

MINUTES OF ANNUAL ATOS BOARD MEETING — JULY, 1980

1. Meeting called to order by President Landrum at 1:00 P.M.

2. Roll Call. Directors present: Tommy Landrum, President, Lois Segur, Vice-President, directors Betty Mason, Richard Schrum, W. R. James, George F. Thompson, Paul M. Abernethy, Jr., William H. Rieger, John Ledwon, Rex Koury. Absent: Ray Snitil, Past President Also present, Erwin Young, Treasurer, and Judd Walton, guest.

3. Motion by T. James, 2nd. George Thompson, Minutes of 1979 regular and special board meetings be approved as written. Unanimous.

4. Election results of balloting for Directors for 1980-1982. Re-elected: John Ledwon, William Rieger, Paul Abernethy, Jr. New Director: Rex Koury.

5. Motion Betty Mason, 2nd. T. James - Judd Walton be appointed as parliamentarian for the meeting. Unanimous.

6. Treasurers Report by Erwin Young. Considerable discussion regarding contract fees as to what they were and if they were correct or should be listed as expenses. Motion T. James, 2nd. Rex Koury that they remain as contract fees as recommended by IRS. Unanimous. Motion T. James, 2nd. G. Thompson to accept treasurers report. Unanimous.

7. Hall of Fame report by George Thompson. Hall of Fame Nominees: Henry Frances Parks and Paul Carson - Organist of the Year nominee: Lowell Ayars. Motion B. Mason, 2nd. M. Abernethy that nominees be accepted. Unanimous.

8. By-Laws Committee report by John Ledwon: Considerable discussion on many parts of the proposed revisions centering on membership classes, Honorary members, officers and their voting rights, voting procedures, regional offices. Motion by George Thompson, 2nd. T. James that a committee of five board members be appointed to review the proposed changes and report back to the board. Unanimous. President Landrum appointed John Ledwon, Rex Koury, T. James, Mac Abernethy and Bill Rieger to this committee.

9. Library Report by Mac Abernethy. Considerable concern expressed on the future of the library-how it can be staffed and financed. Motion by B. Mason, 2nd. John Ledwon that Mac Abernethy to write an article for Theatre Organ covering the library needs and to solicit funds to equip same. Unanimous.

10. Publications Office Report — George Thompson. Adequate material available for future issues of Theatre Organ. Storage space for keeping back issues is becoming a problem. Motion by Lois Segur, 2nd. M. Abernethy that steps be taken to obtain additional storage space and keep all back issues. Unanimous.

Betty Mason reported that Floyd and Doris Mumm have asked to be relieved as publishers of Theatre Organ due to the excessive amount of time that they have to devote to it at the expense of their business.

Motion T. James, 2nd Lois Segur, That Betty Mason be asked to take over the duties of Publisher again and that she find a replacement for Don Lockwood, if necessary, because of his job responsibilities. Unanimous.

George Thompson reported that Janice James is assisting him in the preparation of material for Theatre Organ and it should take some of the load off of the publisher.

Subject of articles covering various offices of ATOS was brought up and due to the present cut back on the size of the publication, the decision was to defer these articles for the present.

Erwin Young reported on the lack of time to get a complete financial report and audit ready for the April issue. Motion John Ledwon, 2nd. G. Thompson that the financial report be published in the June issue of Theatre Organ. Unanimous.

11. ATOS Policy review. It was noted that the vote taken in 1979 to revise the voting procedure was in violation of our by-laws. Motion by B. Mason, 2nd. R. Schrum that we return to our by-law procedure for future elections. 8 votes for, Against - John Ledwon, Lois Segur.

12. Review of National Office: Erwin Young restated his previous written resignation and desire for it to become effective. Considerable discussion resulted with suggestions that Young be elected Vice-President as a voting member of the board due to his deep involvement in the business of ATOS. Young declined. Motion by B. Mason, 2nd. M. Abernethy that Erwin Young be made Executive Vice-President. In view of the apparent mandate by the members in the vote for directors to keep ATOS going in its present direction, Young agreed to accept the post for another year. Unanimous.

13. Report on Carnegie Hall Cinema organ contract and proposed agreement with New York Chapter for use and maintenance of organ, was made by Erwin Young.

Motion by B. Mason, 2nd. G. Thompson that we renew the contract with Comico, Inc. on the Ben Hall organ installation and that we sign the agreement with the New York Chapter as presented. Unanimous.

14. Motion T. James, 2nd. M. Abernethy that the original by-laws committee be thanked for their work and dismissed. Unanimous.

15. Future Conventions: 1984 Application by New York Chapter presented by Erwin Young. Motion M. Abernethy, 2nd. J. Ledwon. Approved Unanimous. 1985 Application presented by Nor-Cal Chairman Jim Dunbar. Motion T. James, 2nd. M. Abernethy. Approved Unanimous.

16. Erwin Young reported on progress on convention planning guide and the need for a contract between National ATOS and the host chapter for compliance. How do we or can we, enforce it?

17. Honorary Member election: G. Thompson nominated Sidney Torch. Two other nominations withdrawn. Unanimous vote for Sidney Torch.

18. Erwin Young reported on the First Class mailing costs for Theatre Organ and the fact that present charges are not covering costs. First Class mailing costs are due to increase in 1981. Motion by M. Abernethy, 2nd. Lois Segur that First Class mailing charges be raised to \$9.00 effective January 1, 1981. Unanimous.

19. Report made on the false statement filed with the Secretary of State of California by Bob Power and Bernice Neal changing the name of the Los Angeles Chapter to the Los Angeles Theatre Organ Society and stating they were the President and Secretary, duly elected, of the American Theatre Organ Society. This has removed the name ATOS from our articles of incorporation and we must file suit against the above individuals to recover same. Legal action has been started to get this accomplished. Motion by M. Abernethy, 2nd. T. James that action be taken to move the incorporation to Virginia if a meeting with C. Rummel proves we are legal to do it. 9 for, J. Ledwon Abstain.

20. Discussion started by M. Abernethy regarding travel expenses to this meeting. Motion T. James, 2nd. G. Thompson that air coach be paid for all who had to travel over 250 miles. Unanimous.

21. Dues: Need for an advance in dues was advanced. Considerable amount of discussion resulted in trying to find ways to lower our operating costs or increase our income. Motion T. James, 2nd. B. Mason, 1981 dues be increased to \$18.00 per year and remain there until changed. 8 for, J. Ledwon, Lois Segur against.*

22. Elections: President: Lois Segur nominated J. Ledwon — Received 3 votes. B. Mason nominated Richard Haight. — Received 7 votes. Richard Haight elected President.

Vice-President: J. Ledwon nominated Lois Segur. Unanimous. Lois Segur re-elected Vice-President.

Secretary/Treasurer; M. Abernethy nominated Erwin Young. Unanimous. Erwin Young elected Secretary/Treasurer.

23. Board Resolutions covering the duties and compensation of the National office were introduced as needing renewing. Motion by B. Mason, 2nd. M. Abernethy that Board Resolutions 80-1 and 80-2 be renewed for another year. Unanimous.

24. Lois Segur brought up the question of the annual Organ Craftsman Award. Neal Kissel was appointed as chairman of a committee of five members to be appointed by Neal, who would set up a set of standards to be used in the selection of a winner for this award. To date, no word has been heard from Neal Kissel regarding the members of his committee or what progress they have had.

25. Adjournment: Motion by B. Mason, 2nd. M. Abernethy. Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Erwin A. Young, Jr.
Secretary-Treasurer, ATOS.

*Editor's Note: See page 4 (President's Message).