



## An Update from CEO, Kris Ahrend

February has been a very busy month for The MLC team! I'm sure many have already heard the big news – The MLC received more than \$424 million in accrued historical unmatched royalties from 20 digital service providers (DSPs). The transfer of these monies - the first set of payments The MLC has received on behalf of rightsholders – represents an important milestone envisioned in the landmark Music Modernization Act.

The MLC also received a staggering amount of data related to the unmatched royalties these DSPs transferred – more than 1,800 files containing in excess of 1.3 terabytes of data and nine billion lines of data. The delivery of this data was the culmination of a months-long effort on the part of The MLC to develop and communicate the technical specifications DSPs needed to use when delivering it. DSPs now have until June of this year to deliver to The MLC the rest of the data they are required to deliver under the regulations issued by The U.S. Copyright Offices in connection with their transfers of unmatched royalties.

[Read the Full Letter Here](#)

## FOR MEMBERS

### IMPORTANT UPDATES



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[Data Quality Initiative \(DQI\)](#)



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## TAKE ACTION

- Get Ready for Our First Royalty Distribution
- Don't Forget to Check your Banking and Contact Information
- Download our Royalty Statement Detail File Template

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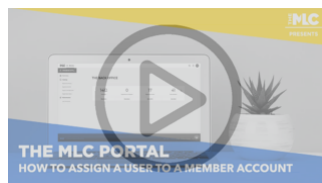
## REMINDERS

### New Videos Now Available



#### [The MLC Portal: Give Us 7 Minutes to Help You Get Paid!](#)

Watch the step-by-step process of becoming a Member of The MLC presented by The MLC's Head of Customer Experience, Lindsey Major.



#### [The MLC Portal: How to Assign a User to a Member Account](#)

Watch the tutorial on how to add or assign additional users to your MLC Member account presented by The MLC's Head of Educational Partnerships, Serona Elton.

To check out all of our video offerings, you can [click here to go to the Videos page](#) on our website or visit our [YouTube channel](#). We'll post new videos in both places, so check back frequently to see what's new.

## UPCOMING WEBINARS



### **The MLC Presents: A Webinar for Business Managers & Attorneys with Kris Ahrend & Susan Genco, Azoff Music**

Friday, March 12, 2021

12:00 p.m. PT | 2:00 p.m. CT | 3:00 p.m. ET

[Register Here](#)



## The MLC Presents: Membership Basics for Self-Administered Songwriters with Serona Elton

Tuesday, March 23, 2021

9:00 a.m. PT | 11:00 a.m. CT | 12:00 p.m. ET

[Register Here](#)

## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

### The MLC on Podcasts

**Working Musician Podcast:** [Click here to listen to the episode](#)

**Break the Business Podcast:** [Click here to listen to the episode](#)

### The MLC in the News

Here is some press coverage The MLC has received over the past month:

**Billboard:** [The MLC's Kris Ahrend named to Billboard's Change Agent List](#)

**Music Ally:** [Spotify, Apple Music and other DSPs apply for MLC Licenses](#)

**Forbes:** [Apple, Spotify And Other DSPs Pay \\$424M In Unmatched Royalties](#)

**Variety:** [\\$424 Million Up for Grabs as Music Streaming Services Fill MLC's Black Box](#)

**Music Business Worldwide:** [Spotify, Apple and Others Pay \\$424.38M in Historical Unmatched Royalties](#)

**Billboard:** [Mechanical Licensing Collective: How to Register and Why It's Important](#)

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