

Minutes of the National Council Meeting

Sunday, June 26, 2011
Holiday Inn National Airport/Crystal City, Arlington, Virginia

Call to Order: This regular meeting of the National Council of the Organ Historical Society was called to order by President Scot Huntington on Sunday, June 26, 2011, at 9:08 a.m., in the Commonwealth Board Room of the Holiday Inn National Airport/Crystal City, Arlington, Virginia. A quorum of Council members was established. Present: Scot Huntington (President), William Czelusniak (Vice-President), Stephen Schnurr (Secretary), James Cook (Councilor for Education), Allen Kinzey (Councilor for Conventions), Christopher Marks (Councilor for Archives), Dennis Northway (Councilor for Research and Publications), Randall Wagner (Councilor for Finance and Development), Allen Langord (Treasurer), and James Weaver (Executive Director). Absent: Dana Robinson (Councilor for Organizational Concerns). Also present for part of the meeting: Bynum Petty (Archivist), A. Graham Down (incoming Councilor for Finance and Development), W. Dudley Oakes.

Approval of Minutes: Moved—Wagner; second—Kinzey, to approve minutes of the regular meeting of the National Council, held Saturday, March 12, 2011, in Arlington, Virginia, as circulated by the Secretary, and to be published at the Society's website.

Motion passed, 1 abstained (Schnurr).

REPORTS

President's Report: Scot Huntington. The President will be busy in the near future working with various convention committees. He is also occupied with Society members who contact him with their suggestions, concerns, and general requests for information. The President outlined a proposal for future convention *Atlas* publications with the intent to bring consistency to this publication.

The President introduced William Czelusniak to the Council as the new Vice President.

Vice-President's Report: William Czelusniak. Mr. Czelusniak has begun in earnest his work as Vice-President of the Society since his appointment at the last meeting of the Council and has busied himself in orientation for his ongoing work with the various committees and governing boards of the organization.

Treasurer: Allen Langord. The OHS balance sheet remains strong. Total assets are \$1,971,992 and total liabilities [all current] equal \$8,331. There is no long term debt. Market value of investments increased modestly. Income from investments was higher than anticipated. At the operating level a loss of \$30,513 is reported. Including non-operating income, the Society realized a small surplus of \$4,014. The expected bequest of \$10,000 from the Courter estate was received in a final amount of \$13,479.

Executive Director: James Weaver. The Executive Director has been busy with the implementation of the new information technology system, which went into use on March 21. More work needs to be done to refine the system to the best advantage, particularly for membership and catalogue usage. The staff at the Richmond headquarters, as well as past staff members, have all been helpful in this and other areas. A trip to Enfield, New Hampshire, allowed Mr. Weaver to become acquainted with the Archives holdings in that location as well as the need for eventual relocation of these items. The Executive Director looks to form a study group to look at marketing possibilities for the catalogue operations. Mr. Weaver has also worked closely with this year's convention committee. A development proposal was appended to Mr. Weaver's report, submitted for Council's consideration by Dudley Oakes. There followed considerable discussion regarding possibilities for renovation of the Society's website. The Executive Director has been asked to solicit ideas for the website and bring a proposal to the Council prior to the next meeting.

COUNCILORS' REPORTS

Archives: Christopher Marks. A Request for Proposals for relocation of the collection has been distributed through various media, and several informal inquiries have already been fielded in response. The Archives Governing Board has approved a policy for access and key distribution for the security of the collection in Enfield,

New Hampshire. The Report of the Archivist detailed his ongoing work, with the Archives usually open Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. The Archivist is actively processing the backlog of ephemera in the workroom. Approximately 600 books and ephemera have been catalogued, including the Skinner/Aeolian-Skinner engineering files. One quarter of the Estey shop orders have been catalogued. A \$25,000 grant has been secured from the Joseph G. Bradley Foundation for scanning the Skinner/Aeolian-Skinner layout drawings, which has been completed. The President introduced the Archivist to the Council.

Conventions: Allen Kinzey. Carl Schwartz and his Committee are to be thanked for their long, hard work in organizing this week's convention. For the 2012 Chicago convention, photography is completed and most agreements with venues are secured. Negotiations have begun with performers. The 2013 Northern Vermont Committee is finalizing its itinerary. There was no report from the 2014 Pipes Holiday Committee for Syracuse, New York. The 2015 Western Massachusetts Committee is also finalizing its convention itinerary. A proposal has been received for a 2017 convention. After discussion, there was consensus that a chair needs to be identified for the committee and consideration should be made for making this a 2016 Pipes Holiday.

Education: James Cook. There were six applicants for the E. Power Biggs Fellowship, from which four were selected to come to the 2011 Conven-

tion. The Historic Organ Citations Committee has awarded four Citations since the last meeting of the Council, and declined two applications. Two Citations will be presented during this week's convention. The Ogasapian Prize was awarded for Wm. A. Little's *Mendelssohn and the Organ*.

Moved: Marks; second—Northway, that appointments to the Publications Prize Committee be for four years. The following are appointed with the following initial terms: Christopher Marks (term expiring 2012); Tina Fruehauf (term expiring 2013); Bill Osborne (term expiring 2014); and Bynum Petty (term expiring 2015). Motion passed unanimously.

Finance and Development: Randall Wagner. The Endowment Fund was to be reported by the Treasurer. The Annual Fund and Development was to be reported by the Executive Director. There was no report from the Van Pelt Fund Committee.

Organizational Concerns: Dana Robinson. Recent discussions among members of the Distinguished Service Award committee have raised the need for council to evaluate the operating procedures for selecting recipients of the award. Proposed revisions to the Distinguished Service Award committee's operating procedures were presented for discussion. With Daniel Schwandt's election to the National Council, a new chair for this committee is needed. The councilor will meet with the Executive Director to form plans for membership recruitment on college and university campuses.

Research and Publications: Dennis Northway. The Publications Governing Board will meet the day after this meeting, in particular, to discuss marketing of OHS Press books. The report of the Director of Publications noted four monographs in the series, *Monographs in American Organ History*. There are numerous projects for the near future. The 2011 Convention *Atlas* will be more than 200 pages in length.

The meeting recessed for luncheon at 12:27 p.m.; the meeting reconvened at 1:50 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

Report of the Restructuring and Search Committee: Robinson. There was no report.

Guidelines for Restoration and Conservation: Cook. There was no report.

Citations Restructuring Committee: Cook. There was no report.

NEW BUSINESS

The Council discussed and reached consensus that payment to the chair of a Pipes Holiday will be the same as that of a chair of a Convention.

The Council discussed a fundraising proposal from W. Dudley Oakes.

The Council discussed the operating procedures of the Distinguished Service Award. There was consensus that volunteerism is affirmed as the guiding spirit behind the award.

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Organizer and Cooperating Organizations:

Kirchengemeinde Heilig Kreuz – Passion, Berlin-Kreuzberg, Gesellschaft der Orgelfreunde (GdO); International Association for Organdocumentation (IAOD); Organ Historical Society (OHS); Organ Clearing House, Charlestown; Fördereverein Hook-Organ Heilig Kreuz e.V.

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The Council discussed an employment proposal from Stephen L. Pinel.

The Executive Director presented a challenge to the National Council to consider initiatives to bring young persons into leadership positions within the Society.

The meeting recessed for the day at 5:01 p.m.

The meeting reconvened on Friday, July 1, 2011, at 1:10 p.m. in the sanctuary of Trinity United Methodist Church of McLean, Virginia. Present: Scot Huntington, William Czelusniak, Stephen Schnurr, Dennis Northway, James

Cook, Randall Wagner, Allen Langord, and Jim Weaver.

Moved: Northway; second—Wagner, that National Council have a retreat adjacent to the normal Council meeting at a place to be determined in October to develop a strategic plan. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved: Wagner; second—Cook, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 1:12 p.m.

—Respectfully submitted,
Stephen Schnurr, secretary.
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