

ORGAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING
Sunday, June 22, 2003
Grand Ballroom, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Barone at 9:06 a.m. and a quorum was established. President Barone presented an oral report. He thanked the 2003 National Convention Committee for their industrious work in presenting this week's events.

A moment of silence was called in remembrance of those members who had died since the previous annual meeting: Harold de La Chapelle, Glen W. Fischer, Herbert Anton Kellner, Robert Burton Maye, Robert Noehren, Andrew Bankston Owens, Camille Pilcher, Ronald P. Stalford, Fern Traugott, Wesley M. Vos, and Martin M. Wick.

Approval of Minutes: Moved: Robert Porter; second – Rodney Myrvaagnes; to accept the minutes of the 2002 Annual Meeting, held Saturday, June 29, 2002, at The Arts Center of Oak Park, Oak Park, Illinois. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: David Barnett. For the 2001-2002 Fiscal Year, the Society's income was \$1,147,181 and expenses were \$1,155,522; expenses exceeded income by \$8,341. When income earmarked for Designated Funds is excluded, primarily the Organ Historical Society Endowment Fund and Archives Fund, the *operating* deficit for the Fiscal Year was \$25,002. Assets at year's end were \$516,393 with \$117,542 in deposit accounts, \$194,268 in investments, \$172,766 in catalog inventory for re-sale and \$31,817 in other non-cash assets. Liabilities totaled \$17,182, the amount of membership dues paid in advance. Designated Funds totaled \$244,260 and undesignated retained earnings totaled \$254,952. The books were reviewed by the Huzek & Creech accounting firm of Mechanicsville, Virginia, who prepared the Society's Federal tax returns required of 501(c)(3) non-profit corporations. 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. Outgoing Council members not returning include Patrick Murphy and Michael Barone, who were thanked for their work. A Nominating Committee will be formed in this meeting, and the Executive Director asked for careful consideration of those to be nominated. Thirty-eight persons are registered for the 2003 Euro-Tour, to go to Sweden, in late July and early August. Craig Whitney, present for part of this Convention, was recognized for his work in producing his book, *All the Stops*.

Councilors' Reports

Conventions—David Dahl. Councilor Dahl remarked that the 2004 Organ Historical Society National Convention in Buffalo, New York, has been completely planned; dates are July 14-20. Convention Chair, Joseph McCabe, was introduced to comment on the Convention highlights. The 2005 Convention will be held in Southeast Massachusetts. Convention Coordinator Kristin G. Farmer was introduced to comment further on this Convention. The Fiftieth-Anniversary National Convention in 2006 will be held in the Albany, New York state area (June 24-30). Possible future conventions are being considered for: the Minneapolis-Saint Paul, Minnesota area; Tacoma, Washington, region; and Central Indiana. Efforts are being instituted to better plan Convention dates to refrain from conflicts with other organizations' conventions. The Convention Sourcebook continues to be updated. Consideration is being given to include OHS presence in Pipe Organ Encounter events as well.

Education—Paul Marchesano. A number of Historic Organ Citations have been presented within the past year, including several to be presented at this Convention. The Historic Organ Citation Committee, chaired by Michael Friesen, has submitted a proposal to update the process to include two levels of citations. The OHS Pipe Organ Database is available online on a limited basis, with over 9,000 entries.

Further fine-tuning of online availability is expected. The Slide-tape program is undergoing a process to update it and to convert it into an electronic version.

Finance and Development—Patrick Murphy. Treasurer Barnett presented a report due in the absence of Councilor Murphy. A review of contributions to and investments of the Endowment Fund was given. The current balance is \$209,353, with \$10,949 in pledges receivable. A face-to-face meeting of the Endowment Fund Advisory Committee occurred this as Thursday morning. Updated procedures for this Committee are expected to be submitted to National Council at its meeting in October. Members of the Committee were introduced and thanked for their work: Richard Walker, James Stark, and James Johnston.

Archives—Allison Alcorn-Oppedahl. The Vice-President, Scot Huntington, presented a report on behalf of Councilor Alcorn-Oppedahl. From April 23 to 27, 2003, the Archives presented a Symposium on Organ Research with attendees from around the world. Plans are being formed for a Symposium in 2005 (on Organ Documentation) and 2007 (on Organ Restoration). Dr. David Baker of the Royal College of Organists of Great Britain filed a report on the American Organ Archives in light of how to have the RCO library to better reflect the accomplishments of the AOA. The Archivist, Stephen Pinel, has been named an honorary member of the RCO library's board. The papers of organbuilder Otto Hoffman of Texas and the contracts of the Æolian Company of New York have been acquired by the AOA. The contracts were made available to the OHS by Rollin Smith. The purchase price of the contracts has been covered by contributions from Jonathan Ambrosino, Patrick Murphy, and Stephen Schnurr. Kristin Farmer was thanked for her service to the Archives Governing Board; a new member, Hans Davidson, has been appointed to the Archives Governing Board.

Organizational Concerns—Rachelen Lien. The Pacific Southwest and Florida Chapters have been dissolved. Councilor Lien has contacted all remaining Chapters to survey their level of activity. The Membership Committee, formed at last year's Annual meeting and chaired by David Scribner, has begun its work. A survey of the present membership is expected. Methods to look for new members and to see why some members have not renewed membership are being considered as well. The By-Laws Committee, chaired by James Wallmann, continues its work. Other committee members are Vice-President Scot Huntington and Agnes Armstrong. Members of National Council recently reviewed an interim report of the Committee, and each is charged to respond individually to the By-Laws Committee. The OHS Restructuring Committee has been formed to review administration of the Society and prospects of improvement of the Catalogue department through a new position of Director of Sales.

Research and Publications—Mary Gifford. *The Tracker*, with Frank Morana now in his second year as editor, enters another year of on-time performance. Jonathan Ambrosino was recognized for his efforts with the *Organ Handbook* and *Hymnlet*. The Publications Oversight Committee, chaired by Lee Orr, continues its search for a permanent Director of Publications. A number of publications are in process for the OHS Press, including a reprint of Eugene Thayer's *Organist's Journal*.

Biggs Fellows—The two Biggs Fellows for the 2003 National Convention were introduced by Councilor Marchesano: Peter Isherwood, from Westminster College, Princeton, New Jersey; and Owen Cannon from Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio.

Distinguished Service Award—Past recipients of the award were recognized for their efforts on behalf of the Society by Councilor Lien, in the absence of the Chair of the Distinguished Service Award Committee, Dan Schwandt. The Award was presented to Raymond and Ruth Brunner. Michael Friesen, past recipient of the Distinguished Service Award, listed a number of achievements of the Brunners.

Old Business

Ten-Year Plan – Vice-President Scot Huntington presented a report on the Ten-Year Plan, which is under his guiding work. The Society is now mid-way through the Plan. A list of accomplishments and ongoing efforts of the Plan were given. Contributory ideas to the Plan are requested by the Membership.

Election Results – Susan McPherson, teller, presented the results of the election of members to National Council. President: Michael Friesen. Secretary: Stephen Schnurr. Councilors elected: Allison Alcorn-Oppedahl, Paul Marchesano, and Malcolm Wechsler. Councilor Members whose terms are ending: Michael Barone (President), Stephen Schnurr (Secretary), Allison Alcorn-Oppedahl, Paul Marchesano, and Patrick Murphy.

New Business

Nominating Committee – President Barone opened the floor for nominations to the Nominating Committee. The following names were submitted: Robert Barney, Michael Barone, Kristin Farmer, Joseph McCabe, Rick Morrison, Stephen Pinel, Roy Redman, and Joe Vitacco. **Moved:** Randy Wagner; second – Randy Bourne, that nominations be closed. Motion passed unanimously. A vote for five of the above by membership in attendance was called. Susan McPherson, teller, announced the results of the election: Michael Barone, chair; Kristin Farmer, Joseph McCabe, Robert Barney, and Stephen Pinel. The Nominating Committee for elections in the year 2005 is thus established.

Moved: Wagner; second – Carolyn Booth, to destroy all ballots for the immediately-preceding election of the Nominating Committee. Motion passed, one abstention.

Adjournment

Moved: Marchesano, to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

--Respectfully submitted, Stephen Schnurr, Secretary.

--Approved, Sunday, July 18, 2004, in Buffalo, New York.