

**Delaware Symphony Association**  
Annual Meeting of Members  
Monday, June 13, 2016  
Delaware Art Museum - Wilmington, DE

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The Annual Meeting of the Members of the Delaware Symphony Association was held Monday, June 13, 2016 in the Auditorium of the Delaware Art Museum, Wilmington, Delaware at 5:30 p.m. In attendance were **Directors** Charles Babcock, Matthew Di Guglielmo, Lanny Edelson, James Ellison, Jennifer Golek, Shelley Kinsella, David Kubacki, Grace Kwon-Kubacki, Elena Norman, Theresa Pietrucci, David Plaza, Jeff Ruben, Lee Tashjian; **Director Nominee** Myunghye Geerts; **Staff** Executive Director, Alan Jordan, Maestro David Amado, Finance Manager, Libby Burgazli, Administrative Coordinator, Daniel Colburn, Subscription Specialist, Mike Mekailek, Education and Volunteer Coordinator, Marjie Ripsom, and Personnel Manager/Librarian, Stephanie Wilson; **DSA Members** Sharon Babcock, Jean and Robert Collat, Christine Di Guglielmo, Micki Edelson, Darryl Flaherty, Meredith and Sydney Fleming, Debbie and Howard Green, Karl and Shirley Grieshaber, Karen Jordan, Lee Kallos, David and RoseLynn Malarek, Emil and Phyllis Mikity, Regina Ruben, David Schelat, Mark Sharnoff and Marcia Halio, Bob Stoddard, Vicki Tashjian, and Patricia Zaharko and Frank Prein; **DSO performing musicians** Erik Hltje, Jeff O'Donnell, and Charles Salinger; and **Guests** DSO Musicians Representative, Martin Beech, Musicians' Local 21 Secretary, Glenn Finnan, Delmarva Power representatives, Donna Knight and Enid Wallace-Sims, DSO musician, Pam Nelson, Gail O'Donnell, DDOA Director Paul Weagraff.

As Members attending the meeting arrived, they were welcomed by the performance of a Woodwind Trio consisting of principals of the Delaware Symphony Orchestra, Jeffrey O'Donnell, oboe, Charles Salinger, clarinet and Erik Hltje, bassoon.

The Bylaws of the Delaware Symphony Association provide, at Section 3.1(a), that "The annual meeting of the Members for the election of directors and the consideration of such other business as is properly placed before the Members in accordance with these Bylaws...shall be held each year in the month of June, at a place in New Castle County, Delaware, that shall have been designated by the Board."

The Members, as defined in Section 2.1 of the Bylaws, entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the annual meeting, were given timely notice of the meeting pursuant to Section 3.1(b) of the Bylaws.

**Welcome and Call to Order:** The President of the Association, Charles Babcock presided. He announced that a quorum of Members (34 voting Members), pursuant to Section 3.5 of the Bylaws, was present in person and called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m. Every incumbent Board member was present at the meeting.

**Approval of Minutes:** Upon a motion by Lee Kallos, with a second by Darryl Flaherty, the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Members of the Delaware Symphony Association on June 15, 2015 were unanimously approved.

**Finance Committee Report:** I. David Plaza, Treasurer, presented a financial report on behalf of the Finance Committee, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. His report included a review of the 2016 Fiscal Year Budget, 2016 Fiscal Year Financial Results, including an income and expense analysis and Income/Expense Summary, a review of Key Points and an overview of the 2017 Fiscal year Budget.

**Artistic Report:** Maestro David Amado described the forthcoming 2016-2017 Symphony season. Copies of the new season brochure were available for the Members in attendance. David provided a brief summary of some highlights of the current season (almost completed) and remarked about what stands out about last year: the arrival of our Executive Director, Alan Jordan, the spectacular momentum and progress in meshing the institutional values with the community needs, and the education concerts downstate.

A musical interlude followed by the Woodwind Trio who performed the Minuet and Trio from Mozart's Divertimento, K439b.

**Administrative Report:** Executive Director, Alan Jordan, reported that we are celebrating the 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Delaware Symphony Orchestra. There were high points and low points to the season and we're working on a re-blossoming of the Orchestra. Significant work has been done to develop a dynamic, energetic and bold 3-year Strategic Plan with a Mission and Vision Statement as well as Core Values. Classics Series Subscriptions are currently increased by 21%, with a return to assigned seating at The Grand. Concurrently, we've seen an increase of 232% (approximately \$95,000) in Subscription Sales and the final results are not yet known. There are other exciting events and financial opportunities forthcoming as well.

**Election of Directors:** The Members proceeded to elect each of the following individuals to the Board of Directors upon the strong recommendation of the existing Board of Directors, pursuant to Article IV of the Bylaws:

Charles Babcock, Board Member and President of the Symphony, was elected to a second three-year term on the Board (Class of 2019), his first term having expired at the 2016 annual meeting.

Grace Kwon-Kubacki, Board Member and Chair of the Education Committee, was elected to a second three-year term on the Board (Class of 2019), her first term having expired at the 2016 annual meeting.

Elena Norman, Board Member and Chair of the Nominating and Governance Committee, was elected to a second three-year term on the Board (Class of 2019), her first term having expired at the 2016 annual meeting.

Myunghee Geerts (Bio attached) was elected to her first three-year term on the Board (Class of 2019).

**Upon motion by Lanny Edelsohn, with a second by Darryl Flaherty, the election of Charles Babcock, Grace Kwon-Kubacki, Elena Norman and Myunghee Geerts as Directors was unanimously approved.**

**There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by David Kubacki with a second by Jeff Ruben. The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.** The Members promptly retreated to a reception, during which they were entertained by the Woodwind Trio for a time and after which the musicians joined the Members at the reception.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa M. Pietrucci, Secretary

**Myunghee Geerts** is a Tax Manager for the Philadelphia office of Ernst and Young. She previously served as Tax Manager and Tax Supervisor for the Santora CPA Group in Newark and as Senior Associate for KPMG in Philadelphia. She is currently Treasurer/Secretary of the Delaware Society of CPAs, is active in the Delaware BioScience Association, and is a member of the Organizing Committee for The Inspiring Women in STEM. Ms. Geerts received her B. S. in Accounting from Michigan State University and M.B.A. from the University of Delaware. She currently lives in Lincoln University, PA, with her husband, a professor at the University of Delaware, and their 7-year-old daughter, a budding pianist. The family intends to relocate to Wilmington this year.