

SCUNA Committee Meeting

Sunday 11 November, 2012. 4.30-6.15 pm

Minutes

Present: Charis Messalina (Pres), Julie Chater (Treasurer), John Agnew (Puboff), Andrew Mernagh (Webmaster & Librarian), Liese Baker (Sec).

1. Celestial Harmonies concert

Agreed to delete the Halleluja Chorus from the concert.

Agreed to invite a tenor for Rach movement 5. This would allow Rach movements 1 to 7 to be sung in sequence in the concert.

2. Strategy for 2013

While recognising the temporary circumstances which prompted the decision to ask a relief conductor to take rehearsals for the remainder of this year, the committee decided that after 11 years, it is in SCUNA's interests to seek a new musical director. Other issues discussed were a new selection procedure, plans for choral activities in 2013, the celebration of SCUNA's 50th anniversary, an amendment to SCUNA's constitution to have some kind of limit to the tenure of Musical Director. The SCUNA President has a 2 year limit and all committee members face annual re-election at the AGM.

3. Proposed activities in 2013

- **1st concert** Saturday 27th April. Rehearsals from 20th Feb. Camp 16-17th March or 23-24th March at Warrumbui
- **2nd concert** Saturday 27th July. Rehearsals from 8th May. Camp 8 or 9th June & 15 or 16th June at ANU.
- **Annual General Meeting** 30th July
- **50th anniversary** SCUNA academic dinner 10th or 17th August in the Great Hall at University House. Possible review items by current and past members. Possible involvement of past conductors.
- **3rd concert** Saturday 19th October 14th. Rehearsals from 14th August. Camp 21-22nd September at ANU.
- **4th concert** early December.

4. Selection Procedure for new MD

Rather than the previous selection method, (3 conductors chosen by the committee each rehearsed the choir for half an hour, then the choir members voted) the committee proposes to select 3 candidates, each of whom selects repertoire in consultation with the President/committee and prepares SCUNA for one of the 3 concerts. The choir members will vote on the first Wednesday after the third concert. (Perhaps we should have a web based survey for members to complete after each of the 3 concerts, given that the membership can change considerably over 8 months.)

Charis will approach Matthew Stuckings and Andrew Koll. Committee will seek a woman for the third contender. Charis will seek confidential advice from Alison White and Liz Mackenzie.

Executive will notify ANUSA of proposed change.

4. Status of SCUNA

Peter Tregear, the new Head of the School of Music, has raised the possibility of SCUNA becoming the ANU choir, rather than a student club as at present. This would have significant ramifications and needs to be carefully considered. It could mean a big increase in funding, but also a loss of independence, perhaps also of AIVC membership.

5. Next meeting

Saturday 24th November 12.30pm.