

Resolution to Rescue Music Performance Fund (MPF)

WHEREAS MPF, as noted by its Trustee John C. Hall, will be “out of operation in fiscal year 2010/2011 unless something is done now”; and

WHEREAS MPF, which has distributed over a billion dollars directly to AFM musicians throughout the United States and Canada, is the thread supporting the core membership of many Locals; and

WHEREAS AFM through its officers has not responded publicly or privately to the dire condition of MPF; and

WHEREAS promoters of foreign musical acts must pay a processing fee to AFM for providing a boilerplate “consultation letter” indicating no objection to a visa application to perform in the United States and Canada; and

WHEREAS AFM musicians have been unfairly displaced by foreign musical acts, which are both paid by promoters and subsidized by foreign governments; and

WHEREAS AFM collected \$2,757,258.00 in “consultation letter” processing fees between 2004 and 2008;

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, to amend Bylaw Article 6-Funds with NEW SECTION. 9. Taking effect September 15, 2010, as follows:

All payments realized by AFM for providing letters indicating no objection to a foreign musical act’s visa application to perform in the United States and Canada are to be paid directly to MPF, less 7.5% administration fee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if legally required to amend MPF trust instrument to accept and allocate such payments, it is mandated herein to draft an amendment to MPF trust instrument to be signed and adopted by proper authority to allow performance as stated in amendment.

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