

THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF VIOLIN & BOW MAKERS, INC.

A REVIEW OF THE FEDERATION IN ITS FIRST DECADE

1981 - 1991

In the spring of 1981, a meeting of the American Chapter of the International Society of Violin & Bow Makers was held in Chicago, Illinois. Hans Weisshaar, who was chairman, asked Jacques Francais to form a committee establishing a National American Association which was accomplished together with Hans Weisshaar, William Salchow, William Moennig III and Dario D'Attili. From their efforts in laying a foundation for the Federation, Jacques Francais wrote By-Laws for the proposed organization and invited 20 colleagues to become Founder Members in his letter of 6 May, 1981. The 20 members chosen by the Committee unanimously accepted their nomination and met for a first meeting on Saturday, 12 September 1981 in the corporate offices of Jacques Francais in New York City. The Founding Members were:

Carlos Arcieri	Frank Passa
Carl Becker	Zenon Petesh
Luiz Bellini	Peter Paul Prier
Dario D'Attili	Fritz Reuter, Jr.
Jacques Francais	William Salchow
Helmuth Keller	Paul Siefried
William Moennig III	J. Bradley Taylor
William Monical	Paul Toenniges
Rene Morel	Hans Weisshaar
Hans Nebel	Michael Weisshaar

Within that group, an initial Board of Governors was established as follows:

President	-	Hans Weisshaar
Vice-President	-	Jacques Francais
Secretary	-	Michael Weisshaar
Governors	-	Dario D'Attili
		Helmuth A. Keller
		William Moennig III
		William L. Monical
		William Salchow

From these beginnings in 1981, the Federation has grown in scope to a current Membership of 73, with 16 Associates, for a total of 89 in the Federation family. In this Outgoing decade, we have held highly successful meetings involving members, associates, and guests in gatherings of important social and technical merit. These are the areas where we have met together:

- 1982 First Annual General Meeting in Los Angeles, California on 5 May, hosted by Hans Weisshaar.
- 1983 Second Annual General Meeting in San Francisco, California on 9 April, with no designated host.
- 1984 Third Annual General Meeting in Washington D.C., 30-31 March, hosted by the Smithsonian Institution.
- 1985 Fourth Annual General Meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, 20-21 April, hosted by William Moennig II.
- 1986 Fifth Annual General Meeting in Newport Beach, California, 25-26 April, hosted by Michael & Rena Weisshaar.
- 1987 Sixth Annual General Meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 10-11 April, hosted by William Moennig III.
- 1988 Seventh Annual General Meeting in Portland, Oregon, 29-30 April, hosted by Paul Schuback.
- 1989 Eighth Annual General Meeting in New York City, 7-8 May, hosted by Jacques Francais.
- 1990 Ninth Annual General Meeting in Vermillion, South Dakota, 4-6 May, hosted by Dr. Andre P. Larson, Director, the Shrine to Music Museum.
- 1991 10th Annual General Meeting in San Francisco, California, 5-7 April, hosted by Frank Passa.

Highlights of these meetings have been very broad and diverse study subjects and lectures:

The Violin Makers of Venice	by William Moennig III
Bow Makers of Germany	by William Salchow
Violins at the Smithsonian	by Gary Sturm
Modern Italian Violin Makers	by Dario D'Attili
New England Bass Viols	by Eric Selch
Cello Rib Restoration Techniques	by Hans Weisshaar
18th Century French Bows	by Jacques Francais
Legal Matters Concerning Violin Makers	by Dr. Louis M. Brown
18th Century French Violin Makers	by Etienne Vatelot
Methods and Techniques in Restoration	by Rene Morel
Sales Tax Regulations	by Jacques Francais
Methods of String Making	by Corelli of France
Straightening a Warped Violin	by Carl Decker
Non-Profit Donations	by William Moennig III and Gary Sturm

Perspectives of a Musician for Makers	by Raphael Drurian
French Bow Makers from Tourte through Sartory	by Bernard Millant
French Bow Making Techniques	by William Salchow
Studies in the Geometry of Violin Design	by Brian Newman
Neck-Setting Techniques	by Hans Weisshaar
Instruments of the Guarneri Family	by Jacques Francais
Shapes of the Baroque	by William Monical
The Bisiach Family of Violin Makers	by John Rossi
Varnish Conservation Methods	by Don Williams
The Shrine to Music Collection	by Dr. Andre P. Larson
Expert Opinion and Liability	by Judith Bressler
Varnish Retouching	by Margaret Shipman

The Federation has also produced a variety of Competitions and Exhibitions in outreach to the musical public, including:

- 1984 First National Competition & Exhibition for Violin and Bow Makers at Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, New York City, 1 October 1984 - 5 January 1985.
- 1986 Second National Competition & Exhibition for Violin & Bow Makers: Cellos & Cello Bows on the Third American Cello Congress, Bloomington, Indiana, 3-7 June 1986.
- 1987 Exhibition of Instruments & Bows at the First American Violin Congress, University of Maryland, 9-13 June 1987.
- 1989 "Shapes of the Baroque" exhibition at Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, New York City, 22 March - 10 June 1989.
"Makers Meet Players" exhibition at the Julliard School of Music, New York City, 7 May 1989.
- 1991 "Makers Meet Players" exhibition at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, 7 April 1991.

The greatest strength lies in our Membership and the Governors who have served the Federation in the Outgoing decade. The growth of Membership and successive administrations are as follows:

<u>1981</u>	<u>One Honorary Member:</u>	William Moenning II
	<u>Eleven Elected Members:</u>	Michael Becker Hans Benning Roland Feller

		Gael Francais Henry Lanini Albert Muller Boyd Poulsen John Rossi Paul Schuback Margaret Shipman Rena Weisshaar																				
<u>1983</u>	<u>Two Honorary Members:</u>	Arnold Bone Albert Moglie																				
	<u>Five Elected Members:</u>	David Gusset Peter Moes Wendela Moes																				
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	<u>One Honorary Member:</u>	John Bolander																				
	<u>Nine Elected Members:</u>	Robert Ames David Burgess Jose DaCunha Joseph Grubaugh Lynn Hannings Andrea Hoffmann Thomas Metzler Sigrun Seifert Carla Shapreau																				
<u>1986</u>	<u>Four Elected Members:</u>	Michael Fischer Amos Hargrave Ivo Loerakker James McKean																				

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	<u>Seven Elected Associates:</u>	Steven Beckley Thomas Croen Emmanuel Gradoux Matt Francis Kuttner Stephen Lohmann David Van Zandt Andrew Weinstein
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	<u>Five Elected Members:</u>	Keith Bearden Bernard Camurat Thomas Croen Charles Rufino, Jr. Peter Shaw	
	<u>Two Elected Members:</u>	William Scott Scott Tribby	
<u>1990</u>	<u>Four Elected Members:</u>	Steven Beckley Tsu Ho Lee Horacio Pineiro Robert Shallock	
	<u>Three Elected Associates:</u>	Jeffrey Muller Scott Sleider Kurt Widenhouse	

The Federation has also, in outreach to the public, a Board of Advisors with specialized knowledge concerning our field of study.

Dr. Louis M. Brown, Attorney and Professor Emeritus of Law

Gary Sturm, Collections Manager, Division of Musical History, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.

In documenting the work of the Federation, publications have been distributed to the membership and in some instances been offered as materials for the musical public. A Missing Property Registry is in place on a National basis to recover instruments and bows and collaborate closely with national and local law enforcement agencies.

Our organization is very proud of this decade's accomplishments and looks forward in the 1990's to a Federation of Violin & Bow Makers dedicated to excellence within the profession.

The Board of Governors April, 1991

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