

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ORGAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Lexington and Monroe Rooms, Village Inn & Conference Center, Clemmons, North
Carolina
Sunday, 24 June 2001

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Ambrosino at 9:36 a.m., and a quorum was established.

President Ambrosino presented an oral report. The By-laws committee continues its work. President Ambrosino introduced Vice-President Huntington to speak about the Employment Review Committee, established within the past several months. The seventy-one page report of the committee contains numerous evaluations and suggestions regarding how the Organ Historical Society may progress in membership, employment structure, and need for new Headquarters space.

A moment of silence was called in remembrance of those members who had died since the previous annual meeting: Robert C. Archibald, George Brandon, Gaylord Carter, Edwin H. Cole, Wesley A. Day, William Hargett, Otto Hoffmann, James D. Holloway, Alan Miller Laufman, Lewis Gayle Monette, William David Redd, Earl J. Stover, Guy Thérien.

Approval of Minutes

Moved: McPeak; second—Barber; to accept the minutes of the 2000 Annual Meeting, held Sunday, August 20, 2000, at the Park Plaza Hotel, Boston, Massachusetts. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Councilor Barone presented a report on behalf of the Treasurer, David Barnett. For the 1999-2000 Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2000, the Society's income was \$1,048,615, and expenses were \$894,170. Assets at year's end were \$436,653 and liabilities were \$18,114. Designated funds have increased by \$126,671 to \$167,649. The Endowment Fund stands at \$117,735, and the E. Power Biggs Fellowship Fund has \$36,323. Retained Earnings totaled \$250,892, half of which was cash and half inventory. The Member/Subscriber count for mailing the last issue in the volume was 4,139.

Executive Director's Report

The Executive Director spoke about how the Nominating Committee for the 2003 election will be formulated later during this meeting.

Councilors' Reports

Conventions—In the absence of Councilor Sykes, an oral report was presented by Vice-President Huntington. Upcoming conventions will be hosted as follows: 2002—Chicago; 2003—Lancaster, Pennsylvania; 2004—Buffalo, New York; 2005—Taunton and Cape Cod, Massachusetts. Secretary Schnurr, Chair of the 2002 Convention Committee, presented an oral report on the Chicago convention. Joseph McCabe, chair of the 2004 Convention Committee, presented a report on the Buffalo convention.

Education—Councilor Marchesano presented a report. An updated format of the Slide Tape program is planned. No Historic Recital award was given in the past year. The outgoing chair of the Historic Organ Citation Committee, Mary Gifford, was recognized and thanked for her work; the new chair, Michael Friesen, was introduced. The two Biggs Fellows for the North Carolina Convention were presented by Robert Zanca, Chair of the Biggs Fellowship Committee: Bruce Ludwick, Jr., and Ryan Celestin.

Archives—Councilor Regestein presented her report. The Symposium of October 2000, held in the new quarters of the American Organ Archives, Talbott Library, Westminster Choir College, Princeton, New Jersey, was reviewed extensively. New Operating Procedures for the Archives have been submitted to National Council for approval. Elizabeth Towne Schmitt spoke briefly about the Organ Database.

Finance and Development—Councilor Murphy presented a report on the Endowment Fund. The National Council has adopted Article XII of the By-laws of the Organ Historical Society, as specifically pertain to the OHS Endowment Fund. An Endowment Fund Advisory Board is provided for, and two appointees were introduced, Richard Walker and James Johnston. An Endowment Fund brochure has been produced and is being circulated. An account with Salomon Smith Barney has been opened for the Endowment Fund.

Organizational Concerns—Councilor Barone presented a brief report, during which he introduced Norman Walter of the Distinguished Service Award Committee. The Distinguished Service Award was presented to Peter Cameron.

Research and Publications—Vice-President Huntington presented an oral report in the absence of Councilor Alcorn-Oppedahl. The new editor of The Tracker, Frank Morana, was introduced. A book on the Austin Organ Company, authored by Orpha Ochse, and a book about Clarence Eddy, written by William Osborne, have been published and are available through the Organ Historical Society.

Old Business

Election Results—Jon Moyer, teller, presented the results of the election. President: Michael Barone. Vice-President: Scot Huntington. Councilors elected: Thomas Brown, David Dahl, and Mary Gifford. Councilors whose terms are ending: Jonathan Ambrosino (President), Michael Barone, Lois Regestein, Peter Sykes.

New Business

Nominating Committee—President Ambrosino opened the floor for nominations to the Nominating Committee. The following names were submitted: Sand Lawn, Cullie Mowers, Lois Regestein, David Scribner, and Christoph Wahl. Wagner moved, Mowers, second: that nominations be closed. Motion passed unanimously. The Nominating Committee for elections in the year 2003 is thus established.

Adjournment

Moved: Walker; second—Schmitt; to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10: 45 a.m.

--Respectfully submitted, Stephen Schnurr, Secretary.