

**2007 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING of the
AMERICAN THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY (ATOS)
(held during the 2007 annual convention in New York, New York)**

**New York Marriott Marquis Hotel
July 4, 2007 2:30 P.M.**

The Annual Meeting of the ATOS Membership was called to order by President Ken Double at 2:33 PM. In the absence of Secretary Bob Evans, Director Jelani Eddington agreed to act as scribe to aid in the preparation of the minutes. With approximately 90 members in attendance, a quorum was present pursuant to ATOS Bylaws Section 3.5(a). The meeting generally followed the agenda distributed to those in attendance.

Following brief introductory comments, the President introduced the Officers, Directors, and Staff of ATOS:

Officers 2007-2008: President – Ken Double, Vice President – Craig Peterson, Secretary – Bob Evans (absent), Treasurer – Paul Van Der Molen

Directors elected for the term 2007-2010: Jelani Eddington, Allen Miller, Michael Fellenzer

Director appointed to fill vacancy left open in September 2006: Vern Bickel

Other Directors: Doug Powers, Carlton Smith, Donna Parker (absent), Michael Cierski, Don Near, and Tyler Morkin (ATOS Youth Representative 2007-2009).

ATOS Staff: Jim Merry (Executive Secretary), Jeff Weiler (ATOS Journal Editor). Jim & Dolores Patak (ATOS Archives), Robert Ridgeway (Convention Reviewer), Michael Kinerk (Convention Planning Coordinator). Tom Blackwell (ATOS Webmaster)

The President acknowledged outgoing Director Ed Mullins, and the Board and membership thanked him for his service.

The President reported on the ongoing process of reorganizing the committee assignments of ATOS to be more streamlined and efficient

Old Business

Outgoing Secretary John Riester prepared a report to the membership of minutes from all meetings since the 2006 Annual Membership Meeting, including the minutes of the last annual membership meeting. That report was distributed to all in attendance. Hearing no revisions or corrections, the President declared the minutes approved and accepted.

New Business

Paul Van Der Molen presented the Treasurer's report, noting that this was the first year that ATOS has used the IRS-approved fiscal year of May 1 - April 30. These figures will be submitted to the Board and will be used for the official financial review to be conducted by an accountant. These figures contain estimated income figures as well as expenses. The Treasurer discussed the contents of the report in detail.

The President reported on the subject of the June 19, 2007 telephone conference call relating to the Lowell Ayars/Smithsonian project. The President summarized that the Smithsonian project would not be pursued due to personnel change and lack of interest at the museum. Nevertheless, an excellent opportunity exists to support the installation of the Ayars organ in the

Greek Room at Macy's (formerly Wanamaker) Department Store in Philadelphia. The installation is being completed by the 501(c)(3) organization, The Friends of Wanamaker. The Board has authorized the use of \$100,000 of the funds earmarked for the Smithsonian project to support the Friends of Wanamaker project, subject to the Board making its best effort to contact identifiable donors to the Smithsonian project.

Director Jelani Eddington addressed the contents of his July 1, 2007 report to the membership, which was distributed to those in attendance. The report detailed a proposal to amend Sections 4.2 and 4.4 of the ATOS Bylaws to codify the position of the ATOS Youth Representative. The Board had authorized at its mid-year meeting in February 2007 that this proposal be placed before the membership for approval at the Annual Membership Meeting. Director Jelani Eddington moved (seconded by Ed Mullins) that the following bylaw changes be adopted:

Section 4.2 NUMBER AND QUALIFICATION OF DIRECTORS.

c. Ex-Officio Directors. There shall be two Ex-Officio Directors who shall be (i) the Immediate Past President, and (ii) the ATOS Youth Representative to the Board. For the purposes of this Section 4.2, the person serving as President upon the expiration of the term shall be considered the Immediate Past President. The person selected by or with the authority of the Board to be ATOS Youth Representative to the Board shall serve as ATOS Youth Representative. The Ex-Officio Directors serve in an advisory capacity and shall have no right to vote on matters before the Board.

Section 4.4 TERM OF OFFICE.

c. Ex-Officio Directors.
(i) The Immediate Past President shall serve as an Ex-Officio Director for one year, immediately following retirement as President.
(ii) The Youth Representative to the Board shall serve as an Ex-Officio Director for a term that shall from time to time be determined by the Board.

Motion: Jelani Eddington. Second: Ed Mullins. Unanimous

Director Michael Cierski gave an update regarding the status of the Summer Camp. As of the date of the meeting, 19 students have signed up for the event which will be held at the Van Der Molen Residence. Michael Cierski recognized a number of chapters that had generously made scholarship funds available to students.

Having completed all items of business on the agenda, the President entertained a motion to accept all reports.

Motion: Judy Merry. Second: Cliff Hipkins. Unanimous

Items Of A Business Nature From The Membership

Bernie Anderson (New York Theatre Organ Society) raised a question regarding the policy change adopted by the ATOS Board at the mid-year meeting in February 2007 which provides that a chapter shall not unreasonably withhold consent to ATOS' sponsoring an event in the chapter's operational area.

Director Jelani Eddington responded and clarified that this policy change is to be read in conjunction with the provision of the Uniform Chapter Charter Agreement (UCCA) which provides that ATOS shall not hold any events in a chapter's operational area without the chapter's consent. Jelani explained that the policy change adopts a "reasonableness" standard intended to require both ATOS and any chapter at issue to work together cooperatively if an event is planned within a chapter's operational area. Thus, while ATOS will not hold any events in a chapter's operational area unless the chapter agrees, the policy ensures that a chapter will not act unreasonably in withholding its consent.

Judy Merry mentioned that ATOS brochures are available and should be distributed throughout the chapters and to friends to encourage new membership.

Good Of The Order

President Double announced the plans for upcoming conventions in 2008 (Indianapolis), 2009 (Cleveland), and 2010 (Seattle). The President also mentioned that a regional convention for 2009 in the Birmingham, Alabama area is also in the planning stages. There have also been other inquiries for conventions, including possible interest for a convention in Sydney, Australia.

Hearing nothing further from the membership, President Double declared the meeting adjourned at 3:07 PM.