

preparation for a concert by Dennis James in October. Their efforts were so successful that, not only was the concert for 300 people a success, but Dennis James also was so impressed with their project that he wants to return for another concert at Berlin High School. Teachers Nancy Joy, Cheryl Otis and Jean Bouchard coordinated lights, projection equipment and the ticket and album sales.

Starting right after Dennis' concert, the crew of 35 students began, whenever time allowed, to overhaul the relay and main wind chest. The organ was started up in mid-January only to create a horrible noise. A cone valve was stuck on, causing a serious pressure drop, and all of the secondaries in the entire manual chest were held open and all the pipes played — sort of like a WWII air raid siren. Once the cone valve was reseated everything worked fine.

In addition, the following projects were completed: the music rack and bench were rebuilt; the chimes were restrung; combination actions were rebuilt; Main and Solo tremms rebuilt; all windlines in Main chamber replaced with PVC and painted black; the Chrysoglott was placed over the Main chest and the small switch-stack was placed on the larger stack to create more room; toe blocks on the Diaphone and Tuba were repositioned to prevent their sliding up on their resonators. A training program was also set up where high school students teach junior high students to prepare them for future organ projects.

We would like to thank Alan Goodnow and Gary Phillips of SENETOS, who regulated the instrument, and Jim, Joan and John Cook of EMCATOS who assisted in winding the Main chamber and have provided materials and concert talent for us. David Card of Pine Tree Chapter installed windlines in the Main chamber, and Allen Miller was most generous with his advice on securing toe blocks on the Diaphone and Tuba ranks.

A thought on the proper installation of tremolos: the only rule is that the installation that works on a particular instrument is the one to follow. We tried all the rules we could find, and none worked. Our Main works with 3" PVC line about 8' long with 4 elbows; our Solo works with a 2½" tin line about 6' long with 3 elbows — it is manifolded into the Tibia, Oboe and Kinura opposite the feed end. On the Main trem, it is connected at the same end as the large wooden feed trunk. We have found that this works for our Wurlitzer.

Our Main chamber has two regulators, one for the manual chest and offsets and one for the relay, Chrysoglott and swell shades. We removed all of the offsets from the Main regulator and put them in tandem off of the small regulator beginning with a 4" line to the Bourdons and reducing to a 3" line for the relay and Diaphones. The swell shades are on a 2" line and tee into the Strings and Chrysoglott. This arrangement eliminated the bass pipes from being on trem — now they are not muddy sounding. It also eliminated all kinds of pipework on the chamber floors.

We are anticipating the return of Dennis James this October for a second performance on the Berlin High School pet Wurlitzer. □



(not official until approved at subsequent meeting.)

AMERICAN THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE — ANNUAL MEETING
The Richmond Marriott Hotel — Richmond, Virginia
July 4, 1986

1. **Call to Order.** President Jack Moelmann called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Executive Committee members Dale Mendenhall, David Barnett, Lois Segur, and Allen Miller; also present were THEATRE ORGAN Editor Robert Gilbert, Co-Editor Grace E. McGinnis, and Executive Director Douglas Fisk.

2. **Directors' Responsibilities.** President Moelmann expressed his belief that elected Directors are not necessarily aware of their responsibilities and privileges; after discussion, Mendenhall moved, seconded by Segur and carried unanimously, that the Executive Committee recommend to the Board that in the November/December issue of THEATRE ORGAN, in which the nomination notice is published, there also be published a statement of benefits and responsibilities of Directors to include attendance at Directors' meetings, committee duties, and payment by ATOS of certain meeting-related expenses.

3. **Directors' Meeting Agenda.** The Committee approved President Moelmann's recommended agenda dated May 25, 1986, after discussion of the following items:

a. **Minutes.** The Committee recommended that Directors' Meeting minutes be approved by postcard vote in order that new policies voted can be initiated as soon as possible.

b. **Treasurer's Report.**

c. **Board Vacancy.** Barnett moved, seconded by Miller, that the Executive Committee recommend that the Board appoint Alden Stockebrand as Director to fill the position expiring in 1987 which became vacant when Fr. Miller resigned from the Board. There was lengthy discussion concerning the method that should be used for filling Director vacancies, and Mendenhall and Segur stated that they did not wish to set the precedent of always filling positions with the nominee not elected but who had received the next-highest number of votes in the previous election of Directors. Voting in favor were Barnett and Miller; opposed to making a recommendation at this time were Segur and Mendenhall; Moelmann abstained; therefore, no recommendation was made.

d. **Bylaws.** The Executive Committee agreed that the Bylaws Committee's recommendation regarding revisions was not specific and that further study would be necessary before the Executive Committee would recommend Bylaws changes to the Board.

e. **Convention Planning.** Miller moved, seconded by Mendenhall, that the Executive Committee recommend that the Board accept the 1986 Edition of the *Convention Policy & Procedures Handbook* with subsequent changes effected as voted by the Board. Approved by unanimous vote.

f. **Regional Conventions.** Miller moved, seconded by Barnett, that the Executive Committee recommend to the Board that ATOS support no more than one regional convention a year, and that basic guidelines which benefit both parties be established by a Regional Convention Planning Committee and approved by the Board of Directors; the recommendation was approved unanimously.

g. **Technical Committee.** Mendenhall moved, seconded by Segur, that the Executive Committee recommend to the Board that reprints of published technical articles be made available to the membership to be printed by the Technical Committee and distributed through the existing Library/Archives procedures. The recommendation carried by unanimous vote.

h. **Ben Hall Memorial Organ.** Miller moved, seconded by Mendenhall, that the Executive Committee recommend to the Board that the Technical Committee cooperate with Lee Erwin in the removal of any organ parts belonging to him that are stored at the Carnegie Hall Cinema. The recommendation was carried by unanimous vote. Segur moved, seconded by Miller, that the Executive Committee recommend that the Board approve the version of an agreement with the New York chapter dated May 7, 1986. The recommendation carried by unanimous vote.

i. **Young Organists Competition.** Mendenhall moved, seconded by Segur, that the Executive Committee recommend to the

Board that they accept with thanks a \$1000 gift from the Phoenix regional convention; the recommendation was carried unanimously. Segur moved, seconded by Mendenhall, that the Executive Committee recommend to the Board that prize money be increased to \$400 for each of the three category winners with an additional \$200 for the overall winner; the motion was carried unanimously.

j. **ATOS Newsletter.** After a lengthy discussion, it was generally agreed that the Board should proceed with publishing a monthly newsletter.

k. **Executive Committee Membership.** There was discussion concerning whether the Vice President should be made a member of the Executive Committee.

l. **Executive Director Contract.** There was a lengthy discussion regarding the terms of renewing the Executive Director's contract, and it was generally agreed that an offer including a \$1000 increase in compensation be made, and that ATOS agree to pay the costs of storing ATOS materials as well as reasonable secretarial charges.

4. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned sine die at 12:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 5, 1986.

Respectfully submitted,
David M. Barnett, *National Secretary* □

AMERICAN THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS — ANNUAL MEETING
The Richmond Marriott Hotel — Richmond, Virginia
July 5 - 10, 1986

1. **Call to Order.** The Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors of the American Theatre Organ Society was called to order by President Jack Moelmann on July 5, 1986, at 9:00 a.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the Richmond Marriott hotel, Richmond, Virginia. Directors present were Secretary David Barnett, Catherine Koenig, Vice President Russell Joseph, Past President Rex Koury, John Landon, John Ledvon, Treasurer Dale Mendenhall, Allen Miller, and Lois Segur. Director Richard Sklenar arrived at 11:25 a.m., and Director Walter Strony arrived at 4:00 p.m. Also present were retiring Directors Lowell Ayars and Ashley Miller, Librarian/Archivist Vernon Bickel, Executive Director Douglas Fisk, THEATRE ORGAN Editor Robert Gilbert and Co-Editor Grace E. McGinnis. Convention '86 Co-Chairman Davis Heatwole and Convention '87 representatives Irv Eilers and Eugene Davis attended portions of the meeting. Director Fr. James Miller was absent as was Director Tom B'hend who was under a doctor's care. President Moelmann announced that *Robert's Rules of Order* would govern the conduct of the meeting, and that policies adopted would not be put into effect until the meeting minutes were accepted by the Board of Directors.

2. **Opening Remarks.** President Moelmann presented a brief overview of his year as President. He then outlined procedures of conduct for Directors, and the responsibilities and benefits of office. He encouraged Directors to maintain a high visibility during the convention. He then announced procedures for the Directors' meeting and said that he wished to encourage the voicing of ideas and problems at the Chapter Representatives' meeting rather than having an oral review of "chapter notes" which he had asked to be provided to him and in writing to be recorded in the meeting minutes. He then covered the format of the Banquet presentations.

OLD BUSINESS

3. **Approval of Minutes.** On a motion made by Allen Miller seconded by Lois Segur and approved unanimously, the minutes of the Directors' meeting of August 2-7, 1985, were accepted as published in the September/October, 1985 issue of THEATRE ORGAN.

4. **Treasurer's Report.** Treasurer Dale Mendenhall advised that two accounting firms had reviewed ATOS accounting procedures and found them to be adequate. He advised that the books and source documents had been checked over by one of the firms and found to be in good order. He advised that those persons authorized to sign checks are bonded, that all tax forms filed as required and California property taxes paid, that revised liability insurance

coverage is in effect, and that all liabilities have been satisfied. He advised that all equipment is now inventoried. He reviewed his written report covering the 1986 fiscal (calendar) year through June 30, 1986. Assets: Cash \$28,677.99; total Current Assets \$89,030.14; Fixed Assets \$26,692.56; total Assets \$115,722.70. Liabilities: None. Revenues: \$75,981.34. Expenses: \$69,763.51. Surplus: \$6,217.83. The Treasurer's proposed budget for 1986 was distributed but was not discussed. On a motion by Allen Miller, seconded by John Landon and passed unanimously, the report of the Treasurer, consisting of Balance Sheet as at December 31, 1985; Balance Sheet as at June 30, 1986; and the June, 1986, written report, was accepted with thanks. On a motion by Mendenhall, seconded by Segur and passed unanimously, the following bank accounts were authorized with Mendenhall's, Koury's or Fisk's signature required for withdrawals: Imperial Thrift and Loan, 2220 Watt Avenue, Sacramento, California 95865, Certificate of Deposit #TC16-009308 — \$30,000; Imperial Thrift and Loan, Certificate of Deposit #TC18-000907 — \$4,370.00; Imperial Thrift and Loan, Money Market Certificate #MM03-601285 — \$7,077.22.

5. Resignation of Fr. Jim Miller from Board. On a motion made by Landon, seconded by Joseph and passed unanimously, the Board accepted with regret the resignation of Director Fr. Jim Miller and expressed the Board's thanks for his dedicated service.

6. Action on Vacant Director Position. Ayars stated that he felt the Board would be establishing a dangerous precedent by continually electing the nominee not elected, but next highest in number of votes in the previous election; Segur agreed. Ayars suggested filling vacancies by secret ballot with all nominees not elected in the previous election included. Koury and Landon recommended that the position remain vacant until the next regular election. Mendenhall and Barnett urged that the vacancy be filled in order to provide an additional Director to help with the Board's workload. On a motion by Joseph and seconded by Segur, the Board voted that no action be taken at this time to fill the Director position vacated by Fr. Jim Miller and expiring in 1987. Opposing the motion were Barnett, Mendenhall, and Allen Miller.

7. Committee and Other Reports.

a. Bylaws Revisions. Chairman Richard Sklenar reviewed his written report and the committee's recommended Bylaws changes. On a motion by Sklenar, seconded by Landon and passed unanimously, the Board approved the following procedure on admitting new members: The Membership Committee may from time to time approve the admission of new members subject to policies of the Board and proper payment of dues. **Revisions to Bylaws:** On a motion by Ledwon and seconded by Strony, the following resolution was passed unanimously: Whereas, certain provisions of the ATOS Bylaws of 1982 have proven to be ambiguous and costly to implement; and whereas the ATOS Board does not wish to unduly tamper with the Bylaws yet desires to govern the Society in the most effective and cost-efficient way; and whereas the Board is allowed to amend the Bylaws under Sec. 8.2 and that it believes in good faith that the amendments proposed do not materially or adversely affect the members' voting rights; now, therefore, be it resolved: That Sec. 3.4 be amended to read: "NOTICE OF MEETINGS. A notice of each annual meeting, written ballot for election of Directors or otherwise, if any, and special meeting shall be given by the President, or in the case of his failure or refusal, by any other officer or any Director, shall specify the place, time, day and hour of the meeting or the date on which the ballot shall be returned, if applicable; in the case of an annual meeting at which Directors shall be elected, shall specify the names of all those who are candidates for election of Directors at the time notice was given, and in the case of special meetings, the nature of the business to be transacted thereat. Such notice shall be given in writing to every member of the corporation who, on the record date for notice of the meeting, is entitled to vote thereat. Such notice shall be delivered either personally or by sending a copy thereof by first-class mail or by telegraph, postage or charges prepaid, to the member's address appearing on the books of the corporation, at least ten days but no more than 90 days prior to the date fixed for such meeting. Such notice may also be given by publication in the Society's journal or other publication so long as the deadlines listed above are observed." That Sec. 4.7 be amended to read: "ORGANIZATIONAL MEETINGS. Immediately following the count of written ballots for the election of Directors and the certification thereof, the President or any officer of the corporation shall notify the members of the results of such election and may do so in a journal or other publication. Newly elected Directors shall take office at the beginning of the next Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors following the election and shall serve for three years. Immediately preceding the annual meeting of members, and not less than annually, the Directors shall hold a regular meeting for the purpose of organizing the Board, the election of officers and the transaction of such business as may come before the meeting. Pending such organizational meeting, all officers of the corporation shall continue to serve, except any officer required by law or by these Bylaws to be a Director and who does not qualify as a Director. In the event such an organizational meeting shall not be held immediately preceding such meeting of members, it shall thereafter be held at the next regular meeting, or after a special meeting." That Sec. 6.1 be amended to read: "APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES. The Board of Directors, by resolution adopted by a majority of Directors then in office, may create such committees as the Board from time to time deems necessary or appropriate to conduct the business and further the objectives of this corporation. The President shall appoint one Director as chairman of each committee." This resolution shall be published in THEATRE ORGAN journal and shall be effective 60

days after such publication, so long as the above amendments are not in conflict with the California Corporation Code. On a motion by Ledwon, seconded by Strony, and passed unanimously, Bylaws Section 6.2b was amended to read: "Nominating Committee. The President shall appoint one member of the committee to be chairman. The Nominating Committee shall nominate candidates for the positions of Elected Directors in accordance with Section 3.10." On a motion by Ledwon, seconded by Strony and passed with Segur abstaining, the following Bylaws amendment was accepted: To amend Section 6.2a to read "Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer plus two other members elected annually by the Board." Sklenar reminded the Board that Section 7.5 regarding financial reporting should be observed, and that it is the responsibility of the President to notify members of the results of Director elections.

b. Convention Planning. Convention Planning Coordinator Tim Needler gave a presentation on the *Convention Policy and Procedures Handbook* which had been mailed to all Directors. On a motion by Joseph, seconded by Koenig and passed unanimously, the Handbook was accepted as written effective with the 1987 convention in Los Angeles. Discussion followed concerning possible changes to the Handbook to affect conventions after 1987, including the length of conventions, division of record shop profits, the liability of individual Directors in injury cases, the desirability of National's providing insurance, artists fees for playing more than one convention concert, audit procedures, and clarification of ATOS's position with regard to helping organize and promote regional conventions. On a motion by Joseph, seconded by Allen Miller and passed unanimously, Needler and his committee were commended for doing an outstanding job in organizing convention policy and procedures. Allen Miller moved and Ledwon seconded a motion to accept the Executive Committee's recommendation on regional conventions: That ATOS support no more than one regional convention a year, and that guidelines that benefit both ATOS and the sponsoring chapter be written by a Regional Convention Planning Committee and approved by the Board. The motion was approved unanimously.

Convention '86 Status Report. Co-Chairmen Davis Heatwole and David Barnett of the Virginia chapter welcomed the Directors to Richmond. They reported net registrations to date of 640, with 457 attending the banquet and 306 attending the Colonial Williamsburg Afterglow. The Co-Chairmen reported that because the organ installation at the Carpenter Center for the Performing Arts was not finished, the convention schedule had been changed to include a reception at the newly-restored Jefferson-Sheraton Hotel, site of the first ATOS convention, an optional luncheon hosted by Eddie Weaver at Miller and Rhoads Tea Room, and a tour of the Carpenter Center. They announced two additions to banquet night, pre-banquet entertainment by Dwight Beacham, courtesy of Allen Organ Company, and a post-banquet concert by Hector Olivera, courtesy of Yamaha International, Inc. They projected a profit of \$26,000 to \$27,000 to be shared between ATOS National and the Virginia chapter. The Co-Chairmen noted that the only expected problem area would be congestion at the hotel elevators. They stated that registrations may have been greater if Richmond had better airline service, and if the Phoenix regional, held in late November, had not featured many of the same organists. They suggested that the Directors look into formulating a policy to allow for partial registrations and concerts open to the public, and suggested considering including the banquet as a part of the convention registration fee. The Board applauded the 1986 Convention Committee. **Convention '87 Status Report.** Reporting for Ralph Beaudry, Convention Chairman, who was unable to be present, 1987 Convention Committee representatives Irv Eilers and Eugene Davis discussed with the Board plans for the 1987 Convention in Los Angeles. They reported that the convention hotel will be the Biltmore, and that plans are to have a convention "Overture" on Sunday, June 21, with the actual convention running Monday, June 22 - Friday, June 26, with an "Encore" in San Diego on Saturday, June 27. A tentative schedule of programs, averaging three per day, was reviewed. Expected registration fees are Basic \$160, Overture \$25, Banquet \$35, Encore \$50. A discussion followed with several Directors making suggestions for the convention. The Convention '87 representatives were thanked for their work and for their report.

c. Gifts and Funding. Lois Segur reported for Irving Light who could not be present: Regarding the Lanterman estate, she reported that Steve Ross is still in contact with the attorney and Trustees of the Estate, and that the City Manager with whom the committee had been working has resigned. Information gathered by Light shows that a 10 to 20% growth pattern is necessary for eligibility for most grants; he suggests promoting giving by ATOS members in the form of living trusts and bequests; and noted that ATOS needs to be publicized in the proper places. On a motion made by Ledwon, seconded by Mendenhall and passed unanimously, the committee's report was accepted.

d. Library/Archives. Librarian/Archivist Vern Bickel showed the latest Library/Archives listing, commended Tom B'hend for his help on the project, reminded the Board that a suitable storage facility is essential and recommended that a permanent, climate-controlled facility be located. Sklenar moved, seconded by Segur and passed unanimously, that the report be accepted and that Vern Bickel be commended for his untiring efforts and devotion to the Library/Archives project. Segur moved, seconded by Barnett and passed unanimously, that the Board add \$2,000 to the Library/Archives budget to be spent as Bickel sees fit as needed to accomplish the purposes of the Library/Archives.

e. Membership. Executive Director Doug Fisk reported that he works on a day-to-day basis with Board liaison Dale Mendenhall. He reported that membership is approximately 5,400, up 16.8% from June, 1984. He reported that the Australia/New Zealand trip contest had gained ATOS about 138 new members. Eight individual contestants acquired at least five new members, two chapters acquired at least 15 and 20 members; the River City chapter was winner of the contest. Because an insufficient number of persons signed for the trip, there was no free trip to award as a prize. Fisk added that although the promotion was not very successful as a membership contest, the trip itself was enjoyed by most of the few who went on it. Fisk reported that he is acquiring mailing lists from several organizations for membership promotion purposes, but that he has not been successful yet in obtaining the cooperation of non-affiliated theatre organ groups. Mendenhall moved, seconded by Landon and passed unanimously, that the report be accepted. Allen Miller moved, seconded by Landon and passed unanimously that all persons applying for membership since acceptance of new members at the 1985 Annual Directors' meeting be accepted.

f. Theatre Organ Clearing House. Chairman Allen Miller reported virtually no activity and recommended suspending the committee. On a motion by Ledwon, seconded by Mendenhall, the Board unanimously accepted the report.

g. Nominating. Chairman Russell Joseph suggested that procedures for nominations and balloting be documented, and recommended that routine procedures for publishing the names of the winners be established. He reported that members Rudy Frey, Richard Neidich, and Margaret Ann Foy had served on the committee for the 1986 election. The report was accepted on a motion made by Allen Miller, seconded by Dale Mendenhall, and passed unanimously.

h. Technical. Chairman Allen Miller presented a suggested format for a technical manual; it consisted of reprints of previously published articles. He recommended initial publication in a loose-leaf fashion with eventual supplements published that could be added to existing manuals and which would be incorporated into new ones. Joseph moved, seconded by Koenig and passed unanimously, that we accept the idea of publishing the manual, with procedures and costs to be approved by the Executive Committee. On a motion by Barnett, seconded by Landon and passed unanimously, the Board thanked Miller for his efforts on the manual, and accepted the committee's report.

i. Program Planning. Past President Rex Koury reported that he believes the committee's work to be completed and that he has transferred the materials collected to Tom B'hend. Moelmann requested that Koury compile his six articles into a document to be made available through the Library/Archives. On a motion by Segur, seconded by Mendenhall and approved unanimously, the report was accepted and the committee recognized for its fine work. Segur moved, seconded by the entire Board and passed unanimously, that the Board express its appreciation to Koury for his work on the committee and as President and Director.

j. Promotion. President Moelmann reported for Tom B'hend, chairman, stating that the committee believes there is a need to follow-up on trade advertising in journals of other similar organizations. There was discussion regarding the format and content of committee's bulletins which have been distributed to date. Joseph stated that the bulletins possibly help to fill a need to communicate information to chapters; however, Segur felt that the committee's purpose is to elevate the visibility of ATOS to the general public. Moelmann felt that the proposed newsletter could serve to elevate the level of communication to chapters. Barnett suggested that the President communicate to B'hend the Board's discussion on the topic, and that the Board consider more-closely defining the committee's objectives; Segur also recommended that the Board provide more direction in this area.

k. Education. (No report.)

l. Goals. Chairman Richard Sklenar reviewed the goals adopted in 1982, but stated that the committee had been mostly inactive. He reported that it had been suggested that the committee be re-structured as a Planning Committee which would seek member and staff input to select reasonable and appropriate short-term goals which could be used to implement other long-term objectives. Some short-term goals suggested: An increase of membership by 10% in the next year; the establishment of a concert booking circuit; the creation of a technical support service; affiliation with like-minded groups; expanding the available time and activities of the Executive Director. The committee felt that as ATOS membership grows older, these questions need to be asked: "Where will ATOS be five years from now? Where will we be ten years from now?" Sklenar stated that the purpose of the committee needs to be defined. Segur moved, Landon seconded and the Board unanimously approved that a list of goals be sent out by the committee to Directors by August 15, 1986, with responses expected from them within 30 days; additional goals are to be included, with the new list then sent to Directors. On a motion by Joseph, seconded by Landon and passed unanimously, the committee's report was accepted.

m. Awards and Recognition. Chairman John Landon reported that the committee oversaw the election of Organist of the year, Hall of Fame, Technical Award, and Honorary Member. He announced that Gordon Kibbie had been elected to the Hall of

Fame. He then reported that the committee had nominated Tom Hazleton as Organist of the Year; the nomination was approved on a motion by Mendenhall, seconded by Ledwon and passed unanimously. He then announced that the committee had nominated Robert Gilbert for Honorary Member; the nomination was accepted on a motion by Mendenhall, seconded by Segur and passed unanimously. Allen Miller announced that David Junchen had been nominated by the committee for the Technical Award; on a motion by Lois Segur and seconded by Allen Miller the nomination was passed unanimously.

n. Ben Hall Memorial Organ. Landon moved, seconded by Ledwon and passed unanimously, that the Technical Committee cooperate with Lee Erwin with his removing of any organ parts belonging to him that are stored at the Carnegie Hall Cinema. Moelmann appointed Ashley Miller to serve as the Board's liaison in this regard. Segur moved, seconded by Landon and passed unanimously, that the Ben Hall Organ Committee be commended for their work in resolving the controversy, and that the President write to Alfred Buttler to express the Board's thanks for his work. Mendenhall reported on the procedure used for determining a donee organization for the organ. Koenig moved, seconded by Ledwon and passed unanimously, that an agreement entered into concerning the organ must state that the organ may not be used for any purpose solely for the personal gain of any individual. Mendenhall and Sklenar then presented sample contracts concerning the donation of the instrument to the New York chapter, the essential difference being that the Sklenar contract would require that a separate non-profit organization be set up to manage the organ; on a motion by Landon, seconded by Ledwon, the Board accepted the Mendenhall contract, donating the organ to the New York chapter; Sklenar and Barnett were opposed.

o. Chapter Territories. Chairman Allen Miller reported that he is not aware of disputes needing to be resolved over the past year, but reported that there are several chapters with no defined territories. On a motion by Sklenar, seconded by Ledwon and passed unanimously, the committee's report was accepted.

p. Young Organists Competition. Chairman Lois Segur detailed the handling of the 1986 competition. The contestants and their sponsoring chapters were John J. Cook, Eastern Massachusetts; Terry Cunningham, Valley of the Sun; Colleen Feldpausch, Motor City; Christopher M. Halon, Puget Sound; Neil H. Johnston III, Southwest Michigan; Neal T. Marple, Cedar Rapids Area; Frank E. Perko III, Pike's Peak; Jason A. Poteat, Sierra; Dwight M. Thomas, Central Indiana; Laura VanEycyk, San Diego; and Donald M. Walker, Joliet Area. The winners were Neil H. Johnston III, Group 1 (ages 13-15); Colleen Feldpausch, Group 2 (ages 16-18); and Dwight M. Thomas, Group 3 (ages 19-21) and overall winner. The judges were Richard Purvis, Tom Hazleton, Dennis James, Gwen O'Connor, and Grant Whitcomb. A discussion followed concerning what changes might assist in the running of the 1987 competition. On a motion by Ledwon, seconded by Sklenar, the Board unanimously accepted the committee's report.

q. Mission and Responsibilities of Committees. (No report).

r. Executive Director's Report. Executive Director Doug Fisk reported on use of the society's bulk mailing permit; explained membership renewal procedures; reported on known information concerning non-renewing members, including the fact that 90% of non-renewing members checked had previously not renewed their chapter membership; reported that \$10,000 had been collected from members joining or renewing at dues levels in excess of the standard \$20 amount; and noted that approximately 100 new members are added to the rolls each month. On a motion by Mendenhall and seconded by Segur, the Board agreed to acknowledge memberships by post card in order to reduce response time; the motion was passed with Barnett opposed. Regarding the membership contest which was run in conjunction with last winter's Australia/New Zealand tour, Fisk reported that 18 people went on the tour, but due to the small response we did not qualify for a trip to award the River City chapter. **Membership Brochure.** Fisk presented two proposals for printing a new membership brochure, a two-color letter-sized folder and a four-color 11" by 17" brochure that could be designed as a self-mailer. On a motion by Koenig, seconded by Allen Miller, and passed unanimously, the Board approved allocating a maximum of \$2000 to develop and print a promotional folder to be given to chapters. **Radio Program.** Fisk then recommended that ATOS produce and distribute a 13-week radio program series on the theatre organ which would cost approximately \$2900 all-inclusive, to be beamed to radio stations over the American Public Radio network; Ledwon moved and Landon seconded a motion which was approved unanimously that we proceed with the program; on a motion by Landon, seconded by Mendenhall and passed unanimously, the Board empowered the Executive Committee to spend as much as \$3000 toward this project. Fisk then presented an itinerary suggested by Patterson Travel for a 1987 ATOS-sponsored tour of England; discussion followed, but no action was taken. **National Headquarters.** Fisk asked if he should pursue to having drawings prepared and a general plan of operation developed concerning the idea of possibly locating ATOS National headquarters in a waterfront redevelopment area in Sacramento, California, known as "Old Sacramento." He stated that he had made contact with the developer, and that it seems possible that ATOS could become a part of a museum complex being built there, possibly building a facility to include a theatre with organ. On a motion by Landon, seconded by Allen Miller and passed unanimously, Fisk was authorized to follow-up in learning further details as they develop; Fisk

was asked to keep the Board advised. (At this point the Board dismissed Fisk in order to discuss the matter of renewing his contract as Executive Director.) On a motion by Landon and seconded by Mendenhall, the Board voted to renew the contract with Douglas Fisk as Executive Director for a period of one year with the following changes: Compensation increased by \$1000, ATOS to pay storage costs for ATOS materials, ATOS to pay clerical expenses upon presentation of proper documentation of the expenses. Voting in favor were Mendenhall, Sklenar, Joseph, Landon, and Koenig; abstaining were Ledwon, Barnett, Segur, and Allen Miller.

s. Audit Report. Treasurer Dale Mendenhall reported that an audit of the 1985 books had been completed with the results published in THEATRE ORGAN.

t. Fidelity Bond. Treasurer Dale Mendenhall reported that individuals authorized to sign checks continue to be bonded.

u. Self-Dealing Transactions. Secretary David Barnett reported that 1985 disclaimers had been received from all Directors except Strony and Fr. Miller, and that he would follow-up on those; he reported that the procedure is in place for handling this item for 1986.

v. Commemorative Postage Stamp. President Moelmann reported that there is still occasional correspondence between ATOS members and the agency that approves such stamps.

w. Radio City Music Hall Wurlitzer. President Moelmann reported that he considers that the Board's concern over repairs to the organ has been satisfactorily communicated through correspondence with Ron Bishop, who is responsible for repairs to the organ.

x. Recordings Compendium. Due to the complexity of the project, it was moved by Landon, seconded by Koenig and passed unanimously that the Board take no further action in this area at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

8. Election of Officers. Segur moved and Strony seconded that the 1985-86 officers be re-elected for 1986-87. Barnett moved, seconded by Sklenar, to amend the motion to exclude the office of Vice President; the amendment was defeated by a secret ballot vote of six opposed and four in favor. The motion to re-elect 1985-86 officers carried with Barnett opposed.

9. ATOS Newsletter. On a motion by Allen Miller, seconded by Mendenhall, the Board approved proceeding with a monthly newsletter; Landon was opposed and Segur abstained. Ledwon then moved, seconded by Allen Miller, that ATOS begin publication of a newsletter on a trial basis for six consecutive months during which time its success is to be evaluated. The motion was passed with Landon and Sklenar opposed and Barnett abstaining. Koenig then moved that the newsletter be printed as an 11" by 17" single-fold to four pages to be mailed separately from other mailings; the motion died for lack of a second. Ledwon then moved that the newsletter be printed as an 11" by 17" single-fold to four pages with three issues being mailed separately and three stapled into the middle of THEATRE ORGAN; Mendenhall seconded, and the motion passed with Sklenar opposing and Landon abstaining. Sklenar moved and Strony seconded that the editorial content of the newsletter be restricted to current theatre organ news based upon facts which are verifiable before publication; the motion passed with Landon abstaining. Allen Miller moved, seconded by Joseph, that Tom B'hend be appointed Editor of the trial newsletter with editorial policies to be worked out between the Editor and President; the motion passed with Sklenar and Landon opposed; Barnett, who was absent during the discussion, abstained.

10. Approval of Actions Previously Approved by Written Ballot. **a. Purchase of Computer Printer.** On a motion by Sklenar, seconded by Mendenhall and passed unanimously, the purchase of a Brother letter-quality printer to be used by the Executive Director was approved. **b. Appointment of THEATRE ORGAN Editor.** On a motion by Allen Miller, seconded by Lois Segur and passed unanimously, Grace E. McGinnis was appointed as journal Editor. On a motion by Mendenhall, seconded by Sklenar and passed unanimously, the decision to award the 1988 Convention to the Oregon chapter was approved.

11. 1987 Board and Membership Annual Meetings. On a motion by Sklenar, seconded by Mendenhall and passed unanimously, the 1987 Board of Directors and Membership will be held at a time and place agreed upon by the 1987 Convention Committee and the President.

12. Young Organists Competition. On a motion by Mendenhall, seconded by Ledwon, and passed unanimously, the Board voted to award \$400 to each of the three category winners and an additional \$200 to the overall winner.

13. THEATRE ORGAN Journal. On a motion by Allen Miller, seconded by John Landon and passed unanimously, the Board accepted an editorial policy presented by Robert Gilbert: "All decisions regarding editorial content are solely the responsibility of the Editor. Official documents such as minutes of meetings, financial reports, election notices, and candidates' statements will be published at appropriate times. Communications from officers or di-

rectors concerning official business will be published when requested. The Editor will be responsible for the design and format of the journal, and will select the members of the editorial staff, including columnists and convention reporters and reviewers." On a motion by Ledwon, seconded by Sklenar and passed unanimously, the following advertising policy was adopted: "Advertising shall be limited to offerings of products and services related to organs, music, and theatres. No personal messages, except classified ads by persons seeking employment in the organ field, shall be accepted. On a motion by Landon, seconded by Allen Miller, and passed unanimously, the following advertising rate policy was adopted: "All statements for the THEATRE ORGAN journal concerning changes in advertising rates, agency commissions, cash discounts, delinquent accounts, or the rate protection clause shall be approved by the Board of Directors." Mendenhall moved, seconded by Joseph that the Board accept Rate Card No. 19 effective January 1, 1986; the motion passed unanimously. On a motion by Joseph, seconded by Allen Miller and passed unanimously, the following THEATRE ORGAN advertising disclaimer was adopted: "Publication of business advertising in no way implies ATOS's endorsement of any commercial operation. However, ATOS reserves the right to refuse any ad that is not in keeping with ATOS's general standards or if complaints are received indicating that said business does not serve the best interests of the members of ATOS according to its goals and Bylaws." The Editor requested that authorization be granted to increase the number of journal pages from 56 to 64 due to the large accumulation of articles, estimating that the increased cost would be \$1200 per year excluding additional postage; Landon so moved, but the motion died due lack of a second. Sklenar then moved, seconded by Mendenhall and passed unanimously, that the journal could be increased in size up to a total of 64 pages up to twice a year.

14. Conventions. On a motion by Allen Miller, seconded by Sklenar and passed unanimously, Ralph Beaudry was approved as chairman of the 1987 convention in Los Angeles. On a motion by Allen Miller, seconded by Segur and passed unanimously, Dennis Hedberg was approved as chairman of the 1988 convention in Portland.

15. Logotype. There was discussion concerning a suggestion that the ATOS logo be changed, but no action was taken.

16. Establishment of Award of Special Merit. Segur proposed that the Board establish a special award that could be presented from time to time, but not necessarily annually, to recognize outstanding achievement in the organ world in areas not covered by existing award categories. She cited several examples of individuals and organizations who might be considered for such an award. Moelmann stated his belief that it is healthy to recognize special achievement, and said that he has done so in the form of letters written by him as President of ATOS and suggested that from time to time the Board might instruct him to write such letters. Landon stated that he believes a certificate to be a more significant form of recognition. Ayars felt strongly that adding another award category would degrade the existing awards. Segur moved, seconded by Joseph and passed without opposition that the Board establish an "Award of Special Merit" to be presented in instances of exceptional achievement. Joseph moved, seconded by Segur, that the first award in this category be given to Hector Olivera during this convention's banquet for his ingenuity in developing and constructing the "01 Orchestra" touring instrument. Allen Miller questioned the relationship of the achievement to promoting the theatre organ. Landon stated that the creativity involved brings some reflected glory upon the American Theatre Organ Society because Olivera is a member in good standing of ATOS and acts as an ambassador for the organization as he travels the concert circuit. Voting in favor were Ledwon, Joseph, Landon, Koenig, and Segur; voting in opposition were Barnett, Allen Miller, and Sklenar; Mendenhall abstained. Moelmann then asked if there were other persons or organizations which the Directors would like to recommend for letters of recognition; none was forthcoming.

17. Appointment of Executive Committee. On a motion by Koenig, seconded by Sklenar and passed unanimously, Lois Segur and Allen Miller were re-elected to the Executive Committee for 1986-87.

18. Establishment of Committees. On a motion by Joseph, seconded by Landon and passed unanimously, the following committees were established: Awards and Recognition, Bylaws, Chapter Territories, Education, Nominating, Convention Planning, Gifts and Funding, Goals and Objectives, Library and Archives, Membership, Publicity and Promotion, Ben Hall Memorial Organ, Technical, Young Organists Competition, and Audit.

19. Appointment of Committee Chairmen. The President appointed the following committee chairmen and members: Awards and Recognition — John Landon (chairman); Bylaws — Richard Sklenar (chairman); Chapter Territories — Allen Miller (chairman); Education — Catherine Koenig (chairman); Nominating — Russell Joseph (chairman); Convention Planning — Timothy Nessler re-appointed as Convention Planning Coordinator; Gifts and Funding — Russell Joseph (chairman), and John Ledwon coordinating with the Executive Director; Goals and Objectives — Richard Sklenar (chairman); Library and Archives — Tom B'hend (chairman), John Landon, and Lois Segur; Membership — Dale Mendenhall (chairman); Publicity and Promotion — Tom B'hend (chairman), and Russell Joseph; Ben Hall Memorial Organ — Dale Mendenhall (chairman), Ashley Miller, and Alfred Buttler; Technical — Allen Miller (chairman), John Ledwon, and Walter Strony; Young Organists Competition — Lois Segur (chairman),

John Ledwon, Walter Strony, Ashley Miller, and Dwight Thomas; Audit — John Landon (chairman), and Ray Danford.

20. Reimbursement for Expenses. On a motion by Segur, seconded by Landon and passed unanimously, it was decided that Directors shall be reimbursed for transportation and room expense not to exceed the single room rate in order to attend scheduled Directors meetings. On a motion by Barnett and seconded by Segur, it was passed that the Executive Committee be empowered to invite and pay expenses for persons they deem essential to the conduct of Directors' meetings and/or conventions; the motion was passed with Sklenar, Landon, Strony, and Joseph opposed.

21. Board Vacancies. Mendenhall moved, seconded by Barnett, that any vacancy on the Board must be filled with standard procedure being to hold an election by secret ballot with nominees being the persons included on the ballot but not elected in the previous Directors election. In favor were Barnett and Mendenhall; in opposition were Ledwon, Koenig, Sklenar, Landon, Strony, and Joseph; the motion was defeated. Barnett charged all Directors to live up to their responsibilities, particularly those who voted against filling the existing vacancy, and to make an extra effort to see that their committee obligations are satisfied. Moelmann asked for more participation in discussions, both in writing and by telephone, conducted between Directors' meetings.

22. Closing Remarks. Moelmann noted the value of Directors' communicating with members during conventions. He noted that during the current convention a transcription player had been donated, and a pledge made to purchase audio equipment for the Library/Archives. He also noted that two additional members had volunteered to serve as Editor of the new newsletter, if needed. He noted that a member had mentioned that he is pursuing corporate funding for the 13-week radio program series.

23. Adjournment. On a motion by Mendenhall, seconded by Barnett and passed unanimously, the meeting was adjourned sine die following the Banquet on Thursday, July 10, 1986, at 10:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
David M. Barnett, *National Secretary* □

AMERICAN THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY
CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVES ANNUAL MEETING
The Richmond Marriott Hotel — Richmond, Virginia
July 7, 1986

1. Call to Order and Opening Remarks. President Jack Moelmann called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. in the Capital Ballroom of the Richmond Marriott Hotel. He noted that he had requested to be notified in advance of the designated representative for each chapter, and had asked for written reports to be summarized in these minutes.

2. Introduction of Officers, Directors, and Staff. The President then introduced Directors Vice President Russell Joseph, Richard Sklenar, Walter Strony, Allen Miller, Secretary David Barnett, Lois Segur, John Ledwon, John Landon, Treasurer Dale Mendenhall, and Catherine Koenig; he then introduced THEATRE ORGAN Editor Robert Gilbert, Executive Director Douglas Fisk, and Librarian/Archivist Vernon Bickel. (Absent was Director Tom B'hend who was unable to attend due to illness.)

3. Announcement of Title Change. The President announced that the title chapter "Chairman" had been replaced by "President."

4. Young Organists Competition. The President reviewed the 1986 competition and cited the overall winner, Dwight Thomas of the Central Indiana chapter. He announced that 1986 participation in the competition had increased over the previous year, and that the prize money had been increased for the 1987 competition. Lois Segur announced the chapters who participated in the 1986 Young Organists Competition.

5. Collection of National Dues. The President then explained the reasons for direct collection of national dues and asked that chapters cooperate in this effort by not collecting national dues locally. He reminded the representatives that chapter members must also be national members.

6. Communications. Moelmann then announced that the Promotion and Publicity Committee was formed with the purpose of communicating to the public that ATOS exists and what the organizations goals are. He requested that chapters regularly send copies of their newsletters to the Promotion and Publicity Committee chairman to keep the committee informed of chapter activities and to serve as examples to other chapters who might want to develop or improve their newsletters.

7. Chapter Charter Agreements. The President announced that he is in the process of ascertaining that all chapters have copies of their Chapter Charter Agreement. He announced that the term "territory" has been replaced in new agreements with the term "area of operation," noting that it is a "friendlier" and more appropriate term in that members are free to belong to any chapters they wish to join without regard to geographical location.

8. ATOS National Newsletter. Noting that since *The Console* had ceased publication there has been a need for a publication in addition to the THEATRE ORGAN journal, Moelmann asked for a

show of hands in response to these questions: "Do you want to see ATOS publish a newsletter?" "Would you subscribe to such a publication?" "Would you be willing to pay increased dues to cover the costs of such a publication?" He then announced that the Board had approved the publishing of a newsletter on a trial basis for six months, four pages in length, printed inexpensively, with three issues bound into THEATRE ORGAN and the remaining three mailed separately. He requested that representatives give their "feedback" as soon as possible so that the Board can evaluate the effectiveness of the new publication.

9. Visibility of ATOS. Moelmann stated that he wants ATOS to become as familiar a name as AT&T, and encouraged chapters to "spread the word" about ATOS and to make a practice of including a mention of ATOS in all publicity materials issued at the chapter level. He mentioned that he was scheduled for a brief appearance on the ABC Television Network program "Good Morning America" on July 28.

10. Technical Manual. The President announced that the Technical Committee will be putting together reprints of published technical articles in loose-leaf form which will be indexed and supplemented periodically, and that plans are to have the publication ready for sale to members by Christmas, 1986.

11. Executive Director's Report. Douglas Fisk explained ATOS membership record-keeping procedures, including an explanation of why renewal dues should be sent direct to him using the pre-printed renewal form. He stated that initial dues should be forwarded to him by chapters. He encouraged chapters to assist in keeping records updated by returning the lists he periodically sends them with comments and corrections.

12. Library/Archives. Vernon Bickel, Librarian/Archivist, advised that he also handles back-issues of THEATRE ORGAN and suggested that chapters request back-issues for donation to libraries and for chapter promotional purposes; he stated that only shipping costs would be charged. He encouraged the donation of items to the Archives, such as books and photographs of theatre organs and theatres. He also suggested that members consider making bequests to ATOS of their theatre organ memorabilia.

13. Roll Call of Chapters. Alabama: Gary Jones noted the completion of a recording by Tom Hazleton on the Alabama Theatre Wurlitzer, and remarked that the chapter continues to sponsor a successful concert series. Aloha: Frank Loney stated that although the Hawaii Theatre has remained closed, the chapter received the right of entry and continues to maintain and enjoy the Robert-Morton organ, holding concerts as often as possible; the chapter's Wurlitzer remains in storage. Atlanta: Nelson Guard reported that their concert series is active, that a small organ is going into an area theatre, and that the Fox Theatre organ which recently received a \$200,000 donation, is in excellent condition and being played regularly. Australia/Felix: Beehive: Bluegrass: John Landon reported that the chapter is installing an organ at the University of Kentucky. Buffalo Area: Maureen Wilke noted chapter growth from 14 to 51 in two years; she invited representatives to visit and hear the Shea's Theatre Wurlitzer which the chapter maintains. Cedar Rapids Area: Central Florida: Al Hermans reported membership growth to 80, that a local radio station presents a weekly hour-long program of theatre organ music produced and announced by one of their past Presidents, and that the chapter is restoring the Tampa Theatre organ, used once a month. Central Indiana: Tess Moses reported that the chapter has a very hard-working organ crew, and that they had produced a successful benefit for the Humane Society of Indianapolis. Central Ohio: Mark Williams advised that the chapter has many members attending the convention, that work is progressing on their 3/16 Wurlitzer, and that bylaws have been rewritten and approved as of May, 1986. Chattanooga: Chicago Area: Bill Rieger reported that Convention '85 had resulted in \$12,050.82 in profits to National, that the Chicago Theatre is being renovated and is scheduled for a September opening, and that the chapter has scheduled a September 18 show to benefit the organ. Connecticut Valley: Cog Briggs reported that since the closing of Thomaston Opera House due to fire and safety codes, the chapter now presents concerts in Shelton, Connecticut. Dairyland: Delaware Valley: Bernie McGorrey reported a 10 percent membership increase, noted that funds have been allocated for restoring the 4/86 Möller in the Philadelphia Civic Center, and that the chapter has received publicity regarding their work there in *The Philadelphia Inquirer*; he noted a setback when the chapter's 3/19 Möller had to be removed just before "first wind" when the installation site suffered financial reversals. Eastern Massachusetts: Dick Johnson noted the chapter's successful on-going concert series, remarked that the Babson College installation is "going strong," and that the chapter is now 30 years old. Egyptian: Foothill: Allen Green reported that the chapter continues to work on the Tennessee Theatre organ, and that they are beginning a concert series. Garden State: Joe Dorsey reported that the chapter is attempting to renew former members, has signed a lease with United Artists for the Pascack Wurlitzer, has increased membership, has established a program of open console programs, is awaiting renewal of a contract with the new owners of Convention Hall in Asbury Park, presents a concert series at Trenton War Memorial and has increased use of the organ between concerts. Gulf Coast: Tom Helms reported that the chapter has completed work on the 4/23 Saenger Theatre organ in Pensacola and has held five successful concerts during the past year. Hudson-Mohawk Valley, Joliet Area: Jan Chalender reported that the chapter maintains the 1926 Barton in the Rialto Square Theatre, that they have a successful concert series there and receive income each time the organ is used, and that the theatre provides funds for maintenance and improvements; they

also sponsor socials to which non-members occasionally are invited. Kingston: Kiwi: Land-O-Lakes: Ralph Doble reported that the World Theatre in Saint Paul has been restored (the "Prairie Home Companion" radio broadcast originates there weekly) and that the chapter hopes to install an organ there by the end of the year; the chapter now has a theatre organ and is seeking a suitable place for it; they are also working to save the State Theatre in Minneapolis. Land of Lincoln: Orill Dunn reported that the chapter cooperated with CATOE on Rockford day at Convention '85; the Rockford Theatre, where the chapter maintains the organ, is now a performing arts center available for the chapter's use. London and South of England: Edith Rawle reported that the chapter is restoring the Torch Christie, working at the Gaumont State; they have found theatre organ dances to be successful money-raisers and suggest that other chapters try them. Los Angeles: Irv Eilers reported the donation of their Kimball to a church, their receiving a 3/27 Wurlitzer which they are attempting to relocate for the 1987 convention, and that their radio program on KPCC-FM has been a great success. Magnolia: Mid-Florida: Chris Walsh reported that this year-old chapter is preparing to install a 3/11 Robert-Morton the Polk Theatre which is being restored, and noted that a pizza restaurant featuring a 3/15 Wurlitzer-Morton is in operation. Motor City: Dorothy Van Steenkiste reported that the chapter is active, has 400 members and is fiscally sound, has a library, and sponsors shows not only in their Redford Theatre, but also at the Royal Oak and St. Claire's Church; the Michigan Theatre in Ann Arbor is not used for concerts due to the theatre's bookings but the organ continues to be used regularly; the Punch & Judy Theatre in Grosse Pointe is being converted into a shopping mall but the chapter saved the 2/5 Wurlitzer; she mentioned that the chapter is having difficulty with direct dues collection; they are planning for Convention '89. Mountain State: Betty Walls reported that the chapter, in its infancy, has an organ in storage, is having difficulty obtaining financial support, but is exploring possible sources of donations; they are trying to increase awareness in an area where ATOS and the theatre organ are virtually unknown. New York: Bob Welch mentioned the chapter's busy concert schedule, noted that the chapter's 2/10 Wurlitzer is now playing, that the chapter is preparing to reinstall the 2/7 Wurlitzer in the Bardovan Theatre, and that they have received considerable publicity locally, including coverage in *The New York Times*. Nor-Cal: Lowell Wendell reported that the chapter has received good publicity; the chapter has been given the Toledo Paramount Publix, the console of which they are restoring; he announced that the St. Francis will be the 1990 convention hotel; and recommended that all chapters become tax-exempt in order to receive donations. North Texas: Ohio Valley: Claire Lawrence reported that their weekend movie series of films has now been successful for eight years, and that their organ has been enlarged to 29 ranks. Oklahoma City: Oregon: Paul Quarin reported that the chapter now has 90 members and is preparing for the 1988 Convention, of which Dennis Hedberg is Chairman. Piedmont: Buddy Boyd reported that the chapter is in its fifth year in the Carolina Theatre, and that damage to the 2/6 Robert-Morton there and to their 3/18 Wurlitzer in Burlington is being repaired. Pike's Peak: Patti Simon reported that the chapter will be helping with the Rocky Mountain regional convention. Pine Tree: Bob Legon mentioned that restoration to their Austin is going well, that they own a 3/13 Wurlitzer, and that they plan to recognize in an awards ceremony the 14 youngsters who helped with the restoration of an organ. Potomac Valley: Donald Faehn reported that the chapter has concentrated on completing the chapter's Wurlitzer at George Mason University, and that repair work continues on their water-damaged Kimball at the University of Maryland. Puget Sound: Thelma Barclay reported that membership is 135 families strong, that the Seattle Paramount's 4/24 Wurlitzer is in excellent condition, that they have burned the mortgage on their practice organ, and that they are working to involve more young people in their activities. Quad Cities: Joan McFadden reported increased chapter growth, that the chapter holds two public shows a year with an average attendance of 1100, and that they recently held their first regional social. Red River: River City: Maureen Durrand reported chapter growth from 26 to 63 family memberships, and that they have held two benefit concerts on the 3/13 Wurlitzer at the Omaha Orpheum Theatre grossing \$40,000, the profits from which will be donated to the Western Heritage Museum. Rocky Mountain: Patti Simon noted the resumption of public concerts at the Denver Paramount Theatre after a two-year hiatus due to restoration work; she also remarked on the chapter's tremendous growth and their plans for the Rocky Mountain regional convention in October. San Diego: Mary Jane Hyde reported that additions have been completed to the chapter's organ, as well as re-leathering and minor repairs; the chapter will host the 1987 Convention "Encore;" they held a local Young Organists Competition, presenting a monetary award and plaque; the chapter sponsored or co-sponsored nine concerts during the year. Sequoia: Dave Moreno noted that the chapter is in its second year and growing. Sierra: Dave Moreno noted that the chapter is updating and improving an organ in a high school. Sooner State: Julius Chapman noted that the chapter sponsors programs on the Robert-Morton at Tulsa State. Southeast Texas: South Florida: Ken Whiting noted that the chapter has held successful concerts, including those at the Cultural Center. Southwest Michigan: St. Louis: Toledo Area: Tri-Counties: Valley of the Sun: Ray Danford mentioned that the chapter had donated \$1000 of the profits from the very successful Phoenix Festival to the Young Organists Competition, noted that the chapter is continuing work on the theatre organ at First Christian Church and is working to have organs re-installed in the Palace West Theatre in Phoenix and in a theatre in Yuma, and mentioned that they are working on their bylaws and tax-exempt status. Virginia: Paul Harris reported that the chapter, in its first year, has been working hard to present Convention

'86, has had a very active technical committee, presented several private and public concerts, received an anonymous donation of a Post Horn, and was given the George R. Meek collection of theatre and organ magazines and memorabilia. **Western Reserve, Wolverine:** Dorothy Van Steenkiste reported that the chapter has many co-members with the Motor City chapter, does not own or operate theatres or organs, but has fun enjoying many theatre organ installations in the area, mainly in homes; the chapter feels it is necessary to change attitudes in order to involve more young people.

14. Adjournment. President Moelmann asked if there was any further business to be brought before the meeting, and there being none, the meeting was adjourned sine die.

Respectfully submitted,
David M. Barnett, *National Secretary* □

**AMERICAN THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP ANNUAL MEETING
The Mosque — Richmond, Virginia
July 8, 1986**

1. Call to Order and Opening Remarks. President Jack Moelmann called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 8, 1986, from the stage of The Mosque Theatre, Six North Laurel Street, Richmond, Virginia. He then introduced Directors Vice President Russell Joseph, Secretary David Barnett, and Treasurer Dale Mendenhall; he recognized retiring Directors Lowell Ayars and Ashley Miller; he then introduced Directors Lois Segur, Richard Sklenar, John Landon, John Ledwon, Allen Miller, and Catherine Koenig; he then introduced THEATRE ORGAN Editor Robert Gilbert, Co-Editor Grace E. McGinnis, Advertising Manager Len Clarke, Executive Director Douglas Fisk, and Archivist/Librarian Vernon Bickel. The President then noted the resignation of Fr. Jim Miller from the Board, and the absence of Director Tom B'hend due to illness.

2. Approval of Minutes. On a motion made by Tim Needler, seconded by Joe Lucky and passed with no opposition, the members approved the minutes of the August 3, 1985, Annual Membership Meeting as published in the September/October, 1985 issue of THEATRE ORGAN.

3. Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Mendenhall reported that the society was able to pay all 1985 bills by the end of the fiscal year, thereby leaving 1986 income to pay 1986 expenses. He reported a 1985 surplus of \$10,000, and projected a similar surplus in 1986, noting that sufficient funds had accumulated to provide additional funding for programs. He thanked members for renewing at a higher amount that the required \$20, and remarked that ATOS would be actively seeking support from grants.

4. Executive Director's Report. Executive Director Fisk gave an overview of the organization, likening it to a large tapestry of chapters and unaffiliated members. He emphasized that the parts form a single entity with the Board of Directors setting the rules, but with the work being done by all members. He stated that membership has grown to more than 5400 members which gives the organization sufficient money to put into new programs. He challenged all members to find a place in the tapestry, and to work together toward the society's goals.

OLD BUSINESS

5. Committee Reports.

a. Young Organists Competition. Chairman Lois Segur reported that 11 entrants competed in the 1986 competition in three age levels, and announced the three winners as well as the overall winner: Junior, Neil H. Johnston II; Intermediate, Colleen Feldpausch; Senior and overall, Dwight M. Thomas. She acknowledged the competition judges: Richard Purvis, Tom Hazleton, Dennis James, Gwen O'Connor, and Grant Whitcomb, announced the increased prize money, and encouraged chapters to sponsor competitions on the local level.

b. Nominating. Russell Joseph advised the members that the committee for 1986 consisted of three members from different areas of the country: Rudy Frey (Northern California), Margaret Ann Foy (Rocky Mountain), Richard Neidich (Washington, D.C.), and himself (Ozark Country). He stated that the number of returned ballots (1162) was not a good showing and encouraged more participation in the election process. He noted that Directors are responsible for leadership in the organization, but that it is the members' responsibility to choose good Directors.

c. Convention Planning. Convention Planning Coordinator Tim Needler expressed appreciation to Richmond, to the Virginia Theatre Organ Society, and to the Convention '86 Committee. He then announced the lineup for future conventions: 1987 in Los Angeles during the last full week of June, 1988 in Portland, 1989 in Detroit, and 1990 in San Francisco. He encouraged chapters to consider hosting a future convention. He then introduced the *Convention Policy and Procedures Handbook*, encouraging chapters to request them for review.

d. Library/Archives. Librarian/Archivist Vern Bickel thanked those members who had contributed items to the collection. He mentioned the need for a 78-RPM transcription turntable, and re-

quested that members donate to the collection books, pamphlets, photos, and other items relating to the theatre organ in order that they may be preserved for posterity.

e. Technical. Chairman Allen Miller advised that a technical manual will be published this year composed of reprints from previously published articles.

NEW BUSINESS

6. National ATOS Newsletter. President Moelmann announced that the Board had voted to publish a newsletter for a six-months trial period.

7. THEATRE ORGAN Journal. Moelmann then expressed the Board's thanks to THEATRE ORGAN Editor Bob Gilbert who had announced his retirement; he then introduced new Editor Grace E. McGinnis.

8. Bylaws Revisions. The President then related to the members changes which the Directors had made to the Bylaws. (See Directors Meeting minutes.)

9. Promotion and Publicity. President Moelmann announced plans for increasing the visibility of ATOS, including a public radio broadcast series, a television production, improved communication of news to chapters, and his up-coming "spot" on the ABC Television program "Good Morning America."

10. Closing Remarks and Adjournment. The President expressed the Society's thanks to the Virginia Theatre Organ Society, host chapter for Convention '86; the announcement was followed by a round of applause. The President then asked members to present any additional business. There being none, on a motion by Deke Warner, seconded by Gene Davis and passed without opposition, the meeting was adjourned sine die.

Respectfully submitted,
David M. Barnett, *National Secretary* □



**ALABAMA
Birmingham**

205/942-5611 or 205/664-3606

Our May event was held at the Alabama Theatre with Jay Mitchell of Atlanta at the console of the Publix # 1. Jay was instrumental in getting our chapter formed, and it was very good to have him back "home." He has also been working with some of the reeds in the Wurlitzer. Cleaning, voicing and tonal finishing has been in process, and the sound is fabulous!

A special June surprise was another of our chapter founders, Alleen Cole, from Tampa, Florida, who brought her friend, Marlon

Scott, with her. Both Alleen and Marlon performed, and each brought along a "special" guest. "Minnie Pearl" (aka Alleen) arrived and played, for the first time in her career, the theatre organ. She had no problem with the "four-layered piano" but had never used "those sticks on the floor!" Minnie's organ debut was brought to an end as "Liberace" (aka Marlon) made a spectacular entrance from the rear of the auditorium. Liberace charmed the crowd and performed on the Wurlitzer with candelabrum, of course.

We are currently producing a summer movie series which is enjoying tremendous success. Plans are in the making, with owners Costa and Head, to keep the series going



"Liberace" (Marlon Scott) and "Minnie Pearl" (Alleen Cole) perform for the Alabama chapter. (Gary W. Jones photo)