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# President's Message



At the Portland convention last year, the National Board did a brainstorming session dealing with where we hope the ATOS will be in one year and in five years. All this mind-searching and deep thought is of no value unless it is out there for our membership to see and evaluate. We solicit your input and evaluation to what we see as the direction of our organization.

*For the period of July 1988 to July 1989, we would like to implement as many of the following ideas as possible:*

- National radio program on Public Radio
- 6,500 members
- Two articles in national press
- Communication and liaison to related organizations and electronic organ groups, and representation at their conclaves
- Music teacher awareness program
- Technical meeting at convention and technical video
- Television programs using theatre organs
- Special invitation to former members to rejoin ATOS

*For five years into the future:*

- National headquarters and museum
- National public recognition
- 10,000 members
- PBS video series
- Concert circuit
- 20 new public theatre installations
- Placement of the Ben Hall Memorial Organ
- Chapter-owned theatres

Obviously, we have our work cut out for us if we are to accomplish the majority of the above. This is where you, the membership, come in. The National Board consists of 13 members (9 Directors and 4 Officers); we are but a drop in the proverbial bucket when it comes to man (or woman) power. What we need is an ATOS army to achieve the above goals, or any other goals that you, the membership, feel are worthy of the organization. Please help us. We cannot do it ourselves. If you have expertise in any of the above areas, or just a desire to help, please write me expressing your wishes, and I will respond as quickly as I possibly can.

Remember the coming convention in Detroit, July 2-8. Motor City Chapter has some really great things planned for us. Now is the time to get your airline tickets while the prices are still low.

Also, be thinking about the Young Organist Competition. If your chapter is not yet sponsoring a young person, there is still time. Contact Dorothy VanSteenkiste for details.

Well, that's about it for now. Here's hoping I'll be inundated with hundreds of letters from hundreds of volunteers who want to further the goals of ATOS (Well, you can't fault me for hoping, can you?).

I'll warn my letter carrier . . . just in case . . .

Sincerely,  
*John Ledwon*