

## **Report of the Chair**

This has been a tumultuous year for the Savoyards. It is our first year as a corporation, with all the legal and financial ramifications that are involved in running a corporation. On top of that, SUMC has undergone a construction project that lasted longer than anyone expected, and that has serious consequences for us. Some of the specific consequences will be discussed in the committee reports. The Board, whose previous work focused on who would produce, direct, or manage shows and other events has seen its role expand to include long-range planning in ways that we would not have expected two years ago when we first realized that we would be paying rent to SUMC and then incorporating.

One of the serious issues we faced this year has been that the sense of community that the Savoyards value has been put to the test. We were unable to gather on tech days in a way that allowed time for people to talk and share as we have before. The parties during the rehearsals for *The Mikado* were poorly attended for a variety of reasons. We need to look at the importance of the sense of community and decide how much effort we want to and are able to put into supporting it.

The reports of the 6 committees that began their work within the last 2 years are below.

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