

PAST PRESIDENTS

Richard Simonton
Feb. 1955 – Oct. 1958

Judd Walton
Oct. 1958 – July 1961

Tiny James
July 1961 – July 1964

Carl Norvell
July 1964 – July 1966

Dick Schrum
July 1966 – July 1968

Al Mason
July 1968 – July 1970

Stillman Rice
July 1970 – July 1972

Erwin A. Young
July 1972 – July 1974

Paul M. Abernethy
July 1974 – July 1976

Ray F. Snitil
July 1976 – July 1978

Preston M. Fleet
July 1978 – Nov. 1978

Tommy Landrum
Nov. 1978 – July 1980

HONORARY MEMBERS

1959 – Jesse Crawford

1960 – Fanny Wurlitzer

1961 – Mel Doner

1962 – Leonard MacClain

1963 – Eddie Dunstedter

1964 – Reginald Foort

1965 – Dan Barton

1966 – W. "Tiny" James

1967 – Erwin A. Young

1968 – Richard C. Simonton

1969 – Judd Walton

1970 – Bill Lamb

1971 – George and Vi Thompson

1972 – Stu Green

1973 – Al and Betty Mason

1974 – Lloyd E. Klos

1975 – Joe Patten

1976 – Floyd and Doris Mumm

1977 – Les and Edith Rawle

1978 – Len Clarke

1979 – J. B. Nethercutt

1980 – Sidney Torch

President's Message

URGENT! A REPLY TO THIS MESSAGE IS REQUESTED FROM EACH MEMBER



The goals of the American Theatre Organ Society are the preservation of theatre pipe organ and its unique and wonderful music. We should enjoy doing it. A few vocal people in our organization have lost sight of these goals, and have placed their emphasis on producing what they consider a wonderful set of bylaws. Their noise is drowning out the rest of the 5,500 members of ATOS. Bylaws are nothing more than a guide to the mechanics of administration, and therefore have little to do with the main activities of the organization. I strongly believe that by far the greater number of ATOS members are more interested in having an annual convention, receiving their copy of THEATRE

ORGAN magazine on time, and in having the magazine continue to be of the excellent quality it has been in the past.

The time has come for all members, including those, who, for one reason or another, are not affiliated with a chapter, to stand up and be counted. YOU are soon going to be asked whether ATOS should continue on the course it has in the past, or whether it will be bogged down with administrative restrictions imposed by an intrusive California law applicable to tax-free corporations such as ours. As a result of this law a heavy financial burden will be forced upon our members in the form of a substantial dues increase, probably in excess of \$10.00. This undue burden can be relieved with your support of a plan to reorganize.

Will you, the individual member of the American Theatre Organ Society, please write to me and tell me that you support the stated goals of the society, and that you want to help implement them? A postcard or letter with the word "YES" on it will be sufficient to let me know that you do. If your signature is not easily read, please print your name, too. I know that 5,500 postcards are a lot, but I can handle them. So don't delay, send your postcard or letter today to me at 7209 Millcrest Terrace, Derwood, MD, 20855 no later than December 31, 1980.

Richard R. Haight
National President