

ORGAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING
Sunday, August 20, 2000
The Park Plaza Hotel, Boston, Massachusetts

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Ambrosino at 8:38 a.m., and a quorum was established. President Ambrosino gave a brief report. The Symposium to be held in October at the American Organ Archives was commended to those present. A moment of silence was called in remembrance of those members who had died since the previous annual meeting: John Balka, Margaret Allen Biggs, John Rice Churchill, Dwight Jonathan Davis, Vernon de Tar, Katherine Eckley Dopp, Francis E. Dugal, Michael Farris, Michael R. Israel, David Jeffers, Louis Gayle Monette, Lawrence Irving Phelps, J. Paul Schneider, Charlene E. Simmons, Earl J. Stover, Carol Angela Teti-Kelly, and Winfred L. "Vern" West.

Approval of Minutes

Moved: Ballinger; Second: Schmitt; to accept the minutes of the 1999 Annual Meeting, held Sunday, August 22, at the Hotel du Parc, Montreal, Quebec, Canada. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

A written report from the Treasurer, David Barnett, was read by William Van Pelt. The Society's books have been reviewed by Huzek and Creech, P.C., Certified Public Accountants. Installation of new software for membership and accounting records is nearing completion. At the close of the fiscal year on September 30, 1999, the Society had total assets of \$272,665, liabilities of \$17,873, and total net assets of \$254,792. Income for the year was \$924,783, expenses were \$896,680, resulting in an increase of unrestricted net assets of \$28,103, an increase in temporarily-restricted net assets of \$14,347, and a total increase in net assets of \$42,450 for the Fiscal Year.

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director William Van Pelt noted that a biography on Clarence Eddy by William Osborne is due to be available within six weeks to two months. A book by Orpha Ochse on the Austin organ firm is approximately 25% complete.

Finance and Development

A report was delivered by Councilor Patrick Murphy. Announcement was made of the Millenium Campaign for the Organ Historical Society Endowment Fund. The goal is \$500,000, of which \$113,000 is in hand. Pledges totaling an additional \$58,700 have been received.

Historical Concerns

Councilor Lois Regestein presented a report regarding the Historic Organ Citations, which number 265 to date, as well as a brief update on the Extant Organ Database. Further mention of the Symposium at the Archives was made.

Organizational Concerns

Councilor Michael Barone announced that a chapter has been formed in Philadelphia and that the Kentuckiana Chapter has dissolved. The By-laws Review Committee continues its work. A committee to commence the Society's Meritorious Service Award has been formed. The annual Distinguished Service Award was presented to Richard Hamar.

Publications and Research

A written report by Councilor Allison Alcorn-Oppedahl was read by President Ambrosino. The next issue of The Tracker, volume 44, issue 2, is due after the Convention. The compact disc recording of the 1997 Convention in Portland, Oregon, is nearing completion under the direction

of Mark Brombaugh. Work on the discs for the 1998 Convention in Denver is expected to commence soon.

Conventions

A written report by Councilor Peter Sykes was read by President Ambrosino. The Boston Convention committee was recognized for their arduous tasks. Upcoming conventions include: 2001--North Carolina; 2002--Chicago, Illinois; 2003--Central Pennsylvania; 2004--Buffalo, New York.

Education

Councilor Marchesano presented his report. An updated format of the Slide Tape program is planned. A grant for one recital was given in the past year. The four Biggs Fellows for the Boston Convention were presented: Daniel W. Hopkins, Tony Kupina, Daniel B. Sanz, and Ted Kiefer.

Old Business

Rosalind Mohnsen, chair of the Nominating Committee, introduced the committee and presented the slate for the 2001 election, as follows:

President--Jonathan Ambrosino; Rachelen Lien.

Vice-President--Michael Barone; Scot Huntington.

Councilors--Thomas Brown; Bridget Chatterley; David Dahl; Lee Garrett; Mary Gifford; Culver Mowers; and Roy Redman.

New Business

Moved: Pinel; Second: Murphy; to extend honorary membership in the Organ Historical Society to John Ogasapian. Passed unanimously.

James E. Thomashower, Executive Director of the American Guild of Organists, was introduced and spoke on the upcoming Pipes Spectacular programs which will be held on October 15 and sponsored by numerous AGO Chapters across the United States.

Bruce Stevens announced that the organ tour of Switzerland for 2000 has been sold out. The next tour is planned for August 3-19, 2001, in Austria.

Adjournment

Moved: Headlee; Second: Pinel, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

--Respectfully submitted, Stephen Schnurr, Secretary.