

**The San Diego Symphony Orchestra Association  
Annual Members Meeting  
October 28, 2021**

**I. Call to Order**

Elizabeth Larsen introduced Chair Dave Snyder, who then called the meeting to order at 3:02 pm via Zoom webinar. He stated it was his honor to serve as Chair of the Board of Directors and shared that his term would end at the conclusion of today's meeting.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the October 29, 2020 meeting were approved as presented.

**III. Board Elections**

Mr. Snyder reported that Elizabeth Larsen had been appointed by the Board of Directors to serve as Inspector of Elections for the meeting.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the election of the following slate of nominees for election as directors for terms expiring at the Annual Meeting of 2024 or until their successors are duly elected was approved as follows: Julia R. Brown, Kathleen Davis, Kris Kopensky, Adm. Riley D. Mixson, Colette Carson Royston, Donald M. Slate, J. William Weber, and John Zygowicz.

**IV. State of the Symphony Presentation**

Mr. Snyder introduced a Rafael Payare, Musical Director, who was currently in rehearsal with the Orchestra and had previously recorded a greeting for the Annual Members Meeting thanking the members for their support over the last year. Mr. Payare shared his experiences with the orchestra during the pandemic leading up to the opening of The Rady Shell at Jacobs Park.

Mr. Snyder then introduced Kathleen Davis, Chair of the Finance Committee, who presented the financial report of the Association for the fiscal year. Ms. Davis reported that the preliminary results for fiscal year 21 as a net positive revenue over expense of \$1.6M, stating this was achieved through strong management of expenses, some positives on the earned revenue side, and raising \$3.2M in stabilization funding. Ms. Davis noted that Contributed income totaled \$8.5M, the SDS Foundation Endowment Distribution was \$5.4M, and that the Association was awarded \$8M in Federal Relief Funds including two rounds of the Paycheck Protection Program, and the Shuttered Venue Operators Grant.

Mr. Snyder then introduced San Diego Symphony CEO, Martha Gilmer. Mr. Snyder stated that the Association is incredibly fortunate to benefit from Ms. Gilmer's leadership.

Ms. Gilmer recounted the accomplishments of the past year and gave a detailed overview of highlights from the 2020-2021 year as we navigated the pandemic, from virtual performances, to gradually performing in first small, distanced groups, to larger configurations. We continued the important work of Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging, as well as maintaining our Learning and Community Engagement work. Throughout all this time, we continued to build The Rady Shell at Jacobs Park, and opened on August 6<sup>th</sup> to local, regional, and international acclaim.

Ms. Gilmer reported that work on Jacobs Music Center continues with upgrades to the 92-year-old hall with new HVAC systems. Ms. Gilmer shared that the second half of the 2021-2022 season will be announced in November.

Ms. Gilmer expressed gratitude for Board Chair Dave Snyder for his calm and focused leadership as the right person in the right place and the right time.

Mr. Snyder then rejoined Ms. Gilmer, thanked her for her kind words, and shared his wonderful experiences as Board Chair. Mr. Snyder introduced his successor as Board Chair, Hal Fuson. Mr. Fuson thanked Dave Snyder for his service as Board Chair, noting Dave's focus on the future utilizing the Strategic Plan, and his style and substance to deal with the serious impact of the pandemic on the Association.

Mr. Fuson invited the Members to ask any questions they might have. Mr. Snyder answered the only question asked regarding when the Orchestra would return to Copley Symphony Hall, stating that the work is still to be finished at the Hall, and that our upcoming season will bring the Orchestra out into the San Diego region at multiple venues.

Mr. Snyder then introduced Rafael Payare for a brief recorded message of thanks for the Members' support.

## **V. Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Una Davis, Secretary  
(Recorded by Elizabeth Larsen, Executive Assistant to the CEO and Board)