

Dear Members of the Society of Mathematics and Computation in Music,

this is a first newsletter of the SMCM which is distributed by the newly elected office to the 70 members of the society. It contains a short report about the activities of the society as well as information about the subscription of the Journal (see below).

In accordance with a decision of the Editorial Board of the *Journal of Mathematics and Music* the society was registered by Robert Peck at the Louisiana Secretary of State's office in 2006.

From May 18 - 20, 2007 the society held its first international conference. This conference was jointly organized by the State Institute of Music Research in Berlin and the Society.

During this conference there were two society meetings. On Friday, May 18, 2007 we gathered informally in the restaurant "Terzo Mondo" and discussed the future profile of the society. Several participants of this evening proposed to consider this place and date symbolically as the proper foundation of the society. In a formal assembly on Sunday, May 20 we elected a board of 13 members

1. Moreno Andreatta, Paris, France
2. Chantal Buteau, St. Catherines, Canada
3. Elaine Chew, Los Angeles, USA
4. Jack Douthett, Albuquerque, USA
5. Aline Honingh, London, UK
6. Herbert Kreyszig, New York, USA
7. Guerino Mazzola, Minneapolis, USA
8. Thomas Noll, Barcelona, Spain (ex-officio)
9. Robert Peck, Baton Rouge, USA (ex-officio)
10. Ian Quinn, New Haven, USA
11. John Rahn, Seattle, USA
12. Anja Volk, Utrecht, The Netherlands
13. Jason Yust, Seattle, USA

The board later elected an office of four members:

Guerino Mazzola (President)
Moreno Andreatta (Vice President)
Ian Quinn (Treasurer)
Elaine Chew (Secretary)

The term of the office and the board lasts until 2009, when our next assembly will take place at the occasion of the MCM2009. It was consensus at the assembly in Berlin to hold conferences biannually. The board acclaimed and confirmed unanimously the proposal of Richard Cohn and Ian Quinn (Yale University, New Haven) to organize the MCM2009 in cooperation with the society at Yale University in conjunction with the 2009 "John Clough Symposium".

Membership fee for 2008:

The normal annual membership fee for 2008 is the same as 2007, namely 40.- USD. All members are asked to submit their membership fee for 2008 on or before March 31, 2008 via our website: <http://www.smcm-net.info/>.

New members may register at any time. In addition to the mandatory subscription of the actual volume of the journal, new members may subscribe to the three back issues from 2007 issues at the same privileged rate as for the actual issues.

For those who would like to subscribe these three back issues in addition to the current ones from 2008, the extended membership fee is 80.- USD.

We are interested in your feedback. In particular we would like to know if anybody did not receive all three issues of the first volume.

Thomas Noll
(on behalf of the SMCM-office)