

THE ORGAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY, NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING
Friday and Saturday, February 2-3, 2001 **Trinity Episcopal Church, 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 Vice-President Scot Huntington at 7:44 p.m., Friday, February 2. Present: Scot Huntington (Vice-President), Stephen Schnurr (Secretary), David Barnett (Treasurer), Allison Alcorn-Oppedahl, Michael Barone, Paul Marchesano, Patrick Murphy, Lois Regestein, Peter Sykes, William Van Pelt (Executive Director). Absent: Jonathan Ambrosino (President).

Approval of minutes: minutes of the meeting October 20-21, 2000, in Princeton, New Jersey, had been approved previously by e-mail.

Reports:

Executive Director: William Van Pelt. A written report was received from the Executive Director. He reported orally that gross sales from the catalogue in the first quarter of this fiscal year have experienced a growth of 21% from the same quarter in the previous year. Discussion of possible additional clerical help ensued. The next issue of The Tracker, volume 44, number 3, is expected to be sent to the printer within the week, perhaps mailed within three weeks. Items for volume 44, number 4, are now in-hand.

Treasurer: David Barnett. A written report was presented by the Treasurer.

The meeting recessed for the day at 9:00 p.m. The meeting was reconvened by President Ambrosino on Saturday morning, 9:22 a.m., Saturday, February 3. Present: Jonathan Ambrosino (President), Scot Huntington (Vice-President), Stephen Schnurr (Secretary), David Barnett (Treasurer), Allison Alcorn-Oppedahl, Michael Barone, Paul Marchesano, Patrick Murphy, Lois Regestein, Peter Sykes, William Van Pelt (Executive Director).

Councilors' Reports

Finance and Development: Patrick Murphy. Councilor Murphy presented a written report. Gifts in the amount of \$4,884 have been received for the Millennium Fund between October 1, 2000, and February 1, 2001.

Historical Concerns: Lois Regestein. A written report was delivered by Councilor Regestein. Reports regarding the Pipe Organ Database (Elizabeth Towne Schmitt) and the Organ Citation Committee (Mary Gifford) were given. The Citations Committee has awarded plaques to the following organs: 1906 Kilgen, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Casselberry, Florida; c. 1919 Kilgen, Olivet Episcopal Church, Alexandria, Virginia; 1859 E. & G. G. Hook, First Baptist Church, Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts; 1891 Hook & Hastings, Allston Congregational Church, Allston, Massachusetts. Minutes of the October 2000 meeting of the American Organ Archives Governing Board were presented.

Organizational Concerns: Michael Barone. A written report was given by Councilor Barone.

Research and Publications: Allison Alcorn-Oppedahl. Councilor Alcorn-Oppedahl delivered a written report. Discussion of a monograph series and other publications followed.

Conventions: Peter Sykes. Councilor Sykes submitted a written report on upcoming conventions. President Ambrosino reported that much of the research for the next Organ Handbook had been accomplished in November. A rate card for advertising is due to be sent out at mid-April. Production is due to be sent to the printer by early June.

Education: Paul Marchesano. A written report was submitted by Councilor Marchesano.

Old Business

Ten Year Plan: Vice President Huntington reported that a number of job descriptions of Council positions and the Executive Director have been received. Councilor Barone will convey these items to the By-laws subcommittee for their review with their work.

Membership Brochure: A mock-up of the brochure was presented by Councilor Murphy to be produced in-house.

The meeting recessed at 12:23 p.m. and reconvened at 2:03 p.m.

Moved: Alcorn-Oppedahl; Second—Huntington; that National Council direct the Executive Director to enter into negotiations with Frank Morana to be editor of The Tracker, beginning within volume 45. Passed unanimously.

Moved: Regestein; Second—Murphy; that the Executive Director be authorized to offer 2001 Convention registration and expenses to the candidate for editor of The Tracker, to be taken from the Development Fund. Passed unanimously.

New Business

Moved: Alcorn-Oppedahl; Second—Marchesano; that contracts for convention lectures must be written to: 1) state that the Organ Historical Society will have first refusal for publication of the lecture or an adaptation of it in some form, whether it be in a periodical such as The Tracker, or as a book, monograph, video, or some other appropriate format. The lecturer will be informed within one year whether the OHS will publish the lecture. In the absence of such notification, all rights in the lecture revert to the lecturer; 2) require transfer of lecture text or notes *during the convention or before* to a designated OHS representative for consideration for publication; 3) the lecturer or an editor/publications specialist appointed by the OHS may adapt the text for publication in the format chosen; 4) the lecturer will receive payment at the conclusion of the lecture and upon delivery of the lecture text or notes (payment will not be delayed if these two conditions are met). Passed unanimously.

Moved: Murphy; Second—Barone; that the Councilor for Finance and Development establish an endowment committee consisting of the Councilor for Finance and Development as chair, and two members, appointed by the Chair, plus the Treasurer as *ex officio*, to advise on endowment investment. Passed unanimously.

Moved: Sykes; Second—Marchesano; that National Council accept a proposal to have the 2005 National Convention of the Organ Historical Society in the Old Colony of Southeast Massachusetts. Passed, one opposed.

Moved: Sykes; Second—Barone; that one free day's convention registration or 15% off early registration for an entire convention be extended to convention recitalists and lecturers. Passed unanimously.

Moved: Regestein; Second—Marchesano; that \$600.00 be provided to Elizabeth Towne Schmitt to assist with database consulting and development, with understanding that she will notify the Executive Director how much additional funding is needed. Passed unanimously.

Moved: Barone; Second—Huntington; that National Council approve the request of the By-laws Review Committee that funding be given to the Committee to meet by the end of 2001. Passed unanimously.

Moved: Barone; Second—Huntington; that Michael Friesen be appointed chair of the Distinguished Service Award Committee. Passed unanimously.

Moved: Marchesano; Second—Huntington; that National Council request the Treasurer to provide Council complete financial reports following conventions, symposia, or other special events. Passed unanimously.

Moved: Huntington; Second—Marchesano; that National Council create a full-time position of Director of Publications. **Moved:** Marchesano; Second—Regestein; to table discussion to the next meeting.

Moved: Huntington; Second—Marchesano; that lectures from the Boston Convention of 2000 be published as a double edition of The Tracker in volume 45. **Moved:** Marchesano; Second-Murphy; to table discussion to the next meeting. Passed, two negative.

Adjournment

Moved: Barnett; Second—Barone, to adjourn the meeting. Passed, two negative. Meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m. Next meeting to be held Tuesday, June 19 (1:00 until 9:00 p.m.), and Wednesday, June 20, 2001 (beginning 9:00 a.m.), in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

--Respectfully submitted, Stephen Schnurr, Secretary.

--Approved Wednesday, 20 June 2001, in Clemmons, North Carolina.