



Meeting of the Board of Directors of the International Suzuki Association Inc.

Friday, October 6 – Sunday October 8, 2017
Quality Hotel Parnell, Auckland, New Zealand.

Summary

The Board of Directors of the International Suzuki Association met for its annual meeting October 4-8, at the Quality Hotel Parnell in Auckland, New Zealand. The Board Meetings of the ISA take place in different regions of the world each year. The meeting opened with a welcome from Board Chair Martin Rüttimann, and a message from President Koji Toyoda.

Following the greeting, the Board paid tribute "In Memoriam" to
Bela Detrekoy (presented by Martin Rüttimann ESA)
Sheila Warby (presented by Simon Griffiths PPSA)
Fiorenza Rosi (presented by Martin Rüttimann ESA)
Tadashi Aruga (presented by Ryugo Hiyano TERI)
Yoshiko Nakajima (presented by Ryugo Hiyano TERI)
Ecaterina Gerson (presented by Allen Lieb SAA)

The minutes from last year's meeting held October 4-6, 2016 in Boulder, Colorado, USA, were approved.

Board Appointments

Lan Ku Chen was elected as the ARSA Representative on the ISA Board for the period 1 July 2018 - 30 June 2020. Pamela Brasch was elected as the SAA representative on the ISA Board for the period 1 July 2018 - 30 June 2020. Ryugo Hayano was elected as the TERI representative on the ISA Board for the period 1 July 2018 - 30 June 2020. Pamela Brasch was also re-elected as the ISA Treasurer for the period 1 July 2018 - 30 June 2020. There were no retiring Directors.

CEO Report

The CEO, Allen Lieb Jr, presented his report outlining the various issues he dealt with during the year. A detailed report from Alfred Publishers was provided the Board. Work will continue on collating information for the document "The ISA and It's History 1999-2016".

Finances

The income for the ISA for the fiscal year 2016-2017 was in the region of USD 81,000. The majority of this comes from membership contributions. The expenses of the ISA for same fiscal year were around USD 40,000, thus leaving a healthy surplus for the year mainly due to the addition of ARSA dues. Major items for costs are administrative costs (CEO and office expense), legal costs pertaining to the protection of the Suzuki Name, and meetings costs for the ISA Board and the different ISA instrument committees. A preliminary budget for fiscal year 2017-2018 was passed, predicting no major difference from existing income and spending levels.

Regional Associations

Each of the 5 regional associations presented a report with membership statistics and information about regional activities. A "Brief History of the Development of the Asia Region Suzuki Association" was tabled. Paul Landefeld and Gilda Barston were thanked sincerely for their efforts in helping to establish ARSA. The signing of licensing and name agreements by Lan Ku Chen from ARSA was celebrated as a monumental achievement by all those involved.

Instrument committees

Reports from all ISA Instrument Committees were received and discussed. Following the ISA meeting the Violin Committee completed its work revising Volume 9, and the Flute Committee continued its review of Volume 3 after recently completing revising Volume 2. A complete list of Board Liaisons to the many Instrument Committees was drawn up, with some changes to reflect changes in membership of the Board. The Board is keen to see representatives from all regions to be included on each of the Instrument Committees. New instruments, Clarinet and Piano Accordion, are currently being studied by committees for possible inclusion in the Suzuki family of instruments at a later date.

Job Descriptions

A subcommittee will continue to work on the job descriptions of CEO, Board officers and Liaisons to Instrument Committees.

The next meeting of the ISA Board of Directors will be held in New York City October 15-17, 2018.

Simon Griffiths, Secretary to the ISA Board of Directors