

**THE ORGAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY, NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Wednesday and Thursday, June 20-21, 2001**  
**Executive Board Room, Village Inn, Clemmons, North Carolina**

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Scot Huntington at 1:50 p.m., Wednesday, June 20, 2001. Present: Scot Huntington (Vice-President); Stephen Schnurr (Secretary); Patrick Murphy; Paul Marchesano; Lois Regestein; Michael Barone; William Van Pelt (Executive Director); David Barnett (Treasurer). Arriving late: Allison Alcorn-Oppedahl (2:30 p.m.). Absent: Jonathan Ambrosino (President) and Peter Sykes. Also present were (some persons for limited time): Stephen Pinel (Archivist), Kristin Farmer (Convention Coordinator), James Johnston, Richard Walker, Robert Zanca.

**Approval of Minutes:** Moved—Marchesano; second—Barone to accept minutes of the Boston, Massachusetts, meeting February 2-3, 2001. Passed unanimously. Motion—Marchesano; second—Murphy; to accept minutes of the Park Ridge, Illinois, meeting March 26, 2001, as amended. Motion carried: one opposed (Schnurr); one abstention (Marchesano).

**REPORTS**

**Executive Director:** William Van Pelt. There was no written report from the Executive Director. The issue of ongoing organ preservation was briefly discussed.

**Treasurer's Report:** David Barnett. A written report was presented by the Treasurer.

**Councilor's Reports**

**Finance and Development:** Patrick Murphy. A written report was submitted by Councilor Murphy. Richard Walker and James Johnston were introduced to the Council to discuss the need for a By-laws article to deal with the Endowment Fund.

**Education:** Paul Marchesano. There was no report from the Slide-tape, Historical Organ Recitals, or Organ Database programs. Robert Zanca, Chair of the Biggs Fellowship Committee, was presented and reported on the committee's work. Fellowships have been awarded to: Ryan Celestin and Bruce Ludwick, Jr, for the North Carolina convention. A report from Mary Gifford, Chair of the Organ Citations Committee, was read. Six organs have been awarded plaques: 1925 Skinner, First United Methodist Church, Oak Park, Illinois; 1886 Carl Barkhoff, Saint Mary Catholic Church, New Albany, Indiana; 1951 Æolian-Skinner, First Baptist Church, Longview, Texas; 1932 Æolian, Duke Chapel, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina; 1915 E. M. Skinner, Biltmore House, Asheville, North Carolina; c. 1880 Pomplitz, Peace College Chapel, Raleigh, North Carolina. Two new members were announced for the Citations Committee (Allen Kinzey and James McFarland).

**Conventions:** Peter Sykes. A written report by Councilor Sykes was presented in his absence. Rachelen Lien was presented to discuss the January 3-5, 2002, mid-winter mini-convention in New Orleans, Louisiana.

**Research and Publications:** Allison Alcorn-Oppedahl. A written report was submitted by Councilor Alcorn-Oppedahl. The Councilor noted that a manuscript for a book on the Hinners firm is in preparation.

**Archives:** Lois Regestein. An Operating Procedure document regarding the American Organ Archives and the Governing Board was submitted for review and approval. A written report was received from the Archivist, Stephen Pinel.

**Organizational Concerns:** Michael Barone. A written report was received from Councilor Barone.

### OLD BUSINESS

**Ten-Year Plan:** There was no report.

**Guidelines for Restoration:** There was no report.

*The meeting recessed for the day at 5:30 p.m. The meeting reconvened on Thursday, 21 June 2001, at 9:11 a.m.*

Present: Scot Huntington (Vice-President), Stephen Schnurr (Secretary), William Van Pelt (Executive Director), David Barnett (Treasurer), Allison Alcorn-Oppedahl, Michael Barone, Paul Marchesano, Patrick Murphy, Lois Regestein. Absent: Jonathan Ambrosino (President), Peter Sykes. Also present: Stephen Pinel (Archivist), James Hammann.

**Moved:** Schnurr; second—Marchesano. That the National Council adopt the Corporate Resolution with Salomon Smith Barney, form FOR 2105, which authorizes the Treasurer to act as sole signatory for the account. Motion passed unanimously.

Vice-President Huntington presented Council with a seventy-one page report encapsulating the work to date of the Employment Review Committee. Discussion of the committee's recommendations followed.

**Resolved:** Marchesano; second—Schnurr. That National Council receives with great appreciation the impressive report of the Employment Review Committee. Vice-President Huntington and his committee are commended for their thorough and efficient work which has focused National Council's direction in its plans of re-organization and evaluation of the Organ Historical Society staffing and resources. National Council accepts these recommendations in principle to move forward in these areas. Resolution passed unanimously.

*The meeting recessed for luncheon at 12:50 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 2:00 p.m.*

**Moved:** Regestein; second—Marchesano. That the Organ Citations Committee be directed to amend the wording of the plaque previously given to Saint Joseph Roman Catholic Cathedral, Buffalo, New York, in the following manner: Built by E. & G. G. Hook & Hastings, 1876; rebuilt by Tellers-Kent, 1925; Schlicker Organ Company, 1972-1979; Andover Organ Company, 2001. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding the publisher of The Tracker.

### NEW BUSINESS

**Moved:** Murphy; second—Marchesano. 1) that Council adopt Sections 1, 2, 4, 5, and 6 of proposed Article XII as written, except for the following modifications; 2) move that Section 7 of proposed Article XII be replaced with the following language and be adopted by the Council: "The personal liability of members of the Advisory Board shall be limited to the fullest extent permitted by law, and the members of the Advisory Board shall be indemnified by the Society to the fullest extent provided by law;" 3) move that the original Section 7 of proposed Article XII be adopted as a resolution of the National Council, but extending the limitation of liability to members of the Advisory Board, members of the National Council, officers of the Society,

members of the Governing Board of the American Organ Archives, and employees of the Society; 4) move that the previous resolution be referred to the By-laws revision committee for incorporation into the revised By-laws of the Society; 5) move that Section 3, paragraph A, be altered that the word "pledge" be deleted; 6) move that Article XII be modified to prevent collateralization of the principal. Motion passed unanimously.

**Moved:** Barone; second—Schnurr. That the Organ Historical Society collaborate with the Naumburg Conference. Motion passed unanimously.

**Moved:** Alcorn-Oppedahl; second—Marchesano. That volume 45, numbers 3-4, of The Tracker be published as a double issue. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion followed regarding the need to publish the Treasurer's Report and approved budget in The Tracker. Further discussion centered on potential reviews of OHS Conventions in journals such as The American Organist and The Diapason.

**Moved:** Murphy; second—Marchesano. That the following be appointed to the Endowment Fund Advisory Board: James Johnston for six years and Richard Walker for two years. Motion passed unanimously.

**Moved:** Schnurr; second—Murphy. That convention registration be offered to a Convention Chair for each of the two years preceding his or her convention. Motion passed unanimously.

A scholarship in memory of Alan Laufman was discussed. Further discussion is expected at the next meeting.

**Moved:** Marchesano; second—Schnurr. That National Council members be permitted a 15% discount on early registration fees for attendance at the entire national convention, provided they register prior to the early registration deadline. Motion is defeated.

**Moved:** Murphy; second—Marchesano. That all expenses charged to the Endowment Fund interest since March 26, 2001, instead be charged to the general fund; all charges in the future for the Endowment Fund shall be paid from the Organ Historical Society general fund, except as provided by Article XII of the Organ Historical Society By-laws as adopted June 20, 2001. Motion passed unanimously.

Review of date, time, and location of the next meeting of National Council: October 26-27, 2001 (beginning 1:30 p.m. Friday, continuing all day Saturday), in the American Organ Archives, Talbott Library, Westminster Choir College, Princeton, New Jersey.

Adjournment: **Moved:** Marchesano; second—Alcorn-Oppedahl. To adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6: 10 p.m.

**Attachment:** Article XII of By-laws.

*--Respectfully submitted, Stephen Schnurr, Secretary.*

*--Approved, Friday, October 26, 2001, in Princeton, New Jersey.*