

# 'Together We Can' AFM 101<sup>ST</sup> CONVENTION

The AFM held its 101st Convention June 17-20 at the Westgate Las Vegas Resort and Casino. Two hundred thirty-five delegates from 145 locals in the US and Canada celebrated the theme of "Together We Can" through networking, cooperating, and supporting each other. "Only by caring for each other will we achieve our goals," President Ray Hair said during his convention speech. "I think we have a bright future."



Clockwise from top right: International President Ray Hair addressed the delegates with a speech on Monday; Delegate Rozalind MacPhail of Local 820 (St. John's, NL) spoke during the general discussion; International Executive Officer Joe Parente was awarded International Executive Officer Emeritus status during the convention; Delegates John Shipley and Lovie Smith-Wright at the Gala Reception; Trumpet player Mike Steinel entertained the convention during the opening night gala; April Sims, Secretary Treasurer of the Washington State Labor Council, and International Executive Board Member Tina Morrison, at the Gala Reception; International Executive Board members Tino Gagliardi, Dave Pomeroy, Dave Acosta, and Ed Malaga being sworn-in.  
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Clockwise from top left: Boise Philharmonic Orchestra musicians and organizing committee members Allison Emerick, (left center) and Carmen Izzo (right center) spoke about the successful BPO organizing effort and the help they received from AFM staff, including SSD Director Rochelle Skolnick (far left) and Organizing and Education Director Michael Manley (far right); the Jazz Outreach Initiative Jazz Sextet; Neil Garber, Local 308 (Santa Barbara, CA) president, Norman Ludwin, Local 47 (Los Angeles, CA) delegate, Marc Sazer, RMA president, and Allison Allport, RMA secretary-treasurer at the gala reception; Sante Fe and The Fat City Horns; David White, national executive director and chief negotiator of SAG-AFTRA, addressing the convention; Daniel Sigale, Local 72-147 (Dallas-Ft. Worth, TX) chair of the musicians negotiating committee, discussed the Ft. Worth Symphony Orchestra strike in 2016; Paul Sharpe, Director of Freelance Services and his daughter Lindsay Nagel.

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Clockwise from top left: Numerous delegates held up signs in support of the Boise Philharmonic Orchestra and its recent organizing campaign; ICSOM Chairperson Meredith Snow addresses the convention from the floor; three delegates look over the Resolutions and Recommendations prior to the start of the day's session; AFM International Vice President Bruce Fife and AFM International Representative Allistair Elliott at the Gala Reception; Alex Wiesendanger, AFM national lead organizer, speaks to attendees at a workshop on Organizing Your Local Musician Community; the Jerry Lopez group entertained delegates during the Tuesday lunch break; Deacon John Moore of Local 174-496 (New Orleans, LA) sang the song "For All We Know" during the convention.

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