

**THE ORGAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY, NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Friday and Saturday, October 26-27, 2001**  
**The American Organ Archives of the Organ Historical Society, Talbott Library, Westminster**  
**Choir College, Princeton, New Jersey**

*These minutes follow the order of the agenda and do not necessarily follow the order in which they were discussed.*

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order by President Barone on Friday, October 26, 2001, at 1:45 p.m. Present: Michael Barone (President); Scot Huntington (Vice-President); Stephen Schnurr (Secretary); William Van Pelt (Executive Director); David Barnett (Treasurer); Allison Alcorn-Oppedahl; Thomas Brown; Mary Gifford (arrived 2:00 p.m.); Paul Marchesano; Patrick Murphy (arrived 2:15 p.m.). Absent: David Dahl. Also in attendance: Stephen Pinel (Archivist); Lynn Edwards (Archives Governing Board member); James Wallmann (Archives Governing Board member); Kristin Farmer (Convention Coordinator).

**Approval of Minutes:** Moved—Marchesano; second—Brown, to approve minutes of the Clemmons, North Carolina meeting, June 20-21, 2001. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Reports**

**Executive Director:** William Van Pelt. A written report was presented by the Executive Director. The office will move to a new location on December 1, 2001.

**Treasurer:** David Barnett. A written report and balance sheets were presented by the Treasurer.

### **Councilors' Reports**

**Finance and Development:** Patrick Murphy. A written report was submitted by Councilor Murphy.

**Education:** Paul Marchesano. A written report was distributed by Councilor Marchesano.

**Conventions:** David Dahl. In the absence of Mr. Dahl, a written report on conventions was presented by Kristin Farmer, Convention Coordinator. A proposal for a convention in 2006 (Sunday, June 25, through July 1) in the Albany, New York, area was presented by Scot Huntington and Stephen Pinel.

**Research and Publications:** Mary Gifford. A written report was submitted by Councilor Gifford.

**Archives:** Allison Alcorn-Oppedahl. A written report was given by Councilor Alcorn-Oppedahl.

**Organizational Concerns:** Thomas Brown. A brief verbal report was made by Councilor Brown. He will soon assess the present situation of the By-laws Committee, Distinguished Service Award Committee, and the Meritorious Service Award Committee.

### **Old Business**

**Moved:** Murphy; second—Gifford, that the following be appointed to the Endowment Fund Advisory Board: James Stark for four years. Motion passed unanimously.

**Ten Year Plan:** there was no formal report. Copies of the report will be sent to new Councilors by Vice-President Huntington. Huntington noted that the OHS is now five years into the Ten Year Plan.

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

**Laufman Scholarship:** the Councilor for Organizational Concerns will consider possibilities for appropriate commemoration of Alan Laufman's life and his contributions to the OHS

*The meeting was recessed for the day at 7:05 p.m.*

*The meeting was reconvened on Saturday, October 27, 2001, at 9:20 a.m. Present were: Michael Barone (President); Scot Huntington (Vice-President); Stephen Schnurr (Secretary); William Van Pelt (Executive Director); David Barnett (Treasurer); Allison Alcorn-Oppedahl; Thomas Brown; Mary Gifford; Paul Marchesano; Patrick Murphy. Absent: David Dahl. Also present, briefly, Michael Friesen (Historic Organ Citations Committee Chair), and Stephen Pinel (Archivist).*

**Moved:** Huntington; second, Schnurr, for privilege to go into Executive Session. Motion passed, two opposed.

*At 11:03 a.m., the meeting went into Executive Session. The meeting came out of Executive Session at 11:55 a.m.*

**Moved:** Marchesano; second, Gifford, that Council adopt the budget for the Fiscal Year 2001-2002 of \$359,808 in expenses and \$359,808 in income. Motion passed, one opposed.

Discussion of the Millennium Campaign of the Endowment Fund followed. The Councilor for Finance and Development will be in direct communication with the Executive Director regarding administration of the Millennium Campaign and related personnel. This clarifies action taken by the National Council in Park Ridge, Illinois, on March 26, 2001.

**Moved:** Alcorn-Oppedahl; second Schnurr, that a committee be formed to explore further the concept of a Director of Publications. Said committee to be comprised of Allison Alcorn-Oppedahl, Thomas Brown, Mary Gifford, Scot Huntington, and Stephen Pinel, and to report results at the March 2002 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

### **New Business**

Discussion occurred regarding the proposed Archives Operating Procedures of the American Organ Archives. Members of the Archives Governing Board were on hand to give their input on how procedures were drawn. Some suggested alterations were submitted by various councilors. Mr. Wallmann offered to incorporate these suggestions into a revised set of procedures.

Discussion occurred regarding the work of the Historic Organ Citations Committee. It was recommended that the Committee formulate formal operating procedures as well as guidelines for rescinding a plaque when deemed appropriate.

*The meeting recessed for luncheon at 12:22 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 2:25 p.m.*

**Moved:** Brown; second –Marchesano, that the 2006 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Organ Historical Society National Convention be held in the Albany/Saratoga Springs, New York, area, in late June. Motion passed unanimously.

**Moved:** Huntington; second Alcorn-Oppedahl, that a Fiftieth Anniversary Committee be established with Stephen Pinel and Scot Huntington participating as co-chairs *pro tempore*. Motion passed unanimously.

**Moved:** Huntington; second Schnurr, that the Secretary contact the 2006 National Convention Committee of the American Guild of Organists to be held in Chicago regarding the possibility of an OHS-

sponsored recital or event(s) as an outreach of part of the Society's Fiftieth Anniversary. Motion passed unanimously.

**Next meeting**

Upcoming meetings were decided as follows:

Friday-Saturday, March 1-2, 2002, in Richmond, Virginia. Beginning 1:30 p.m. Friday until 6:30 p.m., resuming Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

Monday-Tuesday, June 24-25, 2002, in Chicago, Illinois. Beginning 1:30 p.m. Monday until 6:30 p.m., resuming Tuesday morning at 9:00 a.m.

Friday-Saturday, October 18-19, 2002, in an undetermined place.

**Adjournment**

**Moved:** Murphy; second Brown, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 3:06 p.m.

*--Respectfully submitted, Stephen Schnurr, Secretary*

*--Approved, March 1, 2002, in Richmond, Virginia.*