

# Obituaries



**J**AMES "JIM" MOSBY BRATTON of Denver, Colo., passed away January 9, 2017, just three days shy of his 88th birthday. He is preceded in death by his parents, Eugene Nelson and Frances Moore (White) Bratton, and his sister, Jean Scott. He is survived by his partner, David Martin Wasserburger and brother, Donald Bratton.

Jim Bratton was born on January 12, 1929, in Staunton, Va., and studied music, piano and organ performance at Peabody Institute of the Johns Hopkins University, then served

from 1952 to 1954 as Chaplin's assistant at Fitzsimons Army Medical Center. He later studied at the University of Denver and the University of Colorado, Boulder, earning his BA, MA, and PhD. He taught and performed at DU and the Lamont School of Music and retired as Professor Emeritus after 33 years. He was for many years organist and choirmaster of St. Mark's Episcopal Church and Temple Emanuel.

A professional harpist, James Bratton was a meticulous restorer of player pianos, pipe and reed organs, and clocks. He was a founding member and past president of the Reed Organ Society, past dean of the Denver AGO Chapter, and a member of the OHS, ATOS, and NAWCC.

**J**AMES A. WOOD of Concord, N.H., died Sunday, October 16, 2016, at the age of 90. He was born on Nantucket Island February 8, 1926. After graduating from Nantucket High School, he studied at the Longy School of Music in Cambridge, Mass., majoring in organ with E. Power Biggs and George Faxon, and choral conducting with Sarah Caldwell. During World War II he served in Europe as an Army medic. After the war, he continued his studies at the Mozarteum in Salzburg and Trinity College in London where he received his degree.

He served as director of music at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Nashua, N.H., for 23 years, and at Saint Paul's Church in Concord, N.H., from 1970 until his retirement. In 1956, he joined the faculty of Saint Paul's School in Concord, and became head of the music department and director of chapel music in 1970. In 1955, with colleagues, he founded the Actorsingers of Nashua, a community group of vocalists and actors producing musicals and operettas.

He was a dean of the New Hampshire AGO Chapter and was named Honorary Member in 2008. He was also a president of the New Hampshire Music Teachers Association, and a member of American Choral Directors Association. In 1970, with the Rev. Richard Aiken he inaugurated the Saint Paul's School Christmas Service of Lessons and Carols that has garnered capacity crowds ever since.

James A. Wood was pre-deceased by his wife, Constance A. Wood, a daughter, Licia A. O'Connor, and a grandson, Alexander. A Celebration of Life was held at the Old Chapel at Saint Paul's School on Saturday, October 22. Donations in memory of James A. Wood may be made to Saint Paul's School Music Department, 325 Pleasant Street, Concord NH 03301, or Saint Paul's Church Food Pantry, 21 Centre Street, Concord NH 03301.



## Minutes | ORGAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### MINUTES

#### ORGAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**OCTOBER 18, 2016**

#### CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Organ Historical Society was called to order by Chair Christopher Marks at 8:03 p.m. EDT by teleconference on October 18, 2016. Secretary Jeffrey Dexter was present.

#### ROLL CALL AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Secretary called the roll. A quorum was established. Members in attendance were: Willis Bridegam, William Czelusniak, Jeffrey Dexter, Christopher Marks, and James Weaver. Craig Cramer and Kimberly Marshall were absent.

Without objection, the minutes of the September 20, 2016 meeting were approved as distributed.

#### REPORTS OF OFFICERS

CEO Weaver — reported on the possible dona-

tion of a 17th c. Dutch cabinet organ. The first Lifetime Membership has been subscribed. Work continues to solidify the leadership retreat for late January.

Treasurer Bridegam — led a discussion on the August and September Financial Reports.

Vice-chair Czelusniak has provided a letter for the annual fund appeal. A committee is being formed for the capital campaign effort. CEO Weaver discussed additional fund raising efforts being pursued.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Chair Marks provided a review of a proposal received for the rebuilding of the OHS website.

#### NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the board will be Tuesday, November 15, 8:00 pm EDT, via teleconference.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.