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# President's Message



I am honored to have been selected by the ATOS Board of Directors to serve as your President for this year. In addition to all of the excellent ongoing programs, we are going to make a diligent effort this year to put ATOS "on the map" by way of increased exposure through the various mass media. In this vein, we are fortunate to have Russ Hamnett as our new Vice-President. Russ is intimately connected with public broadcasting and will be working on getting our cause "on the air." He has expressed a desire for volunteers who have an interest or experience in this area, so if you are interested, please contact him. His address is listed in the column to the left. I am also pleased to announce that Beth Palmer will serve as our secretary and that Dale Mendenhall has agreed to serve as treasurer. I would like to thank Jack Moelmann, Russ Joseph, David Barnett, Tom B'hend and Lois Segur for their great contributions to ATOS during their years on the Board and as officers and look forward to their continuing participation in the affairs of our Society.

I would also like to commend Convention Chairman Dennis Hedberg and Paul Quarino, Oregon Chapter Chairman, for the excellent job they and the members of Oregon Chapter did on the preparation and presentation of the 1988 National Convention. This was truly a first class event.

One of our new Directors, Laurel Haggart, will be working on public relations and publicity. She would like assistance in this vital area, and I have assured her that the membership will respond. Laurel installed a four-rank Wurlitzer in her home some years back, and she is interested in locating all of the home installations across the country. If you have information about these installations, please contact her.

Dorothy VanSteenkiste has agreed to assume responsibility for the Young Organist Competition since Lois Segur has retired from the Board. The Board has increased the award amount slightly, but the big news is that chapters may now enter a contestant in each of the age categories for a total of three from each chapter. The Young Organist Competition is a tremendous way to stimulate interest in your chapter with both the young and the "mature." Contact Dorothy for full information.

Starting with this issue, we are inaugurating a **Director's Corner** in which each Director will discuss his or her activities. Please read them and offer whatever assistance you can. Each director will be assigned a geographical area (8 or 9 chapters plus the unaffiliated members), and will act as liaison to the National. Use them to express your concerns or problems and, hopefully, an occasional compliment.

ATOS would be nothing without you, the member. Your support and involvement make it all come together, and we on the Board appreciate the efforts of each and every one of you. Keep up the good work, and as an additional goal, bring a guest to each of your organ functions. Show them what a fantastic experience it can be, and help ATOS sell itself.

Sincerely,  
John Ledwon

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