

**2006 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING of the
AMERICAN THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY (ATOS)
(Held during the 2006 Tampa, Florida, Annual Convention)**

**Tampa Theatre, Tampa, Florida
May 28, 2006, 9:00 A.M.**

The Annual Meeting of the ATOS Membership was called to order by President Gus Franklin. He noted that the Meeting would be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order and that Jeff Weiler would serve as the Parliamentarian. A quorum was present to conduct the business given in the notice of the Meeting.

The President made some introductory comments. He thanked the Convention Committee, and the Central Florida and Manasota Chapters for hosting the Convention and hoped everyone was enjoying the Convention.

The meeting was open to any member of ATOS whether attending the Convention or not. Voting, should it be needed, would be limited to a member or only one person of a family membership.

It was noted that the meeting was being recorded for purposes of producing the minutes of the meeting by the Secretary and would not be available to anyone for any other purpose.

Current Officers were introduced: President – Gus Franklin; Vice President – Bob Davidson; Secretary – Jack Moelmann; and Treasurer – Paul Van Der Molen.

The new Officers for 2006-2007 were introduced: Bob Davidson - President; Michael Fellenzer – Vice President; Jack Moelmann - Secretary, and Paul Van Der Molen - Treasurer.

New members elected to the Board of Directors this year for a 3-year term were welcomed:

Michael Fellenzer but it was noted that he resigned as an elected Director and Donna Parker was appointed by the Board to fill the vacancy. Others elected this year were Don Near and Doug Powers.

The Directors and Staff were introduced (not necessarily in this order) and present for the meeting: Mike Cierski, Jelani Eddington, Russell Holmes, Ed Mullins, Don Near, Nelson Page, Donna Parker, Doug Powers, and Carlton Smith. Staff Members/Committee Chairs: Jim Merry, Mike Kinerk, Jeff Weiler, Dan Bellomy, and Jim and Delores Patak. John Riester, the Youth Representative to the Board was absent.

A motion was made by Tom Hoehn with a second by Ken Double to approve the minutes of the last Annual Meeting in 2005 held in Pasadena, California, as published in the November/December 2005 issue of *THEATRE ORGAN* - Unanimous.

The Treasurer, Paul Van Der Molen, gave the treasurer's report: For the ten months, the income was \$264,000, expenses were \$261,000 which brought us close to our income. The Board approved, pending IRS approval, an ATOS fiscal year ending April 30 of each year. The endowment fund has \$166,000, and everyone was encouraged to consider making contributions to the fund, possibly through estates.

A motion to approve the report was made by Floyd Broussard and a second by Tom Hoehn - Unanimous.

The Secretary, Jack Moelmann, gave a report of actions taken by the Board during the past year. The ATOS Board of Directors met two times in 2006 since the last meeting in Pasadena in 2005. The meetings were a mid-year meeting in St. Louis, Missouri, January 7, 2006 and the Annual Board of Directors' Meeting in Tampa beginning on Tuesday, May 23, 2006. The following actions were taken:

- a. The ATOS Archive rented space in Joliet, Illinois, was increased to 910 sq. ft. at \$800.04/month for the first year; \$823.55/month for the second year, and \$847.81/month for the third year. (This is a 3% annual increase for the three years).
- b. What had been referred to as a New Jersey Area Convention for 2007 was renamed as the "ATOS Grand Organ Tour 2007" with Nelson Page and Mike Kinerk serving as co-chairs.
- c. A resolution was adopted which allows a bank account to be established for the 2007 Convention with signatories being Nelson Page and Mike Kinerk (the convention co-chairs), Bob Maney (the Convention Treasurer), and Paul Van Der Molen (the ATOS Treasurer).
- d. A proposed Annual Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, in 2008 was approved with Tim Needier serving as the Convention Chairman.
- e. A Convention Emcee will be offered reimbursement for travel to and from a convention at the lowest economy rate, the convention registration, any extras where the emcee's service would be required, e.g. jam sessions, and the hotel nights of the convention including the night before the convention starts and after it ends. In addition, the emcee will be offered an honorarium of \$500. The cost of the banquet will also be included should an emcee be required for the event. Should an emcee be required for the pre-glow and/or after-glow involving organ related activities, the costs for any additional honorarium and/or hotel costs will be the responsibility of the host Chapter. This section is intended as a guideline. Other compensations could be provided, either higher or lower, if specific conditions require adjustments, provided the arrangements are approved by the convention committee and by the ATOS CPC, and finally through the overall event budget approval process, which also requires approval by ATOS Treasurer.
- f. ATOS will place an ad for the Wurlitzer Book in the Organ Historical Society (OHS) Convention Handbook at a cost of approximately \$520.
- g. Sales of the ATOS Calendar have not done well. They will be sent to a print shop and cut down to sell strictly as photo sets.
- h. In order to have a formal resolution concerning the establishment of an archives, the following resolution was made: ATOS will create and maintain an archives for the preservation of historical materials pertinent to the interests of ATOS as well as the business records of the Society.
- i. The Educators Guide and the Shop Notes are no longer available as they are out of print.
- j. \$5,000 was approved to acquire new space and move the Marketplace from the San Diego, California, area to a location closer and more convenient to the Marketplace Manager's residence (i.e., John Ledwon).
- k. The Advertising Manager position was terminated effective April 15, 2006. The advertising function will be incorporated into the responsibilities of the Journal Editor at a compensation of 10% of gross advertising revenues. Jeff Weiler is to assume the duties of the Journal Editor on September 1, 2006 as an independent contractor at the rate of \$1,000 per month. However, beginning with the March/April 2006 and through the July/August issues of the Journal, he would serve as Co-Editor as an independent contractor at the rate of \$1,000 per issue. Dan Bellomy was appointed Web Site Manager and Editor.
- l. The Pipe Organ Owners Group and its publication "The Glue Pot" were terminated mainly because of lack of interest and participation.

- m. The Student of the Year Award recipient, and a parent or guardian for a person under the age of 18, will be provided a banquet ticket at the Annual Convention, as applicable.
- n. The current membership of ATOS is 4,180 as of April 30 which is down from 4367 as reported in July 2005.
- o. With the realignment of the Journal advertising function, Michael Fellenzer, as the Advertising Manager, will be offered \$2,000 as a settlement for monies owed up through April 15, 2006. Jeff Weiler is to assume the advertising responsibilities as Co-Editor and future Editor of the Journal as of April 15, 2006.
- p. All invoices from vendors for work done for any ATOS publication are to be sent to the Publisher for approval before payment is made by the Treasurer. Additional copies are to be sent to the President and Journal Editor.
- q. All forms, leaflets, and brochures which include any names of current Directors or Staff personnel, any indication of current membership rates, or any other then current information which could be changed by Board action during the course of a given year shall be printed in such quantity as not to exceed the anticipated use of said documents during that year. Additionally, since all such documents are publications of ATOS, they are to be approved in draft form by the Publisher and the Publications Manager before any printing order is executed.
- r. The policy inviting the *ATOS International News* Editor to Board Meetings was deleted since the *ATOS International News* is no longer a separate publication but only included as a centerfold in the Journal.
- s. All agreements and contracts will be approved and signed by the President unless the Board has specifically delegated this responsibility in writing to another official for a specified activity or program (e.g. the Convention Planning Coordinator). A copy of each such document, signed by the President, will be maintained by the Secretary.
- t. Economy air fare (defined as economy coach fare for a non-stop, daytime flight if available, booked at least one month in advance) will be reimbursed for Directors and Staff members in order to attend scheduled Board of Directors' meetings.
- u. The option to pay \$500 for two years to become a Life Member (The President's Circle) was eliminated. The Life Membership rate remains at \$1,000 to be paid at one time and a \$500 tax deductible incentive is offered.
- v. Dan Bellomy, as the new Web Site Manager, was authorized to procure a new computer system at the cost of \$1,802.
- w. The Executive Secretary's contract was extended from April 30 to the end of May with no changes made at the time.
- x. An attorney was retained to provide written notice to the New York Chapter concerning an apparent dispute over the 2007 convention scheduled to be held in the Chapter's area of operation.
- y. \$540 was approved for the purchase of a new printer for the Executive Secretary needed for the production of various membership documents.
- z. \$5,000 was approved as a settlement to the New York Theatre Organ Society over the dispute over the 2007 convention being planned in their area of operation.
- Actions taken at the meeting in Tampa, May 2006:
- aa. Michael Fellenzer, Don Near and Doug Powers were seated to the Board after their successful election this year.

bb. The appointment of officers resulted in the following:

President - Bob Davidson
Vice-President - Michael Fellenzer
Secretary - Jack Moelmann
Treasurer - Paul Van Der Molen

cc. The following Archive Collections Policy for the ATOS Archives was approved: The American Theatre Organ Society Archive actively pursues the acquisition and preservation of historic, primary research materials specifically related to the theatre pipe organ, theatre organists, and the corporate activities of ATOS and its Chapters. These materials include photos, stoplists, and specifications of theatre organ installations; contracts, correspondence, blueprints, engineering documents, and business records pertaining to theatre organ installations and theatre organ builders; photos, correspondence, performance contracts, programs, recordings and scores as they relate specifically to the activities of theatre organists and theatre organ personalities; books, drafts, transcripts, lectures, interviews and other publications related to the theatre pipe organ; silent film scores, pedagogues, and music specifically composed, arranged, or adapted for the theatre organ; oral histories, written reminiscences, and other documents or artifacts relating specifically to the theatre organ.

dd. A new Chapter, the Great Lakes Chapter, was approved. The Chapter's area of operation serves Western and Central Michigan as well as Northern Indiana.

ee. The Board accepted the resignation of Joy Stephens, long term Parliamentarian to the Board of Directors. Jeff Weiler assumed the duties as Parliamentarian effective immediately.

ff. The following grants were awarded from the Endowment Fund for 2006:

The Central Ohio Chapter was awarded \$1500 for the purchase of a post horn for the Worthington High School Chapter Wurlitzer.

The Central Florida Chapter was awarded \$750 toward the purchase of a Wurlitzer Toy Counter for the Pinella Park Auditorium Wurlitzer.

g. An ATOS memorial fund will be established for donations to the endowment fund in memory of lost ones

hh. The Trustees for the Endowment Fund were appointed for 2006-2007:

Michael Fellenzer - Chairman
Nelson Page - Board Member and Recording Secretary
Paul Van Der Molen - Financial Secretary (Treasurer)
Alden Stockebrand - Member
Bob Maney - Member

ii. Bob Miloche was appointed as the chair of the Nominations Committee. Fern Siemens will continue to serve as the election teller.

jj. In addition to the four officers, Don Near and Nelson Page were appointed to the Executive Committee.

kk. The Executive Secretary's contract was renewed for the period June 1, 2006 to August 31, 2007 at the rate of \$2,000 which represents an increase of \$500 per month.

ll. The Budget for 2006-2007 was approved.

mm. Paragraph 4.3 of the bylaws was revised to delete the requirement to have a "withhold" space on the election ballot.

nn. Elected Director, Michael Fellenzer, resigned his seat on the Board but remained as the appointed Vice President. Donna Parker was appointed by the Board to fill the vacancy.

oo. A policy concerning annual election procedures was changed to the following: Candidate résumés are to be sent to the Nominating Committee Chairperson. It is strongly recommended that nominations be sent via "return receipt" or similar mail class if international. Nominations may also be sent digitally; however, the sender MUST verify receipt of the nomination by the Chairperson.

pp. The following committees were approved for 2006-2007:

- Acquisitions & Expansions
- Awards and Recognition
- Archives/Library
- ATOS International News
- Bylaws
- Chapter Relations
- Convention Planning
- David L. Junchen Technical Scholarship
- Education & Archival Liaison
- Electronics Organs (ETONES)
- Electronic Theatre Organ Competition
- Endowment Fund
- Historian
- Inner-City Youth Program
- Membership
- Mentor Program
- Nominations - Board Elections
- Organist Scholarships
- Public Relations
- Publications Review
- Publisher
- Restoration and Preservation
- Simonton Literary Prize
- Strategic Planning
- Technical
- Technical Consultation Program
- ATOS Hobbyist Competition
- Young Theatre Organist Competition
- Youth Initiatives
 - George Wright Memorial Fellowship
 - Theatre Organ Instructor Lists
 - Theatre Organ Student of the Year
 - Theatre Organ Workshops

A mid-year meeting of the Board of Directors will be held in January 2007 in the Chicago, Illinois, Suburb Area.

The next Annual ATOS Membership Meeting will be held in conjunction with the 2007 Annual Convention with the specific time and date and place to be announced in the *Theatre Organ* Journal.

Members of the Board and Staff were asked if they wanted to make any comments.

Jim Merry - Membership and Executive Secretary matters.

Mike Kinerk – Convention Planning

Russell Holmes – Young Theatre Organist Competition

Ed Mullins – Chapter Relations and noting a 2/3 Wurlitzer available from Wyoming

Doug Powers – Strategic planning

Michael Fellenzer – Expressed appreciation for being able to serve ATOS.

Don Near – Expressed his appreciation for being elected and encouraged Chapters to host a convention.

NEW BUSINESS: No items were brought to the floor.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with a motion from Henry McCluer and a second from Tom Hoehn at 9:45 A.M. - Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

JACK MOELMANN, Secretary