THE ORGAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Minutes of a Special Meeting of the National Council
Wednesday, November 22, 2006

A special meeting of the National Council of the Organ Historical Society was convened by telephone conference call on Wednesday, November, 22, 2006, at 11:02 a.m. Eastern Standard Time by President Michael Friesen. This special meeting was called in accordance with the Society's Bylaws, sections 4.13, 4.14, and 4.17. A quorum of Council members was established. Present: Michael Friesen (President), Laurence Libin (Vice-President), Stephen Schnurr (Secretary), Allison Alcorn-Oppedahl, Jack Bethards, Carol Britt, Scot Huntington, James Johnston, Daniel Colburn (Executive Director), David Barnett (Treasurer).   Absent: Paul Marchesano.

The meeting was convened by President Friesen as a previous electronic mail motion of the Council failed to return unanimous approval of the Council. (See Bylaws section 4.21.)   The following motion was made by electronic mail on November 3, 2006:

Moved: Bethards: Because the approved budget for FY 2006-07 is based upon certain assumptions of indefinite income from various sources, including, but not limited to, tours, bequests, and fundraising; effective immediately, it is the policy that: 1) all Society operations shall conduct spending at the financial levels authorized in the FY 2005-06 budget until the National Council can review income and expense projections at its March 2007 meeting to determine whether spending at FY 2006-07 budget levels can be authorized at that time; 2) that all persons authorized or responsible to spend OHS funds shall adhere to this policy until further notice; and 3) that any proposed non-routine, large, extraordinary, or unforeseen expenses must first be reviewed and approved by the Executive Director in order for the Society to properly manage its cash flow. Votes by return electronic mail*:* Alcorn-Oppedahl—yes; Bethards—yes; Britt—yes; Huntington—no; Johnston—yes; Libin—yes; Marchesano—yes; Schnurr—yes; Friesen—yes. Motion failed.

The following items were transacted during the telephone conference meeting:

Moved: Bethards; second—Libin, because the approved budget for FY 2006-07 is based upon certain assumptions of indefinite income from various sources, including, but not limited to, tours, bequests, and fundraising; effective immediately, it is the policy that: 1) all Society operations shall conduct spending at the financial levels authorized in the FY 2005-06 budget until the National Council can review income and expense projections at its March 2007 meeting to determine whether spending at FY 2006-07 budget levels can be authorized at that time; 2) that all persons authorized or responsible to spend OHS funds shall adhere to this policy until further notice; and 3) that any proposed non-routine, large, extraordinary, or unforeseen expenses must first be reviewed and approved by the Executive Director in order for the Society to properly manage its cash flow. Vote by roll call: Alcorn-Oppedahl—yes; Bethards—yes; Britt—yes; Huntington—yes; Johnston—yes; Libin—yes; Schnurr—yes; Friesen—yes.   Motion passed unanimously.

Moved: Libin; second—Johnston, that the Councilor for Education, in cooperation with the Executive Director, investigate the possibility of starting an OHS online chat list. Vote by roll call: Alcorn-Oppedahl—yes; Bethards—yes; Britt—yes; Huntington—yes; Johnston—yes; Libin—yes; Schnurr—yes; Friesen—yes. Motion passed unanimously.

The Executive Director had distributed to the Council electronically before the meeting a list of activities facing Council and staff between now and the March 2007 meeting of the Council.

Discussion of items followed. It was the consensus of Council that the action steps outlined were appropriate.

Adjournment—Johnston; second—Bethards, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen Schnurr, Secretary

Approved, Friday, March 16, 2007, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.