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The IBMA Board of Directors met April 11-13 in Nashville to consider a variety of business matters and to hear key committee reports. Following are highlights.

Reports were approved from the following committees: Membership, Leadership Bluegrass, Special Awards, Education Committee, Print/Media/Education Constituency Group, Showcase Committee, Showcase Task Force and Marketing/ Bluegrass Nation.

Treasurer Ron Cox reported on the positive progress of IBMA's audit, IBMA board chair Stan Zdonik reported on progress with the search of an executive director, and IBMA Board of Trustees chair Terry Woodward gave a report on the Bluegrass Museum.

A proposal to stream the IBMA Awards live and a proposal from Kentucky Educational Television to film Fan Fest for broadcast on PBS were approved, contingent on sponsorship support and approval by the Executive Committee.

[The Finance Report for 2011](#) ^[2] was approved and program and pricing schedules for World of Bluegrass 2012 were discussed and adopted.

Several operational budget models were examined for the proposed July 1, 2012 ? June 30, 2013 budget, which included a number of ideas generated by staff to balance the budget.

The following proposals were adopted by the board: the formation of an IBMA Youth Council; a special international focus during World of Bluegrass 2012; a proposal to send member email contact info out as an IBMA membership perk?also sharing attendee email addresses with other World of Bluegrass attendees before the events (both with members? consent to share info); a decision to have four IBMA Board meetings a year, with two hosted via teleconference; new procedures for incoming and exiting board members that include an exit interview as well as a board mentor for new members; a proposal that staff liaisons attend IBMA committee meetings at the committee chair?s discretion; a proposal to establish IBMA Momentum Awards; a decision to appoint IBMA board members as liaisons with other organizations on an ?as needed? basis; a proposal to appoint an IBMA membership volunteer coordinator; and a motion to officially add editorial responsibility for Bluegrass Nation to staff functions.

Board members and members who were able to attend honored outgoing executive director Dan Hays for his 21 years service to the trade organization at a party at the IBMA office the evening of April 12.

Members interested in additional details of this past meeting or with suggestions or ideas for future consideration, are encouraged to contact their board representatives directly or IBMA (info@ibma.org)

[3] or 1-888-438-4262) for more information. Member input is welcome on any topic of business, and additional information on IBMA and its programs is available at www.ibma.org [4]. The full board will meet again by teleconference this summer and in person during World of Bluegrass, with the exact dates and place to be determined. Board members serve without compensation and bear their own expenses for attending meetings and other IBMA functions.

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