

**THE ORGAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY, NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Friday and Saturday, October 20 and 21, 2000**  
**OHS American Organ Archives, Talbott Library, Westminster Choir College,**  
**Rider University, Princeton, New Jersey**

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order on October 20 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting temporarily adjourned at 10:30 p.m. and reconvened on October 21 at 9:20 a.m. The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m. Attending: Jonathan Ambrosino (President), Scot Huntington (Vice-President), David Barnett (Treasurer), William T. Van Pelt (Executive Director), Michael Barone, Paul Marchesano, Patrick Murphy, and Lois Regestein. Absent: Allison Alcorn-Oppedahl, Stephen Schnurr (Secretary), Peter Sykes.

**Approval of minutes:** The minutes of the meeting of August 15-16, 2000, were unanimously approved as read.

**Reports:**

**Executive Director:** William Van Pelt reported in writing on the topics: 2001 Catalog, membership renewal, OHS European Organ Tour, financial review, publications, and the OHS American Organ Archives Symposium.

**Treasurer:** David Barnett provided a brief report on the closing of the Society's fiscal year on September 30, 2000. His report included an interim Balance Sheet showing Total Assets of \$441,876, Total Liabilities of \$23,787, and Total Net Worth of \$418,089. He advised that year-end adjustments have yet to be made, so that figures in the Balance Sheet may change in his formal report, to be presented later.

**Councillors' Reports:**

**Finance and Development:** Councillor Patrick Murphy reported on Endowment Fund campaign planning. During the OHS National Convention in Boston (August 16-23), he and other councillors solicited and received pledges to the OHS Endowment Fund in the amount \$58,700 from 18 members.

**Historical Concerns:** Councillor Lois Regestein reported that the Archives Governing Board met on October 12. Regarding term limits for members of the Governing Board, the members of the Governing Board determined that such limits are not desirable and "that it is preferable after each four-year term to ask productive people whether they wish to continue." She reported that Anthony Baglivi and John Ogasapian resigned as members of the Archives Governing Board, and that new members added to the board are James Wallman and Rollin Smith. Upon request by the Councillor for Historical Concerns, the Archivist, Stephen Pinel, reported that the OHS American Organ Archives Symposium conducted October 12-14 in Princeton was "successful in every way." There were 58 registrants. The Councillor presented a written report from the Chairman of the Organ Citations Committee, Mary Gifford. Since August, citations have been designated for: 1906 Kilgen, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Casselberry, Florida; ca. 1919 Kilgen, Olivet Episcopal Church, Alexandria, Virginia; 1859 E. & G. G. Hook, First Baptist Church, Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts; 1891 Hook & Hastings, Allston, Massachusetts. The committee voted not to rescind a certain citation as a consequence of changes being made to the organ. Members of the committee (in addition to those serving ex-officio by bylaw) are E. A. Boadway, George Bozeman, Mary Gifford, Dana Hull, Scot Huntington, Alan Laufman, and Barbara Owen.

**Organizational Concerns:** Councillor Michael Barone reported that Roy Redman would serve as chair of the By-Laws Revision Committee following the resignation of the chairmanship by John Panning, who remains on the committee.

**Research and Publications:** The executive director reported that a new, hardbound, book by William Osborne, Clarence Eddy, Dean of American Organists, will be delivered by the printer in about one month. The book is published by OHS, as is a hardbound book by Orpha Ochse, Austin Organs, to be consigned to the manufacturer in November.

**Conventions:** Councillor Peter Sykes wrote that the survey of those who attended the OHS Convention in Boston has been compiled by Jerry Morton. The advance team will survey organs for the Winston-Salem Convention in November.

**Education:** Councillor Paul Marchesano said in a written report that the success of the OHS American Organ Archives Symposium implies that such symposia should become an annual educational activity. He further reported that efforts will be made to further define the methodology of the E. Power Biggs Fellowship Committee, including the application process.

**New Business:**

**Moved-**Regestein; Second-Marchesano "National Council directs the Archives Governing Board to formulate an access policy that incorporates the intent of the action taken by Council in this regard at the meeting of August 15-16, 2000." -passed unanimously

**Meeting dates for the National Council were set as follows:**

March 2-3, 2001 Jacksonville, Florida 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. and 9 a.m. to ?

June 19-20, 2001 Winston-Salem 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. and 9 a.m. to ?

September 21-22, 2001 Richmond 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and 9 a.m. to ?

**Old Business:**

There were no motions.

Lengthy planning ensued for seeking donations to the OHS Endowment Fund.

Respectfully submitted,  
William T. Van Pelt, Acting for the Secretary