

THE ORGAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY, NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, MAY 12-13, 2000
The University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Paul Marchesano, host

The minutes below follow the order of the Agenda as presented by President Ambrosino, and not necessarily in the order of their discussion.

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by President Ambrosino at 2:00 p.m. Attending: Jonathan Ambrosino (President), Scot Huntington (Vice-President), Lois Regestein, Patrick Murphy, Paul Marchesano, David Barnett, and William Van Pelt. Arriving later: Allison Alcorn-Oppedahl (2:30 p.m.), and Stephen Schnurr (Secretary, 3:00 p.m.). Absent: Peter Sykes, Michael Barone.

Approval of minutes: Moved – Marchesano; Second – Murphy, the minutes of the November 6, 1999, meeting were approved – unanimous.

Reports:

Executive Director: William Van Pelt. A written report was received from the Executive Director.

Treasurer: David Barnett. A written report, including a cash flow chart, was distributed by the treasurer.

Councilors' Reports:

Finance and Development: Patrick Murphy. Councilor Murphy distributed a report including several handouts relating to the Endowment Fund and campaign implementation, to commence possibly at the Boston convention.

Historical Concerns: Lois Regestein. Archivist's Reports from Stephen Pinel for March and May of 2000 were distributed. Reports were also received regarding the Pipe Organ Database (Elizabeth Towne Schmitt) and the Organ Citation Committee (Mary Gifford). Plaques have been awarded to: 1891 Casavant, Saint Francois-du-Lac, P.Q., Canada, Eglise Saint-Francois-Xavier; 1940 Casavant, Monroe, Michigan, IHM Motherhouse; 1850 Erben, McLean, Virginia, Trinity Methodist Church; 1933-1940 W. W. Kimball, Indianapolis, Indiana, Zion Evangelical United Church of Christ; 1929 E. M. Skinner, Indianapolis, Indiana, Scottish Rite Cathedral. It was related that the members of the Governing Board of the American Organ Archives will rotate in writing updates for The Tracker.

Organizational Concerns: Michael Barone. There was no written report. President Ambrosino stated that the By-Laws review committee has been formed: John Panning (chair), Agnes Armstrong, William F. Czelusniak, Roy Redman, and Randall E. Wagner.

Research and Publications: Allison Alcorn-Oppedahl. A written report was submitted. John Ogasapian has resigned as editor of The Tracker, effective March 1, 2000. A new editor has yet to be appointed.

Conventions: Peter Sykes. A written report was submitted by Councilor Sykes during Saturday's meeting. A committee to review the Convention Sourcebook was formed in January: Sykes (chair), Scot Huntington, Bridget Chatterley, Michael Rowe, Cliff Farley, Kristin Farmer, Jerry Morton, Jonathan Ambrosino, and William Van Pelt. The Convention Hotel and Headquarters for Boston in 2000 will be the Park Plaza.

Education: Paul Marchesano. Councilor Marchesano presented a verbal report. There was one grant request for Historic Organ Recitals, for Saint Matthew and Saint Joseph Episcopal Church, Detroit, Michigan. The Biggs Fellowship Committee reports that there were four applications received for the Boston convention and all were accepted.

Old Business:

Preservation and Conservation Guidelines Committee: There was no report and no further activity is expected until after the Boston convention.

Endowment Fund: Moved – Huntington; Second – Barnett; that the Endowment Fund be called the “Organ Historical Society Endowment Fund” and the current Endowment fundraising drive be called “Millenium Campaign” – passed unanimously.

New Business:

Moved: Barnett; Second – Huntington; that Council approves the Society’s entering into a “Customer Agreement for Commercial Automated Investment Account” with Bank of America, N.A., effective May 1, 2000. Passed unanimously.

Moved: Barnett; Second – Marchesano; that Council approve opening a “Business Economy Checking” account with Bank of America (#004119353482) by approving the bank’s standard Corporate Resolution. Passed unanimously.

Moved: Huntington; Second – Murphy; to nominate John Ogasapian to honorary membership. Passed unanimously.

Moved: Huntington; Second – Murphy; that the American Organ Archives be directed to amend the access agreement with Rider University to effect that in the absence of the Archivist, the staff of the Talbott Library cause the Archives to be opened for inspection during their normal operating hours, upon demand of any two or more Officers, Council members of the Organ Historical Society or members of the American Organ Archives Governing Board, upon production of adequate proof of identity. The American Organ Archives shall keep the Talbott Library informed of the identity of said officers, councilors, and Board members at all times. Passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned for the day at 4:55 p.m.

The Council reconvened on Saturday morning at 9:37 a.m. Attending: Jonathan Ambrosino, Scot Huntington, Allison Alcorn-Oppedahl, David Barnett, Paul Marchesano, Lois Regestein, Stephen Schnurr, Peter Sykes (arriving 11:15 a.m., leaving 2:00 p.m.), and William Van Pelt. Absent: Michael Barone, Patrick Murphy.

New Business (continued):

Moved: Regestein; Second – Huntington; that the Organ Historical Society apply for a credit card solely for American Organ Archives purchases. The card is to be used only by the Archivist. National Council approves a corporate resolution as required by the card issuer. Passed unanimously.

Moved: Huntington; Second – Marchesano; that the Organ Historical Society create the Organ Historical Society Award for Meritorious Service to the American Pipe Organ. This award will recognize the outstanding contribution of an individual to the American Pipe Organ. Passed, one opposed.

Moved: Huntington; Second – Marchesano; that the Organ Historical Society direct the Councilor for Organizational Concerns to form a committee of five to nominate the recipient of the Organ Historical Society Award for Meritorious Service to the American Pipe Organ. Each member of the committee shall serve a six-year term. Initial membership of the committee shall consist of one member serving two years, one for four years, and two for six years. The Councilor for Organizational Concerns shall serve as chair. Committee members may not succeed themselves. The nominated recipient of this award is subject to National Council approval. There shall be no more than one award per fiscal year. Passed unanimously.

Moved: Huntington; Second – Alcorn-Oppedahl; that Boston convention registration materials be sent to recipients by first-class mail. Passed, one opposed.

Moved: Huntington; Second – Marchesano; that the list of Cited Organs and Distinguished Service Award recipients be published annually. Passed unanimously.

The Council entered discussion regarding the Millenium Campaign. Further information regarding the format possibilities and costs for professional management were requested. Then followed discussion regarding Publications, specifically, proposed changes in the format of the Society's journal, The Tracker. Requests were made for further information regarding the costs of these proposals.

Moved: Huntington; Second –Sykes; that the Biggs Fellowship be granted to Andrew Scanlon. Motion failed. For: Huntington; Against: Alcorn-Oppedahl, Barnett, Schnurr; Abstain: Marchesano, Regestein, Sykes.

Moved: Huntington; Second –Sykes; that the Councilor for Conventions appoint a sub-committee to review compensation for convention recitalists. Passed unanimously.

Moved: Huntington; Second –Regestein; that a committee be formed by Councilor for Historic Concerns to review and revise the Historic Organ Citation program. Said results to be presented at the August meeting. Passed unanimously.

Moved: Sykes; Second –Regestein; that compensation be awarded to the current Boston convention committee chair in the amount of \$5,000.00, plus expenses. Motion passed, one abstention.

The Council entered a discussion of the Society's periodical publications. Later, a discussion of the Millenium Campaign. The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m. for lunch, reconvening at 3:30 p.m.

Moved: Marchesano; Second –Huntington; that a new membership brochure be developed by the beginning of the next fiscal year (October 1, 2000), with a mock-up due by the August meeting. \$500 is authorized for design expenses. Passed unanimously.

Adjournment:

Moved: Marchesano; Second – Alcorn-Oppedahl, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m. Next meeting to be held on Tuesday, August 15, 2000, in Boston, Massachusetts, beginning at 1:00 p.m., and continuing on Wednesday, August 16.

Note: Portions of these minutes were recorded by William Van Pelt in the absence of the Secretary.

--Stephen Schnurr, Secretary.

Minutes approved, August 2000.