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## \*Contracts Required\*

Article XV Section 18: All contracts must be in writing, and must be executed on the Official Contract blank and on all engagements, the leader or contractor shall file with the Secretary-Treasurer within 24 hours following the beginning of the engagement a copy of his contract, setting forth in detail all conditions pertaining to the said engagement such as date, time, duration, number of performances, price, etc.



## Local 427-721 General Meeting

Sunday November 15, 2009 • 10:30 AM • Central Music  
• 5175 Ulmerton Rd Clearwater, FL •

Satellite locations:

In Sarasota, contact Adam DeSorgo 941 928-8530  
In Fort Myers, contact Bill Larsen 239 826-0817

## Notes from the Secretary/Treasurer

Thanks to the eighty two (82) local members who took the time to fill out the on line survey, prepared by our Freelance Services Committee. We are in the midst of processing all the information that you provided and will schedule special events or add appropriate tutorials to take place around our general meetings to address some of the issues that are important to you. The first of these events will take place at our general meeting at around 11 AM on Sunday November 15, 2009. I will take about fifteen minutes of the general meeting time to present the Local 427-721 referral procedure and open the floor for a short Q&A session. Since there were several additional topics that are important to address, the Free Lance Services Committee and the Local Executive Board will need to take part in the scheduling of future topics and how they will be presented. Stay tuned!

The following amendments to the bylaws, recommended by the Local 427-721 Executive Board for a membership vote, were reported to the membership through the previous newsletter. We need a quorum at the upcoming meeting to address these very important amendments. Please plan to attend!

**In Article VII Section 5 a 3, Article X Section 1 par.2, and Article XVI Section 2 of Local 427-721 Bylaws, change the words 'mailed' to 'mailed or sent electronically'. In Article VIII Section 3 d, change the word 'publication' to 'Score'. Article XX Section 3 (new) AFM Bylaw requirements to mail any Notifications, Membership Directories, and Newsletters may be satisfied by delivery through electronic means or by posting on a secure member's web site.**

In an effort to make us a 'Greener Union' by using less paper, saving trees and money, Local 427-721 Officers and Executive Board propose that our Local utilize newer technologies that have become available to deliver information to the membership that is required either by AFM or Local 427-721 Bylaws.

**2009 MEMBERSHIP DUES**

**REGULAR**.....\$130.00 annually  
if paid in January  
\$135.00 if paid in February  
\$140.00 if paid in March

\$65.00...bi-annually  
if paid in January & July  
\$70.00 if paid in February  
\$75.00 if paid in March

**LIFE** .....\$78.00 annually  
if paid in January & July  
\$83.00 if paid in February  
\$88.00 if paid in March

\$39.00 ..... bi-annually  
if paid in January & July  
44.50 if paid in February  
49.50 if paid in March

**INACTIVE LIFE**.....\$72.00 annually  
if paid in January & July  
\$77.00 if paid in February  
\$82.00 if paid in March

\$36.00 .....bi-annually  
if paid in January & July  
41.00 if paid in February  
46.00 if paid in March

**YOUTH**.....same as .....**REGULAR**

*Per Capita paid to A.F. of M. Annually*

**REGULAR, YOUTH**.....\$56.00  
**LIFE** .....\$40.00  
**INACTIVE LIFE**.....\$34.00

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**AFM Local 427-721, Florida Gulf Coast  
Nominations Meeting Minutes 9/27/2009**

Present; President Charles Rice, V Pres. Karl Bawel, Sec-Treas Richard Sparrow, Exec. Board (EB), Carmen Bannon, Alison Heydt, Harold Van Schaik, and on phone (EB) Joel Kaye.

Members present in Clearwater. Emery Cormier and Cornelia Biggars. On Skype: in Sarasota Karen Birch and (EB) Adam DeSorgo; in Fort Myers- (EB) Bill Larsen.

Nominations Meeting 10:35AM

Called to order By Charles Rice. He reports details of a recent burglary of his home while he was out of town.

Informal reports from Sec/Treas – Finance, correspondence...  
11:10 am Nominations from the floor;

Office of President and Delegate to the AFM convention. VP Karl Bawel Nominates Charles Rice –  
Charles Rice elected by acclamation.

Office of Vice President.

Emery Cormier nominates Karl Bawel-  
Karl Bawel elected by acclamation.

Office of Sec/Treas and Delegate to the AFM Convention.  
Adam DeSorgo nominates Richard Sparrow-  
Richard Sparrow elected by acclamation.

Executive Board –

|                 |           |                      |
|-----------------|-----------|----------------------|
| Charles Rice    | nominates | 1) Joel Kaye         |
| Richard Sparrow | nominates | 2) Bill Larsen       |
| Alison Heydt    | nominates | 3) Carmen Bannon     |
| Karl Bawel      | nominates | 4) Harold Van Schaik |
| Carmen Bannon   | nominates | 5) Alison Heydt      |
| Richard Sparrow | nominates | 6) Adam DeSorgo      |

All Elected by Acclamation

Alternate Delegate to the AFM Convention

Carmen Bannon nominates – Warren Powell  
Elected by Acclamation

Since there is no quorum, there can be no other official business transacted. The following informal informational reports were made:

SWFLSO – Report from B Larsen.

TFO report from H VanSchaik.

SO report from R Sparrow, C Bannon.

## **LOCAL CBA UPDATES:**

### **THE FLORIDA ORCHESTRA**

The musicians of the Florida Orchestra ratified a contract that reopened the three year agreement for the current 2009 -10 season, with an extension through the 2011-12 seasons. Along with increases in the length of the season and base pay, the musicians agreed to a cap on management expenses when Health Insurance premiums increase. A high deductible Health Savings Account was added to the HMO and POS options.

### **SOUTHWEST FLORIDA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA (SWFLSO)**

The SWFLSO Orchestra Committee, along with Local 427-721 Sec/Treas Richard Sparrow and AFM head of Symphonic Services Chris Durham, have been negotiating with the Management of SWFLSO and are reported to be very close to having a contract proposal to present to the musicians for a ratification vote.

### **SARASOTA ORCHESTRA**

Local 427-721 is sponsoring a free benefit concert on November 13, 2009 for the Sarasota Orchestra Players Association at 8 PM at First Congregational Church in Sarasota. Titled 'come together with: sarasota orchestra players' association ', the evening will include chamber music performances and there will be information presented from musicians about the recent 'implementation' of a contract by Sarasota Orchestra Inc. This evening will provide an opportunity to come together and share in a positive musical experience with some of Local 427-721's most talented members. Donations will go to the SOPA Relief Fund. Please plan to attend. Call or email the Local for more information about carpooling or ridesharing.

### **Local 427-721 is proud to welcome the following new members:**

|                    |                         |                |
|--------------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| ASSI YOUSEF        | horn                    | (201) 264-7465 |
| BANVILLE, LUCIENNE | vocalist                | (727)857-9285  |
| CAMBIS, LENA       | violin                  | (941) 752-0456 |
| DAY, GEOFFREY      | violin, viola           | (239) 649-1490 |
| GOOD, AUDREY       | horn                    | (217) 840-7073 |
| HOYE, KENNETH      | organ, accordion, piano | (727) 726-1202 |
| KELLY, SUSANNAH    | cello                   | (860) 305-5794 |
| MURESAN, VASILE-   | violin viola            | (239)561-4650  |
| O'NEIL, SEAN       | violin                  | (941) 752-0456 |
| WHITAKER, SANIA    | violin                  | (239) 354-0594 |

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**Help Musicians Achieve Our Legislative Goals**

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**Why do we need LAF?**

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**Does LAF support a particular political party?** No. LAF supports deserving candidates running for President of the United States, the United States Senate or the United States House of Representatives, regardless of a candidate's party affiliation.

**Does LAF tell me how to vote?** No. You vote the way you want. LAF simply helps the candidates who have done, or pledge to do, the most for you and other members.

*Contributions to LAF are not tax deductible as charitable contributions for federal tax purposes.*

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Joining LAF makes your individual contribution count for more, because it is combined with contributions from thousands of other AFM members. Two dollars from each member is the goal for 2009.

Please Make checks payable to LAF and send to:  
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