

SUBCHAPTER III—NATIONAL RECORDING
PRESERVATION BOARD

§ 1721. Establishment

The Librarian shall establish in the Library of Congress a National Recording Preservation Board whose members shall be selected in accordance with the procedures described in section 1722 of this title.

(Pub. L. 106-474, title I, §121, Nov. 9, 2000, 114 Stat. 2088.)

§ 1722. Appointment of members

(a) Selections from lists submitted by organizations

(1) In general

The Librarian shall request each organization described in paragraph (2) to submit a list of three candidates qualified to serve as a member of the Board. The Librarian shall appoint one member from each such list, and shall designate from that list an alternate who may attend at Board expense those meetings which the individual appointed to the Board cannot attend.

(2) Organizations described

The organizations described in this paragraph are as follows:

(A) National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences (NARAS).

(B) Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA).

(C) Association for Recorded Sound Collections (ARSC).

(D) American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP).

(E) Broadcast Music, Inc. (BMI).

(F) Songwriters Association (SESAC).

(G) American Federation of Musicians (AF of M).

(H) Music Library Association.

(I) American Musicological Society.

(J) National Archives and Record Administration.

(K) National Association of Recording Merchandisers (NARM).

(L) Society for Ethnomusicology.

(M) American Folklore Society.

(N) Country Music Foundation.

(O) Audio Engineering Society (AES).

(P) National Academy of Popular Music.

(Q) Digital Media Association (DiMA).

(b) Other members

In addition to the members appointed under subsection (a), the Librarian may appoint not more than five members-at-large. The Librarian shall select an alternate for each member-at-large, who may attend at Board expense those meetings that the member-at-large cannot attend.

(c) Chair

The Librarian shall appoint one member of the Board to serve as Chair.

(d) Term of office

(1) Terms

The term of each member of the Board shall be 4 years, except that there shall be no limit

to the number of terms that any individual member may serve.

(2) Removal of members

The Librarian shall have the authority to remove any member of the Board if the member fails, after receiving proper notification, to attend (or send a designated alternate to attend) a regularly scheduled Board meeting, or if the member is determined by the Librarian to have substantially failed to fulfill the member's responsibilities as a member of the Board.

(3) Vacancies

A vacancy in the Board shall be filled in the manner in which the original appointment was made under subsection (a), except that the Librarian may fill the vacancy from a list of candidates previously submitted by the organization or organizations involved. Any member appointed to fill a vacancy shall be appointed for the remainder of the term of the member's predecessor.

(Pub. L. 106-474, title I, §122, Nov. 9, 2000, 114 Stat. 2088; Pub. L. 110-336, §2(a)(2), Oct. 2, 2008, 122 Stat. 3726.)

AMENDMENTS

2008—Subsec. (d)(2). Pub. L. 110-336 amended par. (2) generally. Prior to amendment, text of par. (2) read as follows: "The Librarian shall have the authority to remove any member of the Board (or, in the case of a member appointed under subsection (a)(1) of this section, the organization that such member represents) if the member or organization over any consecutive 2-year period fails to attend at least one regularly scheduled Board meeting."

§ 1723. Service of members; meetings

(a) Reimbursement of expenses

Members of the Board shall serve without pay, but may receive travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, in accordance with sections 5702 and 5703 of title 5.

(b) Conflict of interest

The Librarian shall establish rules and procedures to address any potential conflict of interest between a member of the Board and responsibilities of the Board.

(c) Meetings

The Board shall meet at least once each fiscal year. Meetings shall be at the call of the Librarian.

(d) Quorum

Eleven members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

(Pub. L. 106-474, title I, §123, Nov. 9, 2000, 114 Stat. 2089.)

§ 1724. Responsibilities of Board

(a) Review and recommendation of nominations for National Recording Registry

(1) In general

The Board shall review nominations of sound recordings submitted to it for inclusion in the National Recording Registry and advise the Librarian, as provided in subchapter I,

with respect to the inclusion of such recordings in the Registry and the preservation of these and other sound recordings that are culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant.

(2) Source of nominations

The Board shall consider for inclusion in the National Recording Registry nominations submitted by the general public as well as representatives of sound recording archives and the sound recording industry (such as the guilds and societies representing sound recording artists) and other creative artists.

(b) Study and report on sound recording preservation and restoration

The Board shall conduct a study and issue a report on the following issues:

(1) The current state of sound recording archiving, preservation and restoration activities.

(2) Taking into account the research and other activities carried out by or on behalf of the National Audio-Visual Conservation Center at Culpeper, Virginia—

(A) the methodology and standards needed to make the transition from analog “open reel” preservation of sound recordings to digital preservation of sound recordings; and

(B) standards for access to preserved sound recordings by researchers, educators, and other interested parties.

(3) The establishment of clear standards for copying old sound recordings (including equipment specifications and equalization guidelines).

(4) Current laws and restrictions regarding the use of archives of sound recordings, including recommendations for changes in such laws and restrictions to enable the Library of Congress and other nonprofit institutions in the field of sound recording preservation to make their collections available to researchers in a digital format.

(5) Copyright and other laws applicable to the preservation of sound recordings.

(Pub. L. 106-474, title I, §124, Nov. 9, 2000, 114 Stat. 2089.)

§ 1725. General powers of Board

(a) In general

The Board may, for the purpose of carrying out its duties, hold such hearings, sit and act at such times and places, take such testimony, and receive such evidence, as the Librarian and the Board consider appropriate.

(b) Service on Foundation

Two sitting members of the Board shall be appointed by the Librarian and shall serve as members of the board of directors of the National Recording Preservation Foundation, in accordance with section 152403 of title 36.

(Pub. L. 106-474, title I, §125, Nov. 9, 2000, 114 Stat. 2090.)

SUBCHAPTER IV—GENERAL PROVISIONS

§ 1741. Definitions

As used in this chapter:

(1) The term “Librarian” means the Librarian of Congress.

(2) The term “Board” means the National Recording Preservation Board.

(3) The term “sound recording” has the meaning given such term in section 101 of title 17.

(4) The term “publication” has the meaning given such term in section 101 of title 17.

(5) The term “Registry version” means, with respect to a sound recording, the version of a recording first published or offered for mass distribution whether as a publication or a broadcast, or as complete a version as bona fide preservation and restoration activities by the Librarian, an archivist other than the Librarian, or the copyright legal owner can compile in those cases where the original material has been irretrievably lost or the recording is unpublished.

(Pub. L. 106-474, title I, §131, Nov. 9, 2000, 114 Stat. 2090.)

§ 1742. Staff; experts and consultants

(a) Staff

The Librarian may appoint and fix the pay of such personnel as the Librarian considers appropriate to carry out this chapter.

(b) Experts and consultants

The Librarian may, in carrying out this chapter, procure temporary and intermittent services under section 3109(b) of title 5, but at rates for individuals not to exceed the daily equivalent of the maximum rate of basic pay payable for level 15 of the General Schedule. In no case may a member of the Board (including an alternate member) be paid as an expert or consultant under this section.

(Pub. L. 106-474, title I, §132, Nov. 9, 2000, 114 Stat. 2091.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The General Schedule, referred to in subsec. (b), is set out under section 5332 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

§ 1743. Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Librarian for the first fiscal year beginning on or after November 9, 2000, and each succeeding fiscal year through fiscal year 2026 such sums as may be necessary to carry out this chapter, except that the amount authorized for any fiscal year may not exceed \$250,000.

(Pub. L. 106-474, title I, §133, Nov. 9, 2000, 114 Stat. 2091; Pub. L. 110-336, §2(a)(1)(A), Oct. 2, 2008, 122 Stat. 3726; Pub. L. 114-217, §2(a), July 29, 2016, 130 Stat. 840.)

AMENDMENTS

2016—Pub. L. 114-217 substituted “through fiscal year 2026” for “through fiscal year 2016”.

2008—Pub. L. 110-336 substituted “for the first fiscal year beginning on or after November 9, 2000, and each succeeding fiscal year through fiscal year 2016” for “for each of the first 7 fiscal years beginning on or after November 9, 2000.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2008 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 110-336, §2(a)(1)(B), Oct. 2, 2008, 122 Stat. 3726, provided that: “The amendment made by subparagraph