

American Theatre Organ Society



It doesn't seem possible that I will soon be finishing my year as your president. It has been unbelievably busy, but most rewarding.

Looking back, I realize we have accomplished much under rather difficult circumstances. To replace the four most important officers in our organization at once and manage to achieve continuity was a tremendous task, and I applaud the efforts of all concerned. The time so willingly

given by each of these volunteers is deeply appreciated.

My congratulations to the winning candidates for the Board of Directors: Rex Koury and John Ledwon (both re-elected for a second term), and Allen Miller and Richard Sklenar. These men are all most capable and welcome to the board. It is indicative of the growing interest shown by everyone that you were given a choice of fifteen candidates this year.

As you requested, there is better communication and a good rapport between members and the national board. We have a very workable new set of bylaws, and in looking forward, I can report to you that our goals set forth in July 1981 are being achieved in an orderly and meaningful fashion. The future looks encouraging and exciting. My appreciation to all of you and sincere thanks to a loyal and hardworking board.

Lois F. Segur, President



ATOS has a problem which is costing an excessive amount in postage and requiring an undue amount of volunteer labor. The problem is late membership renewals, which are coming in at the rate of 300 to 500 a month even as late as June.

Postal regulations require us to supply each member with all the issues of THEATRE ORGAN for the membership year, which runs from January 1 to December 31, regardless of when the dues are received. This means that any issues missed because of late renewal must be sent as back issues, costing 95 cents in postage per copy instead of 20 cents when mailed in the regular manner, and requiring extra labor to insert in envelopes, hand address, and take to the Post Office.

Because we do not know at press time what the membership will be, we are forced to print extra copies to be sure to have enough. Consequently, over the years we have accumulated some 30,000 back issues! It takes a great deal of space and costs us a sizable amount to store all these magazines, not to mention the cost of printing them.

To save **your** money and our volunteer labor, we earnestly ask that all chapters and individual members get their dues for

1983 to the national office by December 25 at the latest; **earlier if possible**. The money thus saved will be used to provide a better magazine and more service to everyone.

Dr. Robert E. McGillivray, CPA, Treasurer



I want to thank Margaret Ann Foy and Lee Erwin for their outstanding work on this year's Nominating Committee. Also, thanks go to the Rocky Mountain Chapter and Margaret Ann for counting the ballots. There was a record fifteen members who volunteered to run for the National Board of Directors.

It is gratifying to receive such overwhelming response. There were 4811 ballots mailed and 2093 returned. This percentage of return is very good for a society like ours. I urge all members to vote in future elections. Please read the candidates' resumes and vote for those who most closely advocate the policies you want your Society to follow.

The final report of the 1982 Nominating Committee can be found in another part of this issue.

Dale Mendenhall, Vice President



Keeping track of the records and affairs of the American Theatre Organ Society has been a rewarding and challenging task this past year. How glad I am that I learned to type in high school!

It is vastly encouraging to work with various people across the country as different jobs unfold. Chapters have been most cooperative in helping when asked, and individuals have called this office to ask about

details of their membership. We have tried to be helpful to all.

This has been a most exciting year as the new ATOS leadership has tried to implement programs desired by the members. Some have been accomplished already, and others are being worked on with completion somewhere ahead. Overall growth of ATOS is the ultimate goal, and providing tools for chapters and individuals to accomplish this is the immediate imperative.

Speaking of goals, I have also chaired the Goals Committee which is comprised of a number of thinking people, some board members, mostly not. These good people have furnished tremendous ideas and concepts for the future of ATOS, and a full report will be made to the board in Detroit. It is hoped that the results of this committee's efforts will become apparent in the coming months as new programs take shape and become reality for the good of our Society.

Tim Needler, Secretary

