

THE ORGAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Minutes of the National Council Meeting
Friday and Saturday, October 18-19, 2002
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 of the National Council of the Organ Historical Society was called to order by Vice-President Huntington on Friday, October 18, 2002, at 1:34 p.m., in the American Organ Archives, Talbott Library, Westminster Choir College, Rider University, Princeton, New Jersey. A quorum of Council members was established. Present: Michael Barone (President, arrived 2:24 p.m.), Scot Huntington (Vice-President), Stephen Schnurr (Secretary), Allison Alcorn-Oppedahl, Mary Gifford, Paul Marchesano, Patrick Murphy (arrived 2:19 p.m.), David Barnett (Treasurer), and William Van Pelt (Executive Director). Absent and excused: David Dahl.

Approval of Minutes: Moved—Marchesano; second—Gifford, to approve minutes of the Chicago, Illinois, meeting, held June 24-25, 2002, as previously circulated by the Secretary. Motion passed unanimously.

Reports

Executive Director: William Van Pelt. The Executive Director presented a written report. There was discussion of the possible acquisition of the Schlicker Organ Company records.

Treasurer: David Barnett. A preliminary report for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2002, was included.

Councilors' Reports

Finance and Development: Patrick Murphy. A written report was submitted by Councilor Murphy. There was discussion of the Endowment Fund Advisory Board.

Archives: Allison Alcorn-Oppedahl. Councilor Alcorn-Oppedahl presented a written report. The Archives Research Grant has been awarded to Stephen Schnurr for the Möller Opus List project. Discussion of the Archives Symposium for April 23-27, 2003, followed.

Organizational Concerns: vacant. James Wallmann presented a verbal report on the progress of the By-laws Revision Committee during a meeting on Thursday, October 17, 2002, in Princeton. A Membership Committee has been formed with David C. Scribner (chair, of Little Rock, Arkansas), Harry Matenas (Orangeville, Pennsylvania), Tommy Lee Whitlock (Reston, Virginia), and Randall E. Wagner (Erie, Pennsylvania). The committee is in the process of filling one additional seat on this committee.

Research and Publications: Mary Gifford. Councilor Gifford submitted a written report. Several publications under consideration or in process were discussed.

Conventions: David Dahl. A written report was sent by Councilor Dahl in his absence. Results of the questionnaire for the 2002 Chicago Convention were briefly discussed.

Education: Paul Marchesano. A written report was submitted by Councilor Marchesano. The Extant Organ Database is in the process of being brought online.

Old Business

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

Guidelines for Restoration: Huntington. A brief verbal report was presented.

Fiftieth Anniversary: There was no report.

Archives Operating Procedures: Alcorn-Oppedahl. There was no report.

Director of Publications: Gifford. Approximately twenty applications have been received to date for the position.

Convention Sourcebook Revision: Moved: Schnurr; second—Marchesano, that a performer who is required to present a repeat performance of a recital on the same organ and venue be provided an additional honorarium of one-half the amount of the initial recital. Currently this would be \$150 for recitals under 41 minutes and \$300 for recitals over 41 minutes. In the case of a third repetition, reasonable compensation should be arranged by the Convention Committee. **Moved:** Marchesano; second—Alcorn-Oppedahl, to amend the motion to strike all language after “provided” (beginning with “an”) and replace with “\$100 for each additional performance.” Motion to amend passes (two opposed). Motion as amended passes (two opposed).

Employee Job Review Process: there was no report.

Committee Memberships: Marchesano. Councilor Marchesano presented several names for consideration by the National Council for vacancies on the Historic Organ Citations Committee and the E. Power Biggs Fellowship Committee.

New Business

Moved: Alcorn-Oppedahl; second—Marchesano, that National Council authorize the Archives Governing Board to solicit sponsorships from businesses up to the total amount of \$5,000 for the April 23-27, 2003, Symposium, in Princeton, New Jersey. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned for dinner at 5:48 p.m.; the meeting reconvened at 6:48 p.m.

Discussion of the vacant chair of Councilor for Organizational Concerns took place.

Moved: Murphy; second—Gifford, that applicants for the E. Power Biggs Fellowship aged 22 or under at the time of the convention for which they are applying, who are not previous Fellows, may be candidates if they have registered for not more than one convention. Motion passed unanimously.

Moved: Murphy; second—Alcorn-Oppedahl, that National Council engage Capital Venture to conduct fundraising training at the June 2003 National Council meeting for the stated fee of \$1,500 plus reasonable expenses. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned for the day at 8:42 p.m. The meeting reconvened on Saturday, October 19, 2002, at 9:09 a.m., in the Courtyard by Marriott Hotel, Princeton. Present were: Michael Barone (President), Scot Huntington (Vice-President), Stephen Schnurr (Secretary), Allison Alcorn-Oppedahl, Mary Gifford, Paul Marchesano, Patrick Murphy, David Barnett (Treasurer), and William Van Pelt (Executive Director). Absent and excused: David Dahl.

Moved: Huntington; second—Marchesano, that the recommendation of the Historic Organ Citation Committee regarding citations of historic organs, be adopted, to wit: a) National Council will determine

whether the citation of an organ will be rescinded, the Historic Organ Citation Committee is not empowered to rescind a citation; b) the Historic Organ Citation Committee will advise National Council on the issue of rescinding a citation; c) National Council may solicit recommendations from other bodies; d) consideration to rescind a citation may be initiated by the Historic Organ Citation Committee or National Council. Motion passed unanimously.

Moved: Marchesano; second –Huntington, that National Council rescind the Historic Organ Citation for Saint Mark Episcopal Church, Philadelphia. Vote by roll call: Alcorn-Oppedahl: yes; Barnett: no; Gifford: no; Huntington: yes; Marchesano: yes; Murphy: no; Schnurr: yes; Barone: no. Motion failed.

Moved: Alcorn-Oppedahl; second –Marchesano, that the Historic Organ Citation Committee develop a tiered citation system to be presented at the March 2003 National Council meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned for luncheon at 11:50 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 12:57 p.m.

Resolved: Huntington; second –Marchesano, that National Council accepts with regret the resignation of Thomas Brown as Councilor for Organizational Concerns and expresses its gratitude for his valued service. Resolution passed unanimously.

Moved: Marchesano; second –Schnurr, to appoint Rachelen Lien (New Orleans, Louisiana) to the position of Councilor of Organizational Concerns. Motion passed unanimously.

Moved: Barnett; second –Schnurr, that National Council direct the Executive Director to cause the codification of the minutes of the National Council. Motion passed unanimously.

Upcoming Meetings

Friday-Saturday, March 7-8, 2003, in the Minneapolis-Saint Paul, Minnesota, area.
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, June 17-19, 2003, in Pennsylvania.
Friday-Saturday, October 17-18, 2003, in Richmond, Virginia.

Adjournment

Moved: Murphy; to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

--Respectfully submitted, Stephen Schnurr, Secretary.

--Approved in Saint Paul, Minnesota, Friday, March 7, 2003.