

## NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING FRIDAY & SATURDAY, JANUARY 17-18, 2014 Villanova, Pennsylvania

President Czelusniak called to order a meeting of the National Council of the Organ Historical Society on Friday, January 17, 2014 at 9:08am, EST, at the Villanova Conference Center.

Councilor Cook was appointed scribe in the absence of Secretary Weiler, who was unable to attend the meeting.

### ROLL CALL

(P-PRESENT, AE-ABSENT & EXCUSED)

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

A quorum of Council members was established.

Motion was made by Councilor Bridegam to approve the minutes of the telephone meeting of Monday, December 16, 2013. The motion passed unanimously.

President Czelusniak presented a check to AIO in the amount of \$500.00 to President Matthew Bellocchio for the AIO Fifth Decade Fund at the AIO Convention in Winston-Salem, North Carolina in October. Mr. Bellocchio has conveyed his sincere personal gratitude, on behalf of the AIO, for our generous support.

Councilor Marks moved that we accept written reports from councilors and officers. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilor Cook moved that henceforth the Biggs Fellowship Committee report directly to the executive director, and that the Historic Organ Awards Committee and the Ogasapian Publication Prize Committee report through Councilor Dexter to the executive director. The motion passed unanimously. Councilor Dexter will begin the process of identifying a

new chair for the Ogasapian Publication Prize Committee.

Councilor Cook moved that council dissolve the Historic Organ Awards Review Committee, thanking the remaining members for their service. The motion passed unanimously. Councilor Cook will inform the members of the former committee of council's action.

Councilor Cook moved that we re-establish the Historic Organ Awards Committee to be a standing committee of five people reporting to the executive director through Councilor Dexter. The motion passed unanimously. Councilors Dexter and Cook will work with the current Historic Organ Awards Committee and its members as they reorganize for the future.

Council discussed the make-up of the nominating committee as required by the present bylaws. Carol Britt and Samuel Baker were elected by voting members of the society last year. Their election was announced at the annual meeting in Vermont. In keeping with current bylaws section 5.4 (c), council added Councilor Marks and Vice-President Clayton to the committee.

Councilor Schwandt moved that council go into executive session at 11:03am, EST. The motion passed unanimously. The executive session was in recess from 11:39am until 3:08pm, when deliberations resumed. The executive session ended and council's regular business resumed at 3:28pm, EST.

In keeping with current bylaws, that council appoint a society member at large to the nominating committee, a slate of six names was presented to President Czelusniak. He will contact them beginning with the first name on the list; the first person to agree will be the fifth member of the nominating committee. That committee must present a slate of two candidates for each position being vacated on the National Council in 2015; their report is due to council by June 1.

Council discussed matters involving publications and the Publications Governing Board.

Council discussed several problems and inconsistencies in our current bylaws. Councilors were reminded that the current bylaws were the result of attempting to make revisions to a previous version of bylaws (this may have been done multiple times), not written afresh with a new organizational structure in mind.

Vice-President Clayton moved that council em-

power Jim Weaver, Willis Bridegam, and Chris Marks to develop a new set of bylaws. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion revealed the need to define ways to make the transition from the current structure to the one we will be under beginning in 2015. Specific elements of that transition were identified.

Councilor Schwandt moved that the bylaws working group also make recommendations regarding the transition. The motion passed unanimously.

Council discussed Councilor Bridegam's motion that the OHS National Council and all OHS committees be expected in the future to hold all of their meetings by teleconference, except those scheduled during the OHS conventions. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting recessed at 6:06pm EST, Friday, January 18, 2014 and resumed at 8:32pm, EST Saturday, January 18, 2014.

Several financial matters were discussed and a protracted review of the budget and the first quarter balance sheet was conducted. Receipt of a gift of \$117,666.34 in November from the estate of Dr. James Arnold Fenimore (1925-2013) of Ruidoso, New Mexico was acknowledged, and its possible uses were discussed.

Councilor Cook moved that OHS commit the Fenimore gift to the contingency fund for future use. The motion passed unanimously.

The Endowment Advisory Board report was discussed and details presented to council.

Convention progress for Syracuse, and some aspects of conventions beyond 2014, were reviewed. Councilor Schwandt moved that OHS confirm the scheduling of the 2016 convention for June 26-July 1 in Philadelphia. The motion passed unanimously.

Council will meet next on Tuesday evening, February 25, 2014 at 6:30pm, CST via teleconference.

The next face-to-face meeting will take place in Syracuse at 9:00am, EDT, Monday, August 11, 2014.

President Czelusniak adjourned the meeting at 11:50am

/s/ Jim Cook

## NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2014 Telephone Conference

President Czelusniak called to order a special meeting of the National Council of the Organ Historical Society on Wednesday, March 12, 2014 at 8:04pm, EDT, by telephone conference.

Christopher Marks agreed to act as scribe in the absence of Jeff Weiler.

### ROLL CALL

(P-PRESENT, AE-ABSENT & EXCUSED)

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

A quorum of Council members was established.

**Approval of Minutes** from the national council meeting of Tuesday, February 25, 2014 by video-conference. **Moved**— Dan Schwandt, to accept the minutes as presented. **Motion carried.**

### FUNDRAISING

**Moved**— Will Bridegam, that the National Council accept the report of the Executive Director and his recommendation that the OHS contract with the Carter Consulting Group for fundraising services to be provided between March 15, 2014 and March 15, 2015 for an amount not to exceed \$48,000 plus travel expenses, according to the estimated timetable with task implementation submitted. **Motion carried.**

*Daniel Schwandt left the meeting at 8:25pm.*

**Moved**— Christopher Marks, that fundraising expenses be taken from the contingency fund established at the January 17, 2014, national council meeting. **Motion carried.**

The next council meeting will be Tuesday, March 25, 2014, at 7:30pm EDT.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm EDT

/s/ Christopher Marks, scribe