

## 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



*The American Theatre Organ Enthusiasts (ATOE) was founded and "organized for the purpose of preserving the tradition of the theatre organ and to further the understanding of this instrument and its music." There is no question that while the founders' goal was serious, they meant to have some fun in the process. This idea has not changed.*

*To paraphrase a saying by the late President John F. Kennedy, Ask not what your society can do for you, but ask what can you do for your society. Active participation is a responsibility of membership in ATOS. This can take many forms; working on an organ crew, support and attendance at meetings and concerts, serving as a chapter officer, taking care of refreshments and a whole host of other things. A very important responsibility is participation by voting, both on the national level as well as the chapter level. Traditionally, less than half of our membership vote in these elections. A vote on the new bylaws and other items will soon be asked of you as I indicated in my previous message. It will be very important that substantial numbers of you vote on these questions. Keep ATOS strong. Participate.*

*At this writing I cannot give you a full report of the results of the poll requesting your support for the stated goals of the society, but the replies, to date, are overwhelmingly in favor of support. Everyone who has participated in this, regardless of the opinion expressed is to be commended for doing so.*

*Richard R. Haight*  
National President

### NOTE

See page 57 for date and location  
of Important Membership Meeting.