

Minutes

American Theatre Organ Society Annual Membership Meeting August 7, 1990

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 2:38 p.m. August 7, 1990 at the Embassy Theatre, Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

Introductions:

National officers, board of directors and staff were introduced.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of the July 4, 1989, General Membership Meeting were approved as published in THEATRE ORGAN (Deke Warner/Ray Danford/Unanimous).

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Dale Mendenhall reported that dues were sufficient to support all presently approved programs. Dues are not sufficient to fund ATOS Headquarters/Museum, and procedures have been set-up with the possibility of an endowment/foundation to provide funding support for this and other future programs.

Regional Convention:

Thanks were given to the chapter members of the Valley of The Sun Chapter, Phoenix, Arizona, for the successful regional convention held in November 1989.

New Chapters:

Two new chapters were welcomed: Metrolina, Charlotte, North Carolina, and Yuma, Yuma, Arizona.

Young Organists Competition:

The winners of the 1990 competition are: Junior Division & Overall Winner - Mark Aston, London S/O England; Intermediate Division - Russell Holmes, London S/O England; Senior Division - John Giacchi, Australia/Felix.

Business:

The radio show "Theatre Pipes" has been forwarded to National Public Radio, and if not broadcast, can be offered to commercial stations.

The slide show with narrative will be on tape and available for rental by the end of the year from the ATOS Archives.

A new two-color brochure is available for chapters at no cost unless they wish their own information on the inside page.

Article II, Section 2.1, Line 4 of the Bylaws has been changed to read: "Two adults and dependent children living at the same address." This does not change member voting rights.

A pilot program for 10 music scholarships of \$500 each for ATOS members and dependents ages 13 thru 21 has been approved.

A blanket licensing policy will be purchased from ASCAP for chapters having public concerts.

Future Conventions:

Sequoia Chapter, Fresno, California, will host the 1990 Regional Convention, October 19-21.

Nor-Cal Chapter, San Francisco, California, will host the 1991 National Convention, July 5-9. A show of hands was asked to assess how members felt about riding the Bart between venues, where possible, instead of private busses.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m. (Jim Koller)

Respectfully submitted,
Laurel D. Haggart, Secretary

Chapter Representatives Meeting

The Annual Meeting of ATOS Chapter Representatives was held August 8, 1990, in the Celebration Hall of the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana. President John Ledwon called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Roll call was taken and our two new chapters, Metrolina of Charlotte, North Carolina, and Yuma of Yuma, Arizona were introduced. National Officers and Board of Directors and staff were introduced.

The following announcements were made by President Ledwon and questions from the floor were answered.

The first series of 13 radio shows have been completed and submitted to National Public Radio by Vice-President Russ Hamnett to broadcast this series via the PBS satellite system. The series is offered free to stations and ATOS has the international rights. Target date is October and chapters will be notified of actual dates. Will be critical to have chapter support by a letter campaign to stations when series is aired. If first series are successful, the Board has allocated funds for a second series. If information is needed for PBS stations in your area, you may call Russ at 1-800-523-8870, KNAU Flagstaff, Arizona.

The slide show with narrative will be put on video and may be rented by chapters from the ATOS Archives.

With regard to ASCAP fees for concerts sponsored by chapters, the Board has approved the purchase of an umbrella policy for our chapters. Contact Doug Fisk, Executive Director.

The new two-color brochure is available to chapters at no expense when they request a reasonable amount. Also, the chapters may order the brochure with their own information on the inside page at a cost of 10¢ each when ordering 1,000. Contact Doug Fisk.

With the success of the Young Organist Competition, the Board has approved a pilot program to encourage a young artist to continue pursuing playing theatre organ. The development of a scholarship program

for ATOS members and dependents 13 to 21 years of age is our goal. The pilot program will be for 10 scholarships of \$500. Input or questions concerning the implementation of this pilot program should be directed to Board Member Dorothy Van Steenkiste.

The Chapter Handbook has been forwarded to all Chapter Presidents. Any additional input from chapters should be sent to Board Member Bob Markworth as the handbook will be updated periodically.

The listing of Theatre Pipe Organs for our archives is continuing and includes chapter, school, theatre and home installations. A narrative, on tape if possible, would be appreciated from the chapters concerning their organs; where organ came from, how moved, funding, installation and names of volunteers who gave their time and talent to the project. Contact Board Member Laurel Haggart.

During open discussion, Chapter Representatives shared information on ways of funding, special concerts, programs of interest for school students, installation of chapter organs, accounting procedures for chapter treasurers, the use of computer software for mailing lists, correspondence and newsletters and the exploration of using Union workers with a guaranteed wage as volunteer workers when they are not on the job. The ATOS Archive would appreciate copies of chapter newsletters for the chapter's file and an exchange of newsletters between chapters is a good way of communicating. Of course, it is common courtesy to check with another chapter before using information from their newsletter.

Bill Schlotter spoke enthusiastically of the NINETY-ONE-DERFUL Convention in San Francisco starting July 5, 1991, and Tom DeLay of the Sequoia Chapter Regional in Fresno, October 19-21, 1990.

All written reports from chapters have been included in the permanent minutes of this meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurel Haggart, Secretary

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Watch for news of Nor-Cal's
"NINETY-ONE-DERFUL" CONVENTION
July 5-9, 1991!

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