

NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING SPECIAL MEETING BY VIDEO CONFERENCE TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2014

CALL TO ORDER. President Czelusniak called to order a meeting of the National Council of the Organ Historical Society on Tuesday, March 25, 2014 at 8:03pm EDT, by video-conference.

APPOINTMENT OF THE SCRIBE. In the absence of Jeff Weiler, Councilor James H. Cook served as the scribe for recording these proceedings.

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
James Weaver (Executive Director) P

A quorum of Council members was established.

Approval of Minutes. Councilor Dexter moved the minutes of a special meeting of the National Council by telephone conference on Wednesday, March 12, 2014, be approved as received. Motion carried.

REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE

DIRECTOR. Vice-President Clayton moved the report from Executive Director Weaver be accepted. During discussion current registration numbers for the Syracuse convention were reviewed and accepted as an indication of a successful convention. Motion carried.

OHS MISSION STATEMENT. Councilor Marks moved the following sentence be accepted as the new mission statement and incorporated into the new bylaws currently under development:

The Organ Historical Society celebrates, preserves, and studies the pipe organ in America, in all its historical styles, through research, education, advocacy, and music.

Motion carried.

QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

Discussion revolved around two concerns, the first being a question about the eligibility of nominating committee members for nomination. Councilors Bridegam and Marks pointed out that both Robert's Rules of Order and our current bylaws do not prevent a member of the Nominating Committee from being nominated as a candidate in an upcoming election. Council noted the potential for abuse and decided that in the future no Councilor eligible for reelection should be named to the Nominating Committee.

The second matter considered was the ambiguity surrounding the 2015 elections and the transition to councilors without portfolio. Two seats are up for election, and the current bylaws require at least two nominations for each seat. The Nominating Committee has determined two possible scenarios for structuring the ballot, and asked Council's opinion on how to proceed.

NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING BY TELECONFERENCE TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2014 TELECONFERENCE, 8:00PM EDT

President Czelusniak called the meeting to order at 8:01pm EDT.

In Secretary Weiler's absence, Councilor Cook was appointed as scribe for 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
James Weaver (Executive Director) P

A quorum of Council members was established.

A motion to approve the minutes of a meeting of the National Council by teleconference on Monday, April 21, 2014 as circulated was made by Councilor Schwandt. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Bridegam moved that we postpone discussion of the revised bylaws document and emendations, of the OHS governance transition plans, and of membership development and a proposed brochure. The motion carried.

Council discussed a date for continuing discussion of the bylaws and received a report from Councilor Bridegam on the status of endowment funds investment. President Czelusniak reported on his address to the St. Wilfrid Club in New York City and its favorable reception by the sixty or so august persons in attendance.

The next meeting of National Council will take place on Tuesday, May 27, 2014 at 8:00pm EDT by electronic conference.

Councilor Marks moved that this meeting be adjourned to continue Monday May 12 at 8:30 EDT via teleconference. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

President Czelusniak adjourned the meeting at 8:33pm EDT.

NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING SPECIAL MEETING BY TELECONFERENCE MONDAY, MAY 12, 2014 7:30PM CDT

CALL TO ORDER

President Bill Czelusniak called to order a special meeting of the National Council of the Organ Historical Society on Monday, May 12, 2014 at 7:32pm CDT. This meeting was a continuation of an adjourned special meeting held Tuesday, May 6, 2014.

ROLL CALL

(P-PRESENT)

William Czelusniak (President) P
Daniel Clayton (Vice President) P
Jeff Weiler (Secretary) P
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
James Weaver (Executive Director) P

A quorum of Council members was established.

Adoption of Agenda

Motion to adopt agenda as presented. Moved: Chris Marks. Carried

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ADOPTION OF THE REVISED BYLAWS AS AMENDED. That the revised bylaws, as amended, in the form distributed to councilors via email on Friday, May 10 (document filename "140509 Bylaws Revision for publication.docx") be approved and that these revised bylaws be presented to the general membership for approval by ballot vote. Moved: Chris Marks.

Motion to further amend the revised bylaws by removing extraneous words in the section named Provisos Relating to Transition. Moved: Chris Marks. Motion carried. A corrected copy of the revised bylaws is appended to and made a part of these minutes.

After some discussion, the president called the question. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A special meeting of National Council will take place on Tuesday, May 27, 2014 at 7:00pm by teleconference. The order of business will be to receive reports from the officers, to take action on the Publications Governing Board, and to authorize the work of officers at the summer conventions.

Adjournment

President Czelusniak adjourned the meeting at 7:45pm CDT.

/s/ Jeff Weiler, Secretary