



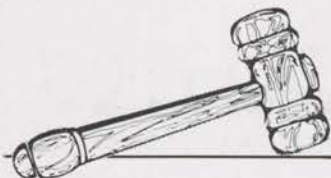
Larry Vannucci at the 4/27 Oakland Paramount Wurlitzer.
Ed Mullins photo

Vannucci Plays Oakland

San Francisco's Larry Vannucci played the organ prologue for the Friday night Classic Sound Film Program at the Oakland, California, Paramount Theatre for June. Vannucci played a delightful half-hour mini-concert on the 4/27 Wurlitzer prior to the screening of the film. He segued from one piece into another without superfluous chit-chat. Larry is a master of the jazz idiom, and it was amazing what he was able to do with twenty-seven ranks.

The June series opened with the RKO musical, *Swing Time* starring Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers. Other organists who have played the Friday night series since Jim Roseveare's demise include John Seng, Don Thompson and Jim Riggs.

Ed Mullins



Minutes

American Theatre Organ Society
General Membership Meeting
July 4, 1989

Call To Order:

The annual meeting of the General Membership of the American Theatre Organ Society, Incorporated was called to order by President John Ledwon at 10:00 a.m. on July 4, 1989 at the Westin Hotel in Detroit, Michigan. This breakfast meeting was conducted under Robert's Rules of Order.

Introduction of Officers for 1989-1990:

President — John Ledwon; Vice-President - Russ Hamnett; Secretary - Laurel Haggart; Treasurer - Dale Mendenhall (absent).

Introduction of New Directors:

Lowell Ayars, Awards and Recognition; Robert Markworth, Chapter Relations; Lois Segur, Education and (new position) Endowments.

Introduction of Continuing Directors:

Vern Bickel, Curator of Archives and Library; Laurel Haggart, Secretary/Promotion and Publicity; Ashley Miller, Ben Hall Memorial Organ Project; Paul Quarino, Historian; Alden Stockebrand, Technical; Dorothy VanSteenkiste, Young Organist Competition

Introduction of Retiring Directors:

Catherine Koenig, Education; Allen Miller, Technical and Nominations.

Introduction of Staff:

Doug Fisk, Executive Director; Grace McGinnis, Editor of THEATRE ORGAN; Tom B'hend, Editor ATOS International NEWS.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of the July 3, 1988, General Membership meeting were approved as published in THEATRE ORGAN (Alan Smiller/Fred Page/Unanimous).

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's report was accepted as submitted (Cornell Candea/Enid Martin/Unanimous).

Introduction of Young Organists and Judges:

Junior Winner Russell Holmes, London and South of England; Intermediate Winner and Overall Winner Barry Baker, Central Indiana; Senior Winner John Cook, Pine Tree Chapter; Judges: John Muri, Lowell Ayars, Charlie Balogh, Rob Calcaterra, Ron Rhode.

Executive Director's Message:

Doug Fisk - 5800 members, goal of 6,000 by 1990; 60 chapters; using mailing lists of organizations related to musical field for membership growth.

Theatre Organ Editor's Message:

The Letters to The Editor column is a forum for the membership. Write more. Would like a column in Chapter Notes section for unaffiliated members. introduced the three photographers covering convention: Bo Hanley, Ray VanSteenkiste, Michael Chervenock; reviewer for convention, Steve Adams and Assistant Editor of THEATRE ORGAN, Paul Quarino.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Convention Planning - Tim Needler has resigned as coordinator. David Barnett will replace him. Indianapolis is the site of the 1990 Convention, August 4-8; San Francisco in 1991, and Phoenix will host the 1989 Regional, Thanksgiving weekend 1989.

b. Radio Program - 13 one-half hour programs are being recorded. Press package in the works. Information needed from membership of any regularly scheduled Theatre Pipe Organ programs now on the air. Membership to be contacted later in year for a letter-writing campaign to radio stations.

c. National Headquarters Project - California Museum project in Sacramento, California, and American Cinematheque in Hollywood, California, are possibilities. Request for membership's input for possible sites.

d. Chapter Relations - Chapter Handbook has been completed and final revisions being made. Still time for chapter input. Delivery scheduled by end of year.

e. Slide Show - Revisions are in process and a video will also be made.

f. Election of Directors - Ballots were sent by direct mail this year and 2,300 were returned.

g. Outstanding Chapters - London and South of England had their Safari with 150 in attendance, 90 from the United States. Garden State has an ongoing educational program for children and have had approximately 1200 students attend. They have also been successful in obtaining grants. Motor City's Redford Theatre is on the National Register. They are our hosts for this convention and we thank them for the great time we are all having. Central Indiana has raised \$60,000 for their organ installation since December 1988.

h. Theatre Pipe Organ Installations - Where are they. Membership asked for information.

i. Executive Committee - Conducts the day-to-day business of our organization. Members are President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and two Board members. Robert Markworth and Lois Segur were voted to serve this year by Board of Directors.

j. Archives and Library - ATOS listed in National Listing of Libraries. Library of Congress has been provided with a complete set of the THEATRE ORGAN Journal.

k. Awards and Recognition - Clarification of procedure. Committee suggests nominations to Board of Directors. The Board then votes.

l. Nomination for Board and Officers - Need those with a willingness to contribute something to the organization. To lead, help and bring experience. Please let committee know if you are interested.

m. Advertising - Len Clarke suggested that we explore color advertising costs for the Journal.

n. Questions and Comments - Various comments were made from the floor on ways to expose the public to ATOS.

Adjournment:

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m. (Robert Balfour).

Respectfully submitted,
Laurel Haggart, Secretary

Music was born free, and to win freedom is its destiny.

FERRUCCIO BUSONI (1866-1924)