

**THE ORGAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
**Minutes of the National Council Meeting**  
**Monday and Tuesday, June 24-25, 2002**  
**The Joffrey Ballet Room of the Hotel Allegro**  
**Randolph and Wells Streets, Chicago, Illinois**

*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 Monday, June 24, 2002, at 9:09 a.m. Present: Michael Barone (President), Scot Huntington (Vice-President), Stephen Schnurr (Secretary), Allison Alcorn-Oppedahl (arrived 2:30 p.m.), David Dahl, Mary Gifford, Paul Marchesano, Patrick Murphy (arrived 9:14 a.m.), David Barnett (Treasurer), and William Van Pelt (Executive Director). Also present (at various times): Stephen Pinel (Archivist), Joseph McCabe (Chair, 2004 Convention), Jonathan Ambrosino (Organ Handbook Editor).

**Approval of Minutes:** Moved—Marchesano; second—Dahl, to approve minutes of the Richmond, Virginia, meeting, March 1-3, 2002. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Reports**

**Executive Director:** William Van Pelt. The Executive Director presented a written report. Membership income has increased. Approximately 300 persons have registered for the Chicago Convention. Catalog sales have been brisk.

**Treasurer:** David Barnett. The Treasurer submitted a written report. An increase in Net Worth is recorded at 15.3%. The Society's books for Fiscal Year 2000-2001 are in the hands of Huzek and Creech, C.P.A.'s, who will report to the National Council and prepare the federal tax returns.

### **Councilors' Reports**

**Finance and Development:** Patrick Murphy. A written report was submitted by Councilor Murphy. A Solicitation Committee for the Endowment Fund is in the process of formation. Discussion of approaching persons for gifts to the Millennium Campaign of the OHS Endowment Fund ensued.

**Archives:** Allison Alcorn-Oppedahl. Councilor Alcorn-Oppedahl presented a written report. Plans for the Archives Symposium for April 23-27, 2003, in Princeton, New Jersey, are progressing.

**Organizational Concerns:** Thomas Brown. Councilor Brown presented a written report. The By-laws Revision Committee continues its work. Committee members are: Councilor Brown (chair), Scot Huntington, Agnes Armstrong, and James Wallmann.

**Research and Publications:** Mary Gifford. Councilor Gifford submitted a written report. The Publications Oversight Committee has held its first meeting and has formulated policies for submission of manuscripts and monographs for consideration of publication by the Society.

**Conventions:** David Dahl. Councilor Dahl presented a written report, with a supplemental report by Kristin G. Farmer, Convention Coordinator. A report on progress of the Convention Sourcebook Review Committee was included.

**Education:** Paul Marchesano. A written report was submitted by Councilor Marchesano. Ten applications were received for the Biggs Fellowship, of which two were awarded, to Charles Creech, of Louisiana, and Michael Banks, of Indiana. Ten Historic Organ Citations have been awarded in the past

year, three additional applications were declined. Councilor Marchesano also provided further details on the Archives Symposium mentioned above.

*The meeting recessed for luncheon at 12:30 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 2:30 p.m.*

### **Old Business**

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

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

**Fiftieth Anniversary:** The President and the Secretary are directed to work together to draft a letter regarding the prospect of sponsorship of a major recital at the 2006 National Convention of the American Guild of Organists in Chicago. Councilor Alcorn-Oppedahl indicated that the American Musical Instrument Society is open to discussion regarding an OHS-sponsored paper session at its 2006 Annual Meeting.

**Archives Operating Procedures:** Alcorn-Oppedahl. Progress on drafting the Procedures are on hold until further work by the Society's By-laws Review Committee.

**Director of Publications:** Gifford. Advertising for the Director of Publications position has commenced.

**Moved:** Alcorn-Oppedahl; second – Brown, that National Council adopt the Mission Statement for the publications of the Organ Historical Society as submitted by the Publications Oversight Committee: "The mission of the Organ Historical Society Press is to publish periodicals, books, music, and other media that encourage, promote, and further an active interest in the organ and its builders, particularly in North America." Motion passed, one opposed.

**Moved:** Alcorn-Oppedahl; second – Schnurr, that the National Council approve the Job Description for the Organ Historical Society Director of Publications as developed by the Publications Oversight Committee, and as amended by National Council. Motion passed unanimously.

**Moved:** Gifford; second – Huntington, that National Council approve the Procedures for Evaluation of Completed Manuscripts and Procedures for Evaluation of a Proposal to Write a Book, as developed by the Publications Oversight Committee and presented its April 2002 meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

**Convention Sourcebook Revision:** Dahl reported on the continuing work of the Convention Sourcebook Review Committee.

**Moved:** Dahl; second – Marchesano, to remove from the table the following motion: **Moved:** Marchesano; second – Huntington, that the National Conventions of the Organ Historical Society be limited to a maximum of six days and one evening, excepting any conventions which already have contracts in force. Motion to remove said motion from the table passed unanimously. Motion to limit duration of Conventions passed unanimously.

**Moved:** Dahl; second – Marchesano, that a honorarium of \$2,500 be established for National Convention Chairs, to be provided at the conclusion of the Convention, to be effective immediately. **Moved:** Huntington; second – Brown, to amend motion to increase amount of honorarium to \$5,000. Vote for amendment by roll call: Alcorn-Oppedahl – yes; Barnett – no; Brown – yes; Dahl – no; Gifford – no; Huntington – yes; Marchesano – yes; Murphy – no; Schnurr – yes. Amendment passed. The Council discussed in depth the recommendations of the Sourcebook Review Committee. All aspects and the impacts of the motion were discussed in detail. Vote for amended motion, by roll call: Alcorn-

Oppedahl – yes; Barnett – no; Brown – yes; Dahl – abstain; Gifford – no; Huntington – yes; Marchesano – yes; Murphy – no; Schnurr – yes. Amended motion passed.

**Moved:** Dahl; second – Huntington, that a Convention Committee may petition National Council for up to five complimentary hotel rooms for the year of its Convention. Motion passed unanimously.

**Moved:** Dahl; second – Huntington, that National Convention recitalist honoraria be increased to \$300 for recitals of forty minutes or less and to \$600 for recitals of forty-one minutes or more, effective with the 2003 National Convention. Motion passed, three opposed.

**Moved:** Huntington; second – Alcorn-Oppedahl, that National Convention lecturer honoraria be increased to \$300 for lectures of forty minutes or less and to \$600 for lectures of forty-one minutes or more, effective with the 2003 National Convention, to be paid upon submission of a manuscript for publication. Motion passed unanimously.

*The meeting recessed for the day at 8:45 p.m.*

*The meeting reconvened on Tuesday, 25 June 2002, at 9:15 a.m. Present: Michael Barone (President), Scot Huntington (Vice-President), Stephen Schnurr (Secretary), Allison Alcorn-Oppedahl, Thomas Brown, David Dahl, Mary Gifford, Patrick Murphy, Paul Marchesano, David Barnett (Treasurer), and William Van Pelt (Executive Director). Also present (at various times): Stephen Pinel (Archivist), Joseph McCabe (2004 National Convention Chair), Jonathan Ambrosino (Organ Handbook Editor).*

**Moved:** Gifford; second – Barnett, that no person who plays an organ at an Organ Historical Society National Convention will receive payment from any source in excess of \$300.00 for a recital of forty minutes or less or \$600.00 for a recital of forty-one minutes or more. Vote by roll call: Alcorn-Oppedahl – no; Barnett – no; Brown – no; Dahl – no; Gifford – yes; Huntington – no; Marchesano – no; Murphy – no; Schnurr – no. Motion failed.

### **New Business**

**Moved:** Marchesano; second – Gifford, that National Council adopt the budget for Fiscal Year 2002-2003 with income of \$270,907 and expenses of \$268,321. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion about the organizational structure of the Organ Historical Society ensued.

President Barone stated that he will engage a consultant for the Endowment Fund to meet with National Council at its next meeting in Princeton, New Jersey.

**Moved:** Huntington; second – Dahl, that the Councilor for Finance and Development cause to be printed by October 1 a membership brochure, based on the mock-up already produced, in cooperation with the Executive Director, printing sufficient copies for a major mailing. Motion passed unanimously.

The Councilor for Education will conduct research on available grant funding and report to National Council at its next meeting.

**Resolved:** Dahl; second – Huntington, that National Council thanks Chair Stephen Schnurr and the 2002 National Convention Committee for its excellent efforts in preparing and presenting the Chicago Convention. Resolution passed.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

Friday-Saturday, October 18-19, 2002, at the American Organ Archives in Princeton, New Jersey. Beginning on Friday at 1:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m., and from 7:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m., resuming Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The Archives Governing Board invites the National Council to luncheon before commencement of the National Council meeting.

Friday-Saturday, March 7-8, 2003, in the Minneapolis-Saint Paul, Minnesota, area. The Publications Oversight Committee will meet on Wednesday and Thursday, March 5-6, 2003, also in the same vicinity.

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, June 17-19, 2003, in Pennsylvania.

Friday-Saturday, October 17-18, 2003, in Richmond, Virginia.

### **Adjournment**

**Moved:** Marchesano; second—Huntington, to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

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

*--Approved Friday, October 18, 2002, in Princeton, New Jersey.*