Kim
Mantchorova, Nina
Mathew, Brandon
Nguyen, Thi
Paul, Terry
Rustigen, Zaven
Sahmaunt, Peggy Jo
Sharp, Randy
Spachtolz, Joseph
Ward, Rebecca
Zamfir, Ionut

RESIGNED:

Vega, Travis 6/30/09

DECEASED:

Lallo, Tony 1/21/09
Stephens, Norman 4/09/09



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Pension Website

Don't forget to register on the AFM-EPF website (www.afm-epf.org) through their "Participant Portal" (located in the lower left hand corner of their home page). This enables you to access some personal information on file at the American Federation of Musicians & Employers' Pension Fund.

If you need assistance to register, please call the Fund Office at 1-800-833-8065 ext. 1295.