



Annual Membership Meeting

June 16, 2024

11:00 am PDT ~ 12:00 pm MDT 1:00
pm CDT ~ 2:00 pm EDT

Keynote Address

Ann Hobson Pilot
on her amazing life and career



By the Shade of the Palms

by Alfredo Rolando Ortiz

Commissioned by the South Florida Chapter
and performed by the Chapter Ensemble

Approval of the minutes of the
2023 Annual Membership Meeting

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Happy
Father's Day!



Report of the AHS Treasurer



Jeremy Chesman, Treasurer



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inclusion diversity equity access

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Tuesday

June 18th

12:00p.m

IDEA Soundboard



Event Hub



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June 18th

9:30a.m.-10:20a.m.

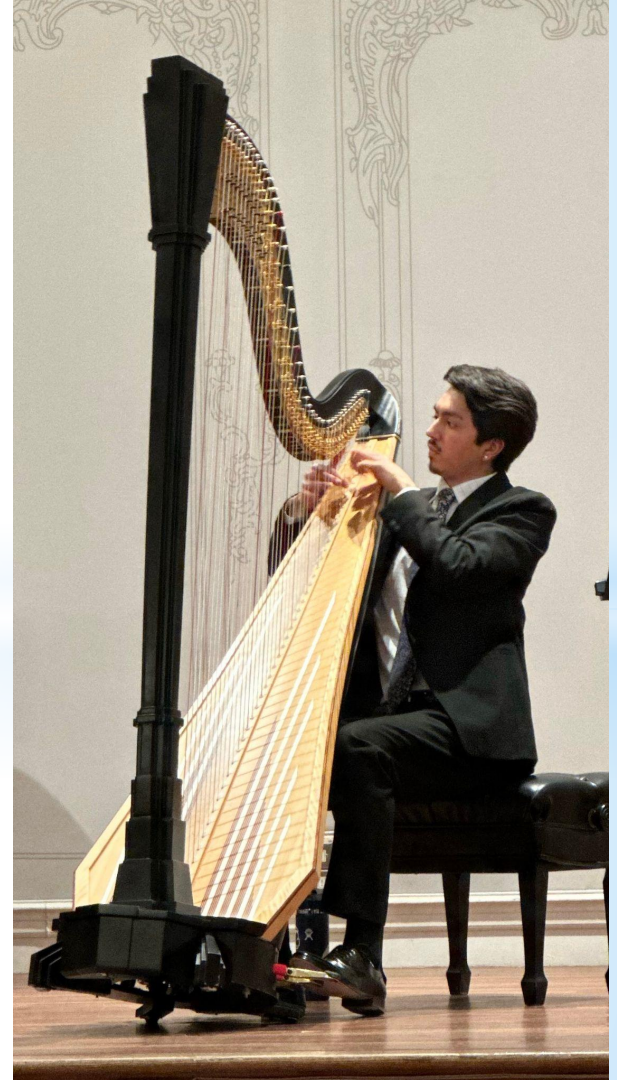
IDEA Round Table

with Composer Johanny Navarro



Peninsula 1

Introducing
Juan Riveros,
Diversity
Coordinator



Membership Report

Kathryn McManus,
Executive Director



2,653 active members

Statistics for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

(as of 6/15/24)

Membership Level	Current Members	Joins	Renewals	Expirations
Regular Member	1736	175	990	332
Student Member	508	125	156	202
Life Member	206	2	2	2
International Member	113	9	71	22
Contributing Member	37	2	25	7
International Student Member	16	7	4	0
Sustaining Member	10	0	6	0
Complimentary	9	3	2	3
Benefactor Member	5	0	0	0
Patron Member	4	1	3	1
Regular Member - Gift	3	2	0	0
Sponsor Member	2	0	2	0
K-12 Group	1	1	0	0
International Member - Gift	1	1	0	0
Life Member - Gift	1	0	1	0
Student Member - Gift	1	0	0	3

New streamlined membership levels begin July 1st!

- Regular membership \$75
- Student membership \$50

VIP categories:

- Harmonic \$150
- Arpeggio \$300
- Glissando \$750
- Life \$1,500
- Life Benefactor \$3,000

And also enjoy . . .

- \$5 discount for digital delivery of the AHJ for ALL members!
- No more international rates - regular and student members pay the same rate no matter where you live!

And here's a hint:

Renew your membership before July 1st to extend it for another year at the old rates!

Just log into myAHS, select “My Memberships” from the dropdown menu, and click “Renew Now”

Actions

[Renew Now](#)

Board of Directors Introductions

**Kela Walton,
Chairman of the Board**



Officers,
Members of the
Executive Committee
&
Board of Directors



Angela Schwarzkopf
President
Toronto, Ontario



Chilali Hugo
1st Vice President & Western Regional Director
Logan, Utah



Rosanna Chiu
2nd Vice President

Vancouver, British Columbia



Mary Ann Flinn
Secretary & Southeast Regional Director
(outgoing)
Atlanta, Georgia



Jeremy Chesman

Treasurer & North Central Regional Director

Springfield, Missouri



Riza Printup, Director at Large
Hackensack, New Jersey



Charles W. Lynch III
Director at Large
Phoenix, Arizona



Elisa Torres

Director at Large

Guaynabo, Puerto Rico

Regional Directors



Anne Sullivan
Regional Director Co-Coordinator &
Mid Atlantic Regional Director
Coburn, Pennsylvania



Hope Cowan

Regional Director Co-Coordinator &
South Central Regional Director
Austin, Texas



Jennifer Ellis
Pacific Regional Director
Walnut Creek, California



Joan Holland
Midcentral Regional Director
Grawn, Michigan



Felice Pomeranz
Northeastern Regional Director
Sudbury, Massachusetts



Rebecca Todaro
Southern Regional Director
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Directors at Large



Lynne Aspnes (outgoing)

Saugatuck, Michigan



Karen Gottlieb

San Francisco, California



Steve Moss
Director at Large
Emporia, Kansas



Amelia Romano
Director at Large

San Pablo, California



Carla Siegesmund

Dallas, Texas



Susie Spiwak

San Francisco, California



Rebecca Yuille
Director at Large

Wampum, Pennsylvania

**Welcome
New Board
Members**



Megan Sesma
Director at Large

Madison, Connecticut

Update on the 2020-2025 Strategic Plan

American Harp Society, Inc.

Strategic Plan 2020-2025

Goals & Objectives

ENGAGE

a diverse and inclusive
membership

- Increase communications, resources, and opportunities to engage harpists of all levels
- Engage and inspire individual creativity
- Make a commitment to creating new repertoire
- Foster a welcoming environment for lever harpists
- Build partnerships that increase access to the harp

ADVANCE

the knowledge and skills
of the harp community

- Deliver exceptional national events
- Ensure the future of the AHS repository of knowledge including the International Harp Archives
- Foster the membership to serve as a resource for one another

STRENGTHEN

connections to American
Harp Society Chapters

- Mentor chapter leadership
- Develop resources to strengthen communication between chapters
- Foster future leadership
- Promote the benefits of national membership

IMPLEMENT

accessible technology,
communications, and
publications

- Develop consistent branding
- Modernize the AHS website and databases
- Create online access to AHS publications
- Streamline access to digital resources

MAINTAIN

responsible stewardship
of the American Harp
Society resources

- Sustain the fiscal health of the Society
- Ensure a sound administrative structure

Engage a diverse and inclusive membership

- Harping Around Youth Vlog
- Student interviews in e-newsletters
- Promoting performances that explore and expand the capabilities of the harp
- Varied cultural harp perspectives and performances
- USAIHC composition competition
- Young Composers Project
- Supporting commissions through the grants program
- Programming lever harp content at national events
- Continuing to cultivate diverse membership
- Featuring more lever harpists in our online presence
- New group memberships

Advance the knowledge and skills of the harp community

- Professional development initiatives at national events
- Participatory ensemble experiences at national events
- Offer global perspectives at national events
- Harp jams/open mic at all national events
- National planning mentor for each national event
- Audio/visual resources on website and social media
- International Harp Archives
- Defined an historian for the AHS
- Digitized the AHJ
- Internship program at the BYU Harp Archives

Strengthen connections to American Harp Society Chapters

- Online webinars for chapter leadership
- Bring chapter leadership together at national events
- Recognizing chapter achievements
- Regional newsletters on our website
- Work with chapters to promote young students to young professional participation and membership
- Chapter Ambassadors program
- Developed initiatives to promote the benefits of national membership

Implement accessible technology, communications, and publications

- Selected and standardized AHS branding
- Redesigned the AHS website
- Digitized the AHJ
- Member access for AHS directory online
- Creating online access to harp literature databases
- Creating a list of Grant Committee commissions with links for the website
- Virtually attend AHS Conferences and Institutes

Maintain responsible stewardship of the American Harp Society resources

- Grants
- Planned giving
- Expanding membership
- Budget reflects strategic goals
- New digital discount code
- Updating AHS Policies and Procedures
- Board of Directors online orientation and training
- Reviewing committee structure and responsibilities
- Independent Contractor positions:
 - Marketing & Communications
 - National Events Manager
 - Administrative Assistant

Coming this Fall!
Membership Survey

Remembering Bernard Grandjany

1930 - 2024



2024 AHS

Chapter of the Year



Congratulations to the
The San Diego Chapter

Honorable Mention

Puerto Rico Chapter



2024 LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Cheryl Dungan Cunningham





Carlos Salzedo



CARLOS SALZEDO
SALZEDO IN REPERTORY
OF TOWN

MUSIC
Carlos Salzedo
Recital

90 Harps Play

Salzedo's Legacy in the



















Thank you
Cheryl Cunningham, 2024 AHS
National Conference Chair,
and Jan Jennings, Honorary
Conference Chair

CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEES

2019-2020 Committee

Barbara Browning, Chapter President

Jan Jennings, Conference Chair

Haley Rhodside, Laura Sherman,
Co-chairs

Lynne Aspnes, National Advisor

Anna Vorhes, Harp Pen Coordinator

Laura Brandenburg, Ensemble
Coordinator

Laura Sherman, Cheryl Cunningham,
Artist Liaison Co-Chairs

Elizabeth Seabrook, Artist Sales Chair

David Kolacny, National Exhibits Chair

2024 Committee

Susan Bright, Chapter President

Cheryl Cunningham, Conference Chair

Lynne Aspnes, National Advisor

Julie Brumbaugh, Volunteer Coordinator

Gretchen Cover, Registration Chair

Anna Vorhes, Harp Pen Coordinator

Jan Jennings, Ensemble Coordinator

Linda van Niekerk, Hospitality Chair

Susan Bright, Artist Liaison Chair

Sandi McCourt, Artist Sales Chair

Paul Leake, Production Assistants Chair

David Kolacny, National Exhibits Chair

Beth Cocchiarella,

Marketing & Public Relations Chair

Gary Battestella, Audio Visual Manager

Michael Bersin, Official Photographer

Barbara Browning, Discovery Day

Special thanks to
THE CENTRAL FLORIDA CHAPTER
of the AMERICAN HARP SOCIETY

Thank you for attending the
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