

MINUTES OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2013

Chicago, Illinois

CALL TO ORDER

President Czelusniak called to order a regular meeting of the National Council of the Organ Historical Society on Friday, October 25, 2013 at 9:05am CDT.

ROLL CALL

(P-PRESENT)

William Czelusniak (President) P
Daniel Clayton (Vice-President) P
Jeff Weiler (Secretary) P
Allen Langord (Treasurer) P
Will Bridegam (Counselor for Finance and Development) P
Jeffrey Dexter (Counselor for Organizational Concerns) P
James Cook (Counselor for Education) P
Christopher Marks (Counselor for Archives) P
Daniel Schwandt (Counselor for Conventions) P
James Weaver (Executive Director) P

A quorum of Council members was established.

INTRODUCTIONS AND OPENING REMARKS

President Czelusniak commented on the meeting format for the day.

Approval of Minutes

MOVED — Jeffrey Dexter that the minutes of the June 24, 2013 meeting be approved. Motion carried with Mr. Clayton abstaining.

Ratification of Recent Unanimous E-mail Votes

- 1) Moved — Jeffrey Dexter, that Randall E. Wagner be nominated to the Endowment Fund Advisory Board.
- 2) Moved — Jeffrey Dexter, that the Endowment Fund Advisory Board be charged by National Council to review all relevant sections of the OHS By-laws (Part 5.5 Endowment Fund Advisory Board, Sections (a) through (f) inclusive of all paragraphs and sub-sections), and then to proceed with its business with vigor and compliance, to best benefit of the Organ Historical Society.
- 3) Moved — Jeffrey Weiler, that the National Council accepts with regret the resignation of A. Graham Down from his position as

Counselor for Finance and Development, per his statement to this effect received on Tuesday morning, July 23, 2013.

- 4) Moved — Jeffery Weiler, that the National Council extends to A. Graham Down our profound thanks for his generous and valuable service to the OHS as a Counselor, noting especially his introductions to pivotal consultants continuing to serve the best interests of the Society. Likewise, that the National Council extend support and encouragement to Mr. Down to continue in valuable service to the Society through his current work on the Strategic Planning Committee.
- 5) Moved — Jeffery Weiler, to nominate Willis Bridegam of Amherst, Massachusetts to succeed Mr. Down as the Counselor for Finance and Development, which service would commence immediately upon the approval of this body, and shall continue through to the conclusion of the annual meeting (of membership) in 2015 — the extent of the current term vacated by Mr. Down.

MOVED — Jim Cook, that the motions above be ratified. Motion carried.

Resignation of Theresa Slowik

MOVED — Jeffery Weiler, that the resignation of Theresa Slowik be accepted with regret, and the gratitude of the Organ Historical Society be extended for her bringing her wisdom and vision from the world of publishing to bear on the society. Motion carried.

Extension Executive Director Contract

MOVED — Dan Clayton, that James Weaver's contract be extended for a period of two years under the same terms except that mileage is to be reimbursed at the maximum current federal rate. Motion carried.

ARCHIVES GOVERNING BOARD

MOVED — Chris Marks, that the renewed terms for Carol Britt and Will Bridegam to the Archives Governing Board be ratified. Motion carried with Mr. Bridegam abstaining.

Executive Session

MOVED — Chris Marks, that the meeting enter executive session at 9:29am. Motion carried.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:50am.

The meeting reconvened in executive session at 1:28pm.

MOVED — Chris Marks, that the executive session be ended at 2:45pm. Motion carried.

Executive Director Employment Review

Mr. Weaver was thanked for his exemplary work on behalf of the society.

FRIENDS OF THE OHSLA — Mr. Bridegam reported on the successful formation of the Friends of the Organ Historical Society Library and Archive. \$17,625 has been contributed to date.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Langord referenced his written report.

The budget committee will begin work on an operating budget immediately to be completed by December 2. The president appointed Chris Marks to the committee in addition to the vice president and treasurer.

ARCHIVES REPORT AND BUDGET PRESENTATION

Mr. Marks commented on recent acquisitions and activities at the archives.

INVESTMENT ADVICE AND PHILANTHROPIC SERVICES

MOVED — Jim Cook, that recently developing circumstances have revealed the importance of OHS receiving professional support such as major donor services. Wells Fargo can provide these services. Consequently, the National Council strongly urges the Endowment

Committee to engage the investment and philanthropic services of Wells Fargo as soon as possible. Motion carried.

BYLAWS REVIEW

MOVED — Jeff Weiler, that E. Marie Wilson, who served as parliamentarian at the 2013 annual membership meeting, be solicited for a cost proposal and plan for a comprehensive review of the bylaws. Motion carried.

2015 CONVENTION ATLAS

MOVED — Will Bridegam that, in accordance with the OHS bylaws, the council reject Stephen Pinel's proposal for research for the 2015 convention atlas. Motion carried.

2014 CONVENTION PROGRESS REPORT

Messrs. Weaver and Schwandt reported good progress on preparations for the 2014 convention in Syracuse. Many artists have been contacted, venues identified, and hotel arrangements confirmed.

UPDATED COMMITTEE ROSTERS AND COUNCILORS' REPORTS

The president called for reports to be filed. The secretary called for updated contact information from councilors, committee responsibilities, and names of members serving on committees.

The next council meeting of the OHS National Council shall be held in person in the Philadelphia area on Friday and Saturday, January 17-18, 2014.

Adjournment

The president declared the meeting adjourned at 6:00pm.

/s/ Jeff Weiler, Secretary



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