

ORGAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING
Saturday, June 29, 2002
The Arts Center of Oak Park, Oak Park, Illinois

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Barone at 5:19 p.m. and a quorum was established. President Barone presented an oral report. The President thanked the 2002 National Convention Committee for their work.

A moment of silence was called in remembrance of those members who had died since the previous annual meeting: Larry Abbott, Gwendolyn Sautter Blanchard, Vernon Gotwals, Jr., Charles N. Henderson, Gerald E. Kinsella, Jack Goode, Ruth Plummer, Albert F. Robinson, Lawrence L. Schoenstein, and Ronald P. Stalford.

Approval of Minutes: Moved: Keith Bigger; second – David Scribner; to accept the minutes of the 2001 Annual Meeting, held Sunday, June 24, 2001, at the Village Inn & Conference Center, Clemmons, North Carolina. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: David Barnett. For the Fiscal Year 2000-2001, ending September 30, 2001, the Society's income was \$1,089,808, and expenses were \$1,023,541; income exceeded expenses by \$66,267. Assets at the year's end were \$519,355, with \$345,469 in deposit accounts and \$173,886 in inventory and other non-cash assets. Liabilities totaled \$17,112. Designated Funds totaled \$210,444 and undesignated retained earnings totaled \$291,799. The paid Member/Subscriber count for mailing the last issue in the volume of The Tracker was 3,682.

Executive Director's Report: William Van Pelt. The Society's headquarters moved to a new location, within sight of the previous location, but with larger and more appropriate space.

Councilors' Reports

Conventions – David Dahl. The Society held a mini-Convention in New Orleans in January of this 2002. The Convention Sourcebook has been under study and review in recent months. Honoraria for recitalists and lecturers have been updated. Also, a stipend for Convention Chairs will now be offered. Upcoming Conventions for the years 2003-2007 were briefly mentioned. Plans for the 2003 Convention in Pennsylvania and the 2004 Convention in Buffalo were reviewed.

Education – Paul Marchesano. Plans for update of the Slide-Tape program are being formulated. There have been no requests for Historic Recitals support in the past year. The Extant Organs List continues to grow, with approximately 9,900 entries. Ten Historic Citations were awarded within the past year.

Archives – Allison Alcorn-Oppedahl. Acquisitions and cataloguing continues at a good pace. A call for applications for the Archives Fellowship has been made. A second Archives Symposium is scheduled for April 23-27, 2003, titled "Current Perspectives on Organ Research," in Princeton, New Jersey.

Finance and Development – Patrick Murphy. The Millennium Campaign for the Organ Historical Society Endowment Fund continues, with a present balance of \$187,797.11. An article to better inform membership of giving opportunities is in preparation for inclusion in The Tracker.

Organizational Concerns – Thomas Brown. The By-laws Revision Committee continues its work. Committee members are: Councilor Brown (chair), Scot Huntington, Agnes Armstrong, and James Wallmann.

Research and Publications – Mary Gifford. The new editor of The Tracker, Frank Morana, has completed his first year and was recognized for his hard work. Jonathan Ambrosino, along with Stephen

Schnurr and Michael Friesen, were recognized for their efforts with the Organ Handbook and Hymnal Supplement. Convention CD's from Montreal are now available for sale, Boston CD's are expected for Autumn. The Publications Oversight Committee has been formed, with Lee Orr as Chair, and has begun its work.

Biggs Fellows—After recognition of past Biggs Fellows, the two Biggs Fellows for the 2002 Convention were introduced, Charles Creech, from Louisiana, and Michael Banks, from Indiana.

Distinguished Service Award—The Chair of the Distinguished Service Award Committee, Dan Schwandt, presented the Award to Julie E. Stephens. Mary Gifford accepted the Award on behalf of Ms. Stephens, and Susan Friesen listed a portion of some of Ms. Stephens' efforts on behalf of the Society.

Old Business

Nominations of Members for Election to National Council: Cullie Mowers, chairman of the Nominating Committee (which included Lois Regestein, David Scribner, Christoph Wahl, and Sand Lawn), presented the slate of members for election to National Council:

President—James Hammann and Michael Friesen

Secretary—Stephen Schnurr and Joseph McCabe

Councilors-at-large—Malcolm Wechsler, Allison Alcorn-Oppedahl, Randy Bourne, Carol Britt, Paul Marchesano, and Frances Norbert

The Nominating Committee submitted the following recommendations:

- 1) Have the names of the Nominating Committee published to the membership as soon as possible, separately (if need be) from the meeting minutes. This will encourage more member input.
- 2) Instruct the Committee to find candidates for the specific positions ("portfolios") which are becoming vacant -- Councilor for Conventions, for Education, etc. This will help focus the search on people with appropriate talents and interests.
- 3) Restructure officers' terms so that President and Vice-President both serve four-year terms, and are chosen in alternate elections. This will increase continuity of leadership.

New Business

Moved: David Scribner; second—Keith Bigger, that the OHS establish a Membership Committee to develop membership and that the By-laws Committee consider making this a Standing Committee.

Moved: Paul Marchesano; second—Dennis Huthnance, to amend the motion to appoint Mr. Scribner as Chair of said committee. Mr. Scribner accepted the appointment. Motion as amended passed.

Founding Members and Past Presidents were recognized.

Adjournment

Moved: George Nelson; second—Michael Allen Fox, to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

--Respectfully submitted, Stephen Schnurr, Secretary.

--Approved, Sunday, June 22, 2003, in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.