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## President's Message



IT IS TIME TO VOTE IN ATOS! Yes, it is time to vote for the members of ATOS that you want to be on the Board of Directors for three years. How ATOS is going to continue to pursue its objectives and what you want the organization to do is YOUR CHOICE. Sometimes we take this important aspect of membership for granted. Many of the activities that you are involved with are within the chapter or conventions and concerts which you attend. We take all of these for granted at times. Your Officers and Board Members work long and hard, on their own time, to try to do what we think the members want. Voting for your Board members indicates your interest in your organization just as it does in how the government of the United States is run. We are not as large as the U.S. government, and there isn't the bureaucracy, but running the National organization isn't easy and at times is frustrating. Voting for Directors is your vote of confidence that you are behind us. Enclosed in this issue is a ballot (on the Allen Organ Company card insert) which I would appreciate your sending in with your vote for the members you would like to see represent you on the issues of YOUR organization. I thank you, and I know each of them will thank you!

In my letter to each of you with your membership card, I indicated that there was a technical manual which had been produced. We have been saying that for some time. We have been trying to get it to be a good manual, and Allen Miller, our technical expert on the Board, has been working long and hard to achieve that goal. The manual is not yet ready, but Allen tells me that it will be available in time for the convention this year or can be ordered around that time period. An announcement will be made in this Journal and the ATOS *International NEWS* on just how you can order one. I have been excited over the interest in this manual, but we wanted to ensure that it was of high quality before releasing it. It will be primarily reprinted technical articles which have appeared in the Journal over the years, with other helpful information which will greatly aid the technician, the person most valuable to the preservation of the theatre organ. I thank all of you for your interest.

Again, I must emphasize our need for your support of the Young Organists Competition. We are in our fourth year with some great competitions we have had in the past. Please submit your entries through your chapters or contact Lois Segur or myself if you have any questions or suggestions concerning the program.

We have just produced a new membership brochure which is hot off the press. I hope that we will have this available for use by the chapter or people who will help ATOS in getting new members. Doug Fisk, our Executive Director, should be providing some information on its availability. In the meantime, membership is our number one project as it has always been.

Finally, the National Convention in Portland is getting closer. I know that it will be an exciting place to visit and a convention which will be long remembered. Please start making plans to attend. You don't want to miss this one!!

Again, PLEASE VOTE for the Board members of your choice.

Sincerely yours,

  
JACK MOELMANN

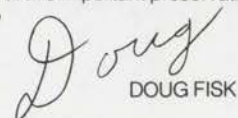
## Executive Director's Message



ATOS continues to seek ways to help chapters attract new members. Our latest step is to provide a new brochure "Welcome To Our Town" developed under the direction of Dorothy VanSteenkiste, ATOS board member from Detroit. Her extensive chapter involvement has led to the description of many chapter oriented activities as highlights of the publication.

Copies will soon be sent to every chapter president. It will be requested that each chapter board or membership committee examine the brochure and develop a plan to make use of copies to assist in attracting new members. After the chapter has developed a plan, they may write to the national office and brochures will be supplied at no cost to chapters. The number available will relate to chapter size. It is realized the brochure alone will not attract new members but it can serve as a catalyst to focus attention on the growth subject. And thus it will help members spend some time talking to friends about chapter activities and the satisfaction of being a part of this important preservation movement.

Tell your chapter president "I want to help!"

  
DOUG FISK

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