

**Piano Technicians Guild Foundation  
Board of Directors Meetings  
Thursday, June 19, 2008  
Hyatt Regency Orange County – Kansas City MO**

**CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

The meeting was called to order by President Jack Wyatt at 2:06 p.m. on Thursday, June 19, 2008.

The following Board members were in attendance:

President, Jack Wyatt, RPT  
Vice-President, Leon Speir, RPT  
Secretary-Treasurer, Marilyn Raudenbush  
Director, Paul Monroe, RPT  
Emeritus Director, Bruce Dornfeld, RPT  
Emeritus Director, Jim Geiger, RPT  
Emeritus Director, Chuck Erbsmehl, RPT  
Emeritus Director, Paul Monachino  
Emeritus Director, Laura Olsen, RPT

Home Office Staff present: Barbara Cassaday PTG Executive Director and Sarah Sparks, Executive Assistant.

The following were also present: Vivian Brooks, RPT, Larry Crabb, RPT, Trevor Nelson, RPT, and Bill Shull, RPT.

**I. ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA**

08-001 By general consent the agenda was approved with the following changes:

- Add item VIII.A: MTNA Scholarship Reinstatement

MOTION CARRIED

**II. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF REPORTS**

Secretary/Treasurer's Report – Marilyn Raudenbush reported that all financial matters have been documented and properly recorded.

At the PTG MARC convention and the SEPA chapters meetings, Marilyn has been able to sell a few copies of John Travis book "Guide to Restringing".

At the 2009 MARC convention Marilyn has made arrangements for the PTGF to have an exhibit booth again. Tentative negotiations are being made for the 2009 convention to have another book signing. The profits from the sale of the book signings would be donated to the PTG Foundation. The Foundation has a prominent place at the MARC convention.

**Committee Reports**

Bylaws – No report.

Disaster Relief –Leon Speir mentioned that we did not receive any requests for Disaster Aid this past year. There is a possibility that there may be some needs among the flooded areas of the Mississippi River this year. RVPs need to be aware that the PTGF has funds available to help technicians, if they are involved in a natural disaster area. A suggestion was made to include information on the Journal page to inform the technicians that funds are available.

Fundraising - The "Silent Auction" was held again this year and is very successful. We have received many different types of donations. The fundraising committee will try to approach some new ideas for future fundraising.

Museum Acquisition –The museum acquired a 1782 Zumpe Bundebart piano in pristine condition. This piano was purchased for \$18,000 and there was a private donation of \$1,000 toward the purchase of the Bundebart A 1939 Story & Clark without a sounding board has replaced a Story & Clark in the Museum. The 1939 Story Electronic piano is amplified by RCA Victor. The “pick-up” receives the sound of strings and transfers it to an amplifier. Story & Clark was one of first to experiment with this new idea and made just several hundred of this type of piano. The piano is in good working order and tunable. It is considered a rare piano. Since tubes are presently available at for replacement parts, it was suggested to purchase some extra tubes before they are obsolete and unable to obtain. .

Publications - No activity, no requests

Research Grant – No report.

Scholarship - Jack proposed two letters be written. The first letter would be to chapter presidents that would be an enthusiastic letter to encourage associates to apply for the scholarship. Perhaps, another letter to all associates. This should be done before the end of the year. Laura Olsen was asked to speak at the Leadership Luncheon concerning the Scholarships available to the Associates.

Associate Scholarship Recipients for 2008

- 1) Terence Terricola
- 2) Jeff Farris

#### Other Reports

Library – The list of books is on the computer. Vivian Brooks recommended scanning the books into electronic format for viewing on the Internet. The project will start with scanning the older books. Laura Olson will work on the project with Vivian Brooks

Piano Registry –Board members were asked to be aware and alert for any pianos that may be included in the registry A picture of the piano, serial number, details and the technician’s name should be included when submitted for consideration to the registry.

Website Development – Vivian Brooks mentioned this is a very important topic in light of Vivian’s project of scanning the books in the Steve Jellen Library. Some unique pianos from the museum could be selected and put on website. Also, a description of the Disaster Relief Fund that is available to PTG members.

08-002 By general consent, reports were received and filed for information. MOTION CARRIED.

### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

08-003 Chuck Erbsmehl moved and Laura Olsen seconded to approve the June 21, 2007 minutes with the following amendments:

- Chuck Erbsmehl and Bruce Dornfeld were added to the list of individuals present at the meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

### IV. OPERATIONS/ADMINISTRATION

\*\* Financial Report (2007 Year-end)

### V. OTHER BUSINESS

\*\* AMIS/AIC Liaison –Bill Shull and Trevor Nelson requested that PTGF sponsor a liaison to the American Musical Instrument Society and the American Institute for Conservation for the purpose of developing protocol within the PTG relating to the proper approach towards historical and otherwise important pianos. To fund PTG representative attendance at these organizations’ conferences and encourage them to take a similar approach towards PTG.

Seek ways in which the PTG could exercise responsibility towards piano documentation and conservation, and educate its membership regarding the appropriateness of invasive procedures in rebuilding. Laura Olsen is to investigate these organizations and report back to the Board.

## **VI. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

08-004 Bruce Dornfeld moved and Laura Olsen seconded that the PTGF Board accept Joe Garrett's resignation from the Board of Directors. MOTION CARRIED

Election of Officers/Directors

Replacement PTGF Presidential Appointment – Larry Crabb

PTG Presidential Appointment - Bruce Dornfeld

PTGF Presidential Appointment - Vivian Brooks

08-005 Leon Speir moved and Paul Monachino seconded to ratify the appointment of Larry Crabb to fill the unexpired term of PTGF Presidential Appointment Joe Garrett. MOTION CARRIED

08-006 Chuck Erbsmehl moved and Paul Monroe seconded to accept the nominations of Bruce Dornfeld, RPT and Vivian Brooks, RPT as Directors on the PTGF Board. MOTION CARRIED

08-007 Leon Speir moved and Chuck Erbsmehl seconded to elect Bruce Dornfeld, RPT and Vivian Brooks, RPT as Directors on the PTGF Board. MOTION CARRIED

08-008 Chuck Erbsmehl moved and Larry Crabb seconded to nominate the current officers, Jack Wyatt, Leon Speir, and Marilyn Raudenbush, for re-election to the offices of President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer, respectively. MOTION CARRIED

08-009 Chuck Erbsmehl moved and Larry Crabb seconded to elect the current officers, Jack Wyatt, Leon Speir, and Marilyn Raudenbush, to the offices of President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer respectively. MOTION CARRIED

08-010 Leon Speir moved and Laura Olsen seconded to elect Robin Hufford to the position of Director Emeriti on the PTGF Board of Directors. MOTION CARRIED

## **VII. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

Bylaws Committee

Larry Crabb, Chair

Paul Monroe

Chuck Erbsmehl

Bruce Dornfeld

Leon Speir

Disaster Relief Committee

Leon Speir, Chair

Marilyn Raudenbush

Larry Crabb

Fundraising Committee

Laura Olsen, Chair

Marilyn Raudenbush

Larry Crabb

Museum Acquisition Committee

Jack Wyatt, Chair

Jim Geiger

Publications Committee  
Paul Monroe, Chair  
Leon Speir  
Jack Wyatt

Research Grant Committee  
Chuck Erbsmehl, Chair  
Nolan Zeringue

Scholarship Committee  
Bruce Dornfeld  
Paul Monroe  
Jim Geiger

**Other Committees**

Library Committee  
Vivian Brooks, Chair  
Laura Olsen

Piano Registry Committee  
Jim Geiger, Chair  
Jack Wyatt  
Larry Crabb

Website Development Committee  
Leon Speir, Chair  
Laura Olsen

**VIII. LATE SUBMISSIONS**

08-011 Bruce Dornfeld moved and Leon Speir seconded to reinstate the PTG Foundation's annual \$1,000 MTNA Scholarship. MOTION CARRIED

The PTGF presented an award to Vivian Brooks, RPT for her outstanding service in cataloging items for the Steve Jellen Library.

**ADJOURNMENT**

08-012 By general consent, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m. on Thursday, June 19, 2008. MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted by:

Marilyn Raudenbush

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Secretary-Treasurer

Note: Items where no formal action was taken are noted by \*\*  
These minutes will not be considered final until approved by the Board