OHS NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING  
Monday, 26 March 2001  
Mary, Seat of Wisdom Catholic Church  
Park Ridge, Illinois

Call to order and establishment of quorum. Present: Scot Huntington (Vice-President), Stephen Schnurr (Secretary), Allison Alcorn-Oppedahl, Paul Marchesano, Patrick Murphy, Lois Regestein, and Peter Sykes. Absent: Jonathan Ambrosino (President), David Barnett (Treasurer), Michael Barone, and William Van Pelt (Executive Director). The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Huntington at 11:41 a.m.

Moved (Marchesano); Second—Alcorn-Oppedahl; that all meetings of the National Council and appointed committees be conducted in accordance with Robert’s Rules of Order, current edition. Said edition shall be the reference authority on all questions of Parliamentary Procedure in all Society business. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Tabled Motion from February meeting, that National Council create a full-time Director of Publications. Motion withdrawn by mover—Huntington.

Moved Alcorn-Oppedahl; second—Marchesano, to amend tabled motion from previous meeting to read that lectures from the Boston Convention of 2000 be published as a triple issue of The Tracker in volume 45. Motion passed unanimously.

Moved Alcorn-Oppedahl; second—Marchesano, that the Boston 2000 Convention chairman and the Executive Director be directed to forward all lectures and accompanying photos for the Boston 2000 lectures delivered by Jonathan Ambrosino, Matthew Bellocchio, Pamela Fox, Alan Laufman, Barbara Owen, and Andrew Unsworth, to the newly-appointed Tracker Editor, no later than May 1, 2001, for publication in the upcoming special triple issue. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting recessed for luncheon at 12:45 p.m.
Meeting reconvened at 2:03 p.m.

New Business

Moved Marchesano; Second—Alcorn-Oppedahl, to amend the Organ Historical Society By-laws as follows:

1) Article IV, section 8 (b) to read, “Councilor for Archives: Co-ordinates the work of the Society with regard to the American Organ Archives, and in the areas of general gathering of organ-historical information, viz., of extant organs, and the Archives Fellowship Research Grant, and Archives Symposia. Councilor for Archives shall be the Chair of the American Organ Archives Governing Board and acts as liaison between the American Organ Archives Governing Board and National Council.”

2) Article IV, section 8 (a) to read, “Councilor for Education: Co-ordinates the work of the Society in the areas of educational programs and resources, symposia, fellowships, and of recognition of historic organs, of historical organ recitals, of audio-visual and internet programs, in the areas of ethical standards of conservation and restoration standards, and in international interests.” Motion passed unanimously.
Moved Murphy; Second—Marchesano; that National Council authorize expenditure from interest on the Millennium Fund with shortfall from the General Fund to cover printing and mailing costs of the Millennium Fund-drive brochure. Motion passed unanimously.

Moved Murphy; Second—Schnurr; to direct the Councilor for Finance to co-ordinate the work of Jerry Morton, Fund Drive Administrator, with respect to the Millennium Fund routine duties. Motion passed unanimously.

Moved Murphy; Second—Marchesano; to direct the Executive Director to work with the Councilor for Finance to enter into an agreement with Solomon Smith Barney to establish an investment account for the Millennium Fund Drive. Once said account is established, the Treasurer is directed to transfer all principal and accrued interest collected for the Millennium Fund Drive into this account. Motion passed unanimously.

Moved Alcorn-Oppedahl; second—Murphy; to investigate the administrative structure of the Organ Historical Society and to explore the need to create additional director positions and the hiring of additional employees. Subsidiary motion: Moved Alcorn-Oppedahl; Second—Marchesano; to commit the question to a special committee, consisting of: Scot Huntington, Chair; Agnes Armstrong; Michael Felenzer; Len Levasseur; Randall Wagner; James Wallman; William Van Pelt; to be called, “The Employment Review Committee.” This committee shall review the need to hire additional employees, including the possible creation of additional director positions and to make a formal report to Council with its recommendations, including budgetary impact, preferably by the June meeting, but no later than the regularly-scheduled fall meeting. Said committee shall be empowered to conduct business by telephone fax, mail, and e-mail. Motions passed unanimously.

Resolved Marchesano; Second—Schnurr; that until a plan for future employment structure is accepted by National Council, any new employee is hired with the understanding that the employment structure of the Organ Historical Society is under review and subject to change. Resolution passed unanimously.

Adjournment: Moved: Sykes; Second—Marchesano; to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m. Next meeting to be held Wednesday, June 20 (1:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.), and Thursday, June 21, 2001 (beginning 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.), in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

--Respectfully submitted, Stephen Schnurr, Secretary.