

Note from the President

We all know that volunteerism has declined significantly over the last decade, leaving the structure and function of many organizations facing grave challenges. Rochester Music Guild is one of those organizations.

The Guild has been running with a reduced Board of Directors with members taking on multiple positions for several years. *The Guild cannot continue to be a viable organization without additional volunteers.*

You may have noticed that our annual Scholarship Competition was reduced this year to just the three Senior categories. We cannot keep this competition going without involvement from the community. If you value this program, please become involved. Plenty of volunteer opportunities are available.

Note to music instructors: You can absolutely be the Scholarship Chair or Co-chair because all judging is done by external judges so there would be no conflict of interest. If you want this program to continue for your students, take an active part to make it happen!

All Board of Director roles are clearly defined. Each position description is available on our website at: https://rochestermusicguild.org/board-of-directors/

The Board meets just 7 times a year from September through April (no meeting in December) with an Annual Meeting in May. Therefore, most positions are not very time-consuming.

If you are interested in a specific position and have any questions, email the person currently in that position for additional information.

If the position is currently open, email me at pres@rochestermusicguild.org and I will answer your questions or get you to the right person. Many of us have had experience in other Board positions.

Please don't assume someone else will step up. We need you!

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