

slow mail delivery, a waiting period of five days was allowed. As the ballots were received at national headquarters, they were forwarded to the computer service for verification. Each ballot was individually verified for its validity, keypunched by two disinterested employees and finally counted and proved by the computer.

The voting was as follows:

W. "Tiny" James	1321
Richard Simonton	1295
George Thompson	1283
Betty Mason	1268
Orrill Dunn	848
Don Thompson	689
John Ledwon	607
Timothy Needler	391

In addition to the above ballots there were also 89 votes for write-in candidates. The four candidates receiving the highest number of votes were elected for a two-year term.

A certified copy of the print-out and the ballots will remain at National Headquarters for one year.

We had 5783 members just prior to convention.

Each chapter was asked to make a report of their activities, suggestions and comments to the Board.

Delaware Valley chapter representative discussed the problems concerning the Philadelphia Convention Hall organ.

Western Reserve Chapter announced their upcoming Regional Convention for November, 1977. LA Chapter suggested that a change be made in our dues period.

Potomac Valley indicated that they had had school children through the Virginia Theatre which fortified their tax-exempt status as an educational nonprofit organization. Erwin Young then urged other chapters to be sure and engage in educational activities to assure the continuance of their tax-exempt status.

The Rocky Mountain Chapter representative suggested an instructional handbook on operating a chapter; requested additional technical articles and requested more communication between national office and the chapters.

Central Indiana Chapter recommended that the bylaws be changed to allow for the counting of the ballots by an outside source.

There being no further business, the meeting with the chapter representatives was adjourned. □

The National Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 28

Immediately following the meeting with the chapter representatives, the National Board convened in executive session. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

1. Communications were read from the Kiwi Chapter and the Niagara Frontier Chapter.

2. Interim five-month financial report was reviewed and discussed.

3. Dr. Paul Abernethy, chairman of the ATOS Library, gave a status report.

4. Report received on 1978 convention in Atlanta, Ga.

5. Tentative future conventions sites are:

1979 San Diego Chapter — Los Angeles Chapter.

1980 Open.

1981 Puget Sound Chapter — Seattle, Wash.

6. Report received from Hall of Fame committee and their recommendations approved.

7. Board selected Les and Edith Rawles as the honorary members.

8. Requests made by Central Indiana Chapter and Los Angeles Chapter were discussed and tabled until a full study of the possibilities of our computer service has been explored.

9. Passed a resolution commending Mr. J.B. Nethercutt of San Sylmar, Calif., for his philanthropic activities by which many organs have been saved and/or relocated furthering the objectives of ATOS in preserving the theatre organ.

10. The following officers were elected: Pres. — Ray Snitil; Vice Pres./Treas. — Erwin Young Jr.; Sec'y. — Miss Riedel West.

11. The existing staffs of THEATRE ORGAN and the membership office were reappointed.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:30 a.m. June 29, 1977. □

The 1977-78 ATOS National Board of Directors: (back row, L to R): Ray Snitil, president; Reidel West, secretary; Tommy Landrum, Bob VanCamp, Tiny James, and Dick Simonton. (Front row): Paul Abernethy, past president; Erwin Young, vice president/treasurer, and Betty Mason.

