Call to Order and Quorum Call
  o President Cary Ginell calls a quorum
  o The meeting is called to order at 1:01 PM

Approval of Minutes of Membership Meetings in Portland, Oregon May 9 and 11, 2019
  o Melissa Widzinski and Tim Brooks move to approve the minutes
  o Curtis Peoples seconds
  o The minutes are approved

President's Report
  o Cary thanks the two Boards of Directors with which he has served, with special thanks to Nathan Georgitis and Steve Ramm
  o Will be turning over the reins to Rebecca Chandler, who will do a fabulous job, based on how she has handled the virtual conference over the past few days
  o Acknowledges the rest of the board members, and outgoing Conference Manager Brenda Nelson Strauss and Assistant Conference Manager Curtis Peoples, for making the conference in Portland go so well, and Interim Conference Manager Rich Markow, for dealing with the state of future conferences
  o Also thanks to Kurt Nauck for the tour of his auction factory and museum and Q&A session on Friday night, which was a well-received highlight of the conference
  o With the COVID-19 crisis, ARSC has entered the most challenging time in its history
    o We aren’t alone, and will be battling with other organizations to stay solvent, attract members, and keep attrition down
    o Even before the virus, our member numbers have been declining year to year, reduced by 10% since 2019, and down 30% from height in 2009
    o The pandemic has exacerbated need to create new, innovative ways to recruit new members and retain those we have, and finding new ways to generate interest in ARSC
    o With face to face meetings suspended for near future, we’ll have to conduct conferences via Zoom and other virtual methods
      ▪ ARSC hasn’t utilized these in the past, but the cost is low, there is unlimited capacity, and more people can participate, since there are no
hotel, food, and travel costs

- ARSC can be proud of this year’s conference and tackling challenges of pandemic
- Our first virtual conference an unmitigated success
  - At last count, brought in 80 new members
  - Many more first-time observers, who responded positively to wide scope of papers presented
  - In all, there were 700 new attendees watching from all over the world
    - We can reach many more people through this platform, including members who haven’t been able to attend conferences for various reasons
    - Even if travel restrictions are relaxed and the economy improves, recommends continuing to serve members in this virtual format, as well as traditional conferences
- Based on some comments received, need to address a presentation, specifically, the talk on minstrel recordings; some objected to the virulently racist imagery
  - ARSC promotes presentation and study of sound recording of all types and formats, periods, and genres, including some that may be objectionable
  - The Board of Directors and DEI Committee will review practices of providing warnings and disclaimers if that may be the case
  - ARSC apologizes on behalf of the speaker for any offences taken by anyone viewing the presentation
- Announcement of the Distinguished Service to ARSC Award, bestowed annually to an individual who has made an exceptional contribution to ARSC over a long period of time
  - This year’s award goes to Al Schlachtmeyer, whose generosity over a number of years has inestimably contributed to the study of classical music. ARSC program for the preservation of historical recordings of classical music was established in 2004, and began by Al and Board in 2006 to encourage and support the preservation of historically significant recordings of Western art music by individuals and organizations
  - Al Schlachtmeyer expressed his delight and surprise and is honored by the award. Has long been a member of ARSC, and appreciative of the organization

Executive Director's Report

- Congratulations to Cary for concluding term as president
- The state of our organization is strong, as evidenced by the presence of so many at this virtual conference
- Membership numbers: 820 dues paying members: 672 individuals, 111 institutions, and 31 students. This includes the 80 new or renewing members who joined this week.
- Membership now includes those in 35 countries, who can now interact with us in real time
We continue to receive support in donations to special and unrestricted funds for programs and projects: to date 1700 donations from 210 members; up from last year.

Thanks to the volunteers who keep the organization running, particularly the long standing volunteers who are stepping down after many years of service: Chuck Howell (Archives, outgoing chair); Brenda Nelson-Strauss (outgoing Conference Manager), Suzanne Flandreau (chair, manager of Grant programs), Sarah Bryan (ARSC Journal Editor), Andrew Hansbrough (ARSC Online Media Committee).

New initiatives that provide value to membership at time of social distancing:
- Reviewing options to Replacing ARSC list with new platform that allows file sharing and collaboration and community building
- Web site redesign for better access on all platforms that will better showcase who we are and what we do
- Special new project: “Reeling in the Years with ARSC” - rolling out conference videos by Mike and Leah Biel from 2014-19, which have been edited and will be posted to our Aviary site
  - Will be indexed and searchable by keyword
  - Will launch in July, for members only
  - New batch of videos be posted monthly for members only, with selected published to YouTube for public access
  - Thanks to AVP, our Aviary site sponsor, and to George Blood for sponsoring the digitization services

**Treasurer's Report**
- Scan of budget and financial statement available via link
- Reminder that ARSC financials and budgets are by the calendar year cash basis
- Last year, excess expenses of $1600 income on cash basis
  - The Fall Journal was issued late, so the bill was not paid until this year
  - We had to pay deposit last year to the hotel in Montreal to guarantee rooms and catering; the balance was paid this year
  - When we cancelled got a full refund, but lost about $2000 on currency exchange, so in good shape
- There was a profit on workshops from last year. The money benefits the Dave Nolan fund, and will be will used for on-line E&T workshops
- We made $982 on T-shirt sales
- Reminder of the special membership drive on the website; can use until June 15 if you registered for the conference- and over 1000 people registered
- Special thanks to Cary – who will still be on board as First Vice President/Immediate Past President, and welcome to Rebecca Chandler, now ARSC President
- Thanks to Rebecca and Terri Brinegar for organizing and pulling off the conference

**Second Vice President/Program Chair's Report**
Standard call for papers in December; got blind review panel together in January, program finalized in early March – and then cancelled the conference

Rebecca insisted on virtual conference, so we returned to the drawing board: re-contacted presenters and organized the program, and thanks to those willing to present via Zoom

We will be virtual conferencing next year; not quite sure how it will work, as we usually have two simultaneous sessions

- Perhaps maybe two Zoom session simultaneously, will figure it out
- Cary mentions that Zoom has the capacity to do breakouts, but is not sure if meetings or webinars, but might be an option

Conference Manager’s Report (Rebecca Chandler)

Thanks to Brenda Nelson Strauss, Curtis Peoples, Rich Markow for planning the Montreal conference that never was, as well as Melissa Pipe, who volunteered to be local host in Montreal and organize local arrangements

Thanks to Brenda for her many years as Conference Manager, and to Rich stepping in as Interim Conference Manager, to Terri and the program committee for putting together the slate of presentation, and to Maya Lerman for helping to set up the webinar parameters, as well as the presenters and chairs

A special thanks to our sponsors Nauck’s Vintage Records, NOA Archive, EVP, and Equinox Publishing for their generous support

There were a total of 1128 registrants for the conference. On Thursday there were 731 unique viewers; on Friday, 709. The peak number of visitors at one time was 424

Only costs for the conference was a $478 Zoom bill

The first ARSC Virtual Conference was mostly a success

- Feedback has been positive
- We will be sending out a survey, and the responses will be invaluable for planning next year’s virtual conference and making the experience better for our attendees

Select Committee Reports

Technical committee (Brad McCoy)

- Announcement that Marcos Sueiro, co-chair of tech committee for eight years, is resigning; thanks for his service and grateful for his time and energy
- Mark Hood also acknowledges Marcos as a great collaborator and planner, and thanks him for his efforts
- Particularly pleased to see Doug Pomeroy, a long-serving member of the Technical Committee, receive this year’s ARSC Award for Distinguished Service to Historical Recordings

Education and Training (Curtis Peoples)

- Sad that we couldn’t do a workshop this year, but we are planning a virtual one live next year, in cooperation with the Technical committee
- The E&T committee is investigating doing smaller training workshops several
times a year via Zoom

- **ARSC Code of Conduct and Responding to Incidents Procedure (Nathan Georgitis)**
  - Drafts of the Code of Conduct and Responding to Incidents Procedures, spearheaded by the DEI committee, are ready to be reviewed by the membership
  - We will receive stakeholder input, as developed by the Operations Manual Committee
  - Both documents have been reviewed by the Board and Executive Committee, and re-edited after input
  - These will be sent out for review by all membership stakeholders via e-mail, along with instructions for providing feedback
  - There will be updates over coming year

**New Business**

- **Election of Nominating Committee**
  - Yuri Shimoda nominates David Giovannoni, seconded by Melissa Widzinski
  - Matt Barton nominates Jacqueline Legere, seconded by Tim Brooks
  - Filip Sir nominates Peter Laurence; seconded by Allison McClanahan
  - Nathan Georgitis nominates Maristella Feustle, seconded by Melissa Widzinski

- Cary moves for the floor to be closed for nominations; Nathan Georgitis seconds

- Nathan will set up an on-line ballot; notifications will go out next week

- Secretary’s note: Peter Laurence declined nomination, so the remaining three candidates were installed. David Giovannoni was appointed chair

- **Questions for the Board**
  - Kurt Nauck thanks Rebecca for her work with Nauck’s Vintage Records on Zoom tour
  - Kurt asks for clarification on how will input on the Codes will be received: will it go to directly to the board or be open for or public discussion in some format?
  - Nathan responds that it will first go to the Board and the DEI; then there will be additional stakeholder input from ARSC members and non-members
    - After that the Codes will be revised again, then voted on by entire membership; will be discussion before, probably at next year’s membership meeting

**Installation of New President**

- Rebecca Chandler is formally installed as the new President of ARSC

**Adjournment**

- Melissa Widzinski moved to adjourn
- Maristella Feustle seconds
- The 54th ARSC Conference is adjourned at 1:55 PM