



President's Message



Dear HSLBA Member:
HSLBA Member(s) - Dues Update

Thank you for your response to the inquiry regarding paying dues to HSLBA. Your support in a time where we cannot provide our much-enjoyed music programs (and fellowship) is appreciated. **65.3% of respondents (out of 72 votes) indicated that they would be willing to pay HSLBA annual dues (\$50 single and \$75 couple) for the fiscal year June 2020 through May 2021.**

Your HSLBA Board wanted you to have information about how your dues will be used.

Before COVID 19, your dues primarily supported our monthly music programs (performers and rent) and such social events as our Membership and Holiday parties.

HSLBA membership dues are deposited in the "HSLBA Operating Account" at the Houston Symphony. *The Symphony also provides a \$5,000/year allowance to fund the HSLBA Operating account.* The Operating Account renews annually at the beginning of the Symphony's fiscal year (June 1 - May 30) with our dues and the allowance. Any funds remaining in the account at the end of each fiscal year are "swept" into the Symphony's general fund.

As you know, the Houston Symphony is considered nationally and internationally as a premier music organization. Most Symphony expenses are "fixed." As an example: musicians are paid a contracted amount (regardless of ticket sale revenue). Your HSLBA dues payment for FY 2020-21 will be a donation to support the Houston Symphony in meeting its financial challenges.

HSLBA Dues Payment:

- Made payable to HSLBA
- Mailed to Jim Moore, 4106 Placid Stream Court, Houston, TX 77059

If you would like more information, please contact me at vpbuxton@gmail.com or 281-954-6317. Please **do not** respond to this email.

Vicki Buxton



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