

**THE ORGAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY, NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15-16, 2000
The Hancock Room of the Park Plaza Hotel, Boston, Massachusetts**

The minutes below follow the order of the Agenda, and not necessarily the order of their discussion.

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Treasurer Barnett at 1:06 p.m. Attending: Treasurer David Barnett, Secretary Stephen Schnurr, Allison Alcorn-Oppedahl, Michael Barone, Patrick Murphy, Paul Marchesano, Lois Regestein, Peter Sykes, and William Van Pelt. Arriving later: President Jonathan Ambrosino (arriving at 2:12 p.m.) and Vice-President Scot Huntington (arriving at 2:30 p.m.). Also in attendance was Archivist Stephen Pinel.

Approval of minutes: Moved—Marchesano; Second—Barone, that minutes of the May 12-13, 2000, meeting be accepted as amended—Passed. For: Alcorn-Oppedahl, Ambrosino, Barnett, Barone, Marchesano, Regestein, Sykes. Against: Huntington, Schnurr. Abstain: Murphy.

Reports:

Executive Director: William Van Pelt. A written report was received from the Executive Director. Current registration for the Boston convention numbers approximately 400 persons. The largest single-day registration is 340.

Treasurer: David Barnett. A written report, including results of the financial statement review by Huzek & Creech, Certified Public Accountants, was distributed by the Treasurer.

Councilors' Reports:

Finance and Development: Patrick Murphy. A written report was distributed, including a prospectus from Cornerstone Consulting regarding the Millenium Campaign. Councilor briefly discussed grant possibilities, requesting suggestions for project possibilities.

Historical Concerns: Lois Regestein. Reports regarding the Pipe Organ Database (Elizabeth Towne Schmitt) and the Organ Citation Committee (Mary Gifford) were given. Plaques have been awarded to: 1835 Erben, Saint Paul, Mount Vernon, New York; 1893 Hook & Hastings, Covenant Baptist, Houston, Texas; 1932 E. M. Skinner, United Parish, Brookline, Massachusetts; 1893 Woodberry & Harris, Saint Mary Catholic Church, Charlestown, Massachusetts; 1880 Hook & Hastings, Saint Patrick Catholic Church, Roxbury, Massachusetts; c. 1853 W. B. D. Simmons, First Baptist Church, Framingham, Massachusetts; 1868 E. & G. G. Hook, Follen Community Church, Lexington, Massachusetts; 1862 E. & G. G. Hook, Sears Chapel, Brookline, Massachusetts; 1959 Flentrop, Adolphus Busch Hall, Cambridge, Massachusetts; 1860 E. & G. G. Hook, First Congregational Church, Woburn, Massachusetts; 1854 E. & G. G. Hook, Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts. The Massachusetts plaques are to be presented at the Boston convention, save for Cambridge and Woburn, to be given at another time. A sub-committee has been formed to review the possibility of having more than one level of citation. Results will be forthcoming. Sub-committee members are: Dana Hull, Alan Laufman, Paul Marchesano, Barbara Owen, and Mary Gifford (chairman). A brief, verbal report on the American Organ Archives was presented by Archivist Pinel.

Organizational Concerns: Michael Barone. A chapter has been formed at Philadelphia, with Justin Hartz, President. A request for the dissolution of the Kentuckiana Chapter has been received. Brief discussion of the By-laws ensued. The committee for the Meritorious Service Award has been formed: Michael Barone (chairman), Frances Finch (two-year term); Charles Hendrickson (four-year term); Susan Tattershall (six-year term); and Michael A. Fox (six-year term).

Research and Publications: Allison Alcorn-Oppedahl. A written report was received.

Conventions: Peter Sykes. A written report was submitted by Councilor Sykes. Recommendations were presented, drawn from the committee to update the Convention

Sourcebook. A committee has been formed to review stipends for convention recitalists: Peter Sykes (chairman), Lois Regestein, and Rosalind Mohnsen. A proposal is in hand to host a convention in 2004 in Buffalo, New York, submitted by Joseph McCabe.

Education: Paul Marchesano. A written report was given by Councilor Marchesano. There are four Biggs Fellows at the Boston convention: Daniel W. Hopkins (Canada); Ted Kiefer (New Jersey); Tony Kupina (Canada); and Daniel B. Sanes (California).

Old Business:

Preservation and Conservation Guidelines Committee: There was no report.

Ten Year Plan: a lengthy discussion of this topic was led by Vice-President Huntington. Job descriptions have not been received from many Councilors and are again requested for submission to Huntington. The archivist is requested to provide a model of a monograph, on an Erben organ in Highgate Falls, Vermont. A second model of a monograph, on the Hinners Organ Company, is requested of Councilor Alcorn-Oppedahl. Reactions to the Ten-Year Plan are requested of Councilors to be submitted to Vice-President Huntington.

Membership brochure: a sample of this item is due for review upon completion by President Ambrosino and is expected for the next meeting.

Publications Proposal: Costs for printing of The Tracker by A-R Editions of Madison, Wisconsin, were reviewed. Discussion of two types of publications, The Tracker and a yearly scholarly volume, followed. The need to find an editor was discussed. Councilor Alcorn-Oppedahl was requested to obtain further information regarding securing a permanent editor.

Endowment Fund: Moved--Marchesano; Second--Huntington, that Council seek outside professional assistance for the Endowment Campaign. Passed, two opposed. Discussion of commissioning a feasibility study followed. An initial goal for the Millenium Campaign was established at \$500,000.

New Orleans Mini-Convention: Councilor Sykes noted that a vote by mail for approval of a Mini-convention in New Orleans was taken. Passed unanimously.

Moved: Sykes; Second: Huntington; to move the date of the New Orleans Mini-convention to Winter of the calendar year 2002, to last three days. Passed unanimously.

New Business:

Moved: Marchesano; Second--Barone; that Council adopt the budget for the Fiscal Year 2000-2001 of \$355,430 expenses and \$339,430 income. Council notes that the deficit figure includes \$16,000 from retained earnings to bring publication of The Tracker up to date. Motion passed unanimously.

Moved: Barone; Second--Huntington; that the Kentuckiana Chapter be dissolved with due appreciation for the work of the convention committee in 1993. Passed unanimously.

Moved: Sykes; Second--Marchesano; that the 2004 Organ Historical Society National Convention be held in Buffalo, New York. Passed, one opposed.

Moved: Marchesano; Second--Huntington; that the number of National Council meetings be increased to four per year. Motion failed. For: Huntington, Marchesano. Against: Alcorn-Oppedahl, Barnett, Barone, Murphy, Regestein, Schnurr, Sykes. Abstain: Ambrosino.

The meeting was adjourned for the day at 9:30 p.m.

The meeting reconvened on Wednesday morning, August 16, 2000, at 10:15 a.m. Present were: President Jonathan Ambrosino, Vice-President Scot Huntington, Treasurer David Barnett, Secretary Stephen Schnurr, Allison Alcorn-Oppedahl, Michael Barone, Paul Marchesano, Patrick Murphy, and Lois Regestein. Absent: Peter Sykes. Arriving later: William Van Pelt (after 3:00 p.m.). Also present was Archivist Stephen Pinel.

Moved: Marchesano; Second--Regestein; that National Council members be permitted to pay for National Conventions of the Organ Historical Society at a discount. For: Marchesano,

Murphy. Against: Alcorn-Oppedahl, Barnett, Barone, Huntington. Abstain: Ambrosino, Regestein, Schnurr. Motion fails.

The meeting was adjourned for lunch at 12:30 p.m. The meeting was reconvened by Vice-President Huntington at 2:13 p.m., without President Ambrosino.

Moved: Marchesano; Second--Barone; to revise the spending formula of the Biggs Fellowship as follows: 50% of prior year's interest of Fund; 75% of prior year's direct gifts to Fund; 100% of surplus shall roll over to fund the current year. Motion passed unanimously.

Moved: Marchesano; Second--Barnett; that 100% of Margaret Biggs' gift in the year 2000 be invested in the principal of the E. Power Biggs Fund. Motion passed unanimously.

Moved: Marchesano; Second--Barone; that the Education Councilor be appointed an ex officio, voting member of the Biggs Fellowship Committee. Motion carries unanimously.

Adjournment:

Moved: Marchesano; Second –Huntington, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m. Next meeting to be held on Friday, October 20, 2000, at the American Organ Archives, Princeton, New Jersey, beginning at 6:00 p.m., and continuing on Saturday, October 21, 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

--Stephen Schnurr, Secretary.

(Approved Friday, October 20, 2000.)