

THE ORGAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Minutes of a Special Meeting of the National Council
Monday, October 29, 2007

A special meeting of the National Council of the Organ Historical Society was convened by telephone conference call on Monday, October 29, 2007, at 8:33 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time by President Laurence Libin. 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 by roll call of the Secretary. Present: Laurence Libin (President), Joseph McCabe (Vice-President); Stephen Schnurr (Secretary), Carol Britt (Councilor for Archives, arrived 8:37 p.m.), Allen Kinzey (Councilor for Conventions), Will Headlee (Councilor for Education), Randall Wagner (Councilor for Finance and Development), Jack Bethards (Councilor for Organizational Concerns), Scot Huntington (Councilor for Research and Publications), Daniel Colburn (Executive Director), and James Stark (Treasurer). Also present: Gregory Crowell (Director of Publications), Len Levasseur, and James Wallmann (each for part of the meeting).

The following items were transacted during the telephone conference meeting:

Moved: Huntington; second—Wagner, to approve the American Organ Archives Operating Procedures in the version most recently revised by the Archives Governing Board and presented by Councilor Britt. Motion passed, one opposed (Schnurr).

Moved: Britt; second—Headlee, that the New England Organ Tour proposed by the Archives Governing Board as amended in the October 22 memo be provisionally approved with a final proposal due November 29. Vote by roll call: Bethards—yes; Britt—yes; Headlee—yes; Huntington—no; Kinzey—yes; McCabe—yes; Wagner—yes; Schnurr—no. Motion passed, two opposed.

Timing and method of election changes, including bylaws adaptations: Libin. The President proposed that the Councilor for Organizational Concerns, the Executive Director, and Mr. Wallmann consider the necessary aspects and ramifications of possible bylaws changes for timing of National Council elections.

2007 Symposium review: Libin. The President reported that the symposium was more successful than anticipated with approximately one-hundred participants, including many students. The President urged that participants who are not OHS members be solicited for membership.

Prospective fundraising ideas and individual prospects for donations: The President led brief discussion on this topic. He charged the Development Committee with concentrated work in this area. The Council will be asked to contact targeted individuals.

Review of Draft of Councilors' and Officers' responsibilities: Councilor Bethards distributed an updated document of responsibilities and asked for any final changes by Monday, November 5, before the Councilor sends the document to the Nominating Committee.

Moved: Huntington; second—Kinzey, that the National Council adopt the recommendation submitted by the Publications Governing Board, to wit: the major convention publication, presently called the *Atlas*, and the convention issue of *The Tracker* will be consolidated into one extraordinary convention publication, to be published as one issue of the Society's regular journal, and to be delivered to all members as a benefit of membership. This consolidation shall occur as deemed appropriate by the Publications Governing Board, and in consultation with the local convention committee and the Executive Director, and to take effect no sooner than volume

53, number 1. **Moved:** Huntington; second—Britt, to table the motion. Motion to table passed unanimously.

The Council discussed the Publications Governing Board's proposal for the future of convention publications and its relation to the Society's journal. The President charged the Executive Director, the Treasurer, the Vice-President, the Director of Publications, the Councilor for Research and Publications, Len Levasseur, Chris Anderson, and whomever they decide to include, to study the issue further and report to Council.

Job Descriptions: The Vice-President has received the Archivist's job description and awaits that of the Director of Publications. The Vice-President and the Executive Director are working on other job descriptions.

Electronic Membership Directory and Email Discussion List Policies: A sample membership directory in electronic format is under testing. The President, Vice-President, Executive Director, and Mr. Wallmann will work further on finalizing policies.

Committee list: The President established a deadline for submission of committee names and contact information to the Secretary by November 2, 2007.

The next special teleconference meeting will occur on Monday, November 26, 2007, at 8:30 p.m., Eastern Time.

Review of dates, times, and places of upcoming regular Council meetings

- A) Friday and Saturday, February 15 and 16, 2008, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- B) Saturday and Sunday, July 12 and 13, 2008, in Seattle, Washington
- C) October 2008 in Cleveland, Ohio

Adjournment: moved—Bethards; second—McCabe, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

--Respectfully submitted, Stephen Schnurr, Secretary.

--Approved, Monday, February 18, 2008, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.