

Chapter Representatives Meeting

The Annual Meeting of ATOS Chapter Representatives was held July 5, 1991 at the St. Francis Hotel, San Francisco, California. Immediate Past President John Ledwon called the meeting to order at 2:32 p.m.

Roll call was taken, National Officers and members of the Board of Directors were introduced.

The videotaped version of the ATOS slide show was presented to the audience, followed by a brief discussion of other information available from National, including the membership brochure.

Next a short discussion of the ASCAP agreement was given, with special attention to provisions for defining the size of the house, which in turn determines the fee to be paid.

The Endowment Fund was the next order of business. A representative from Cedar Rapids Chapter asked if disbursements will be only to one-half the amount of annual interest earned, in order to keep enough in the fund to keep up with inflation. The answer was that such details are still to be determined.

The matter of Jesse Crawford Chapter's copyrighted newsletter was mentioned and chapters were cautioned not to copy anything without permission from the copyright owner.

Journal Editor Grace McGinnis expressed pleasure with information being sent for publication and noted that future articles will deal with the technicalities of producing good photographs and what kind of material is needed by the Journal.

The London and South of England Chapter was applauded for their Young Theatre Organist winners.

A number of chapter comments were received, including:

Central Indiana — problems in attracting young people. This spurred a general discussion of methods that could be used for this purpose, including working with schools and opening of residence organs to young people for practice. The Colorado State University summer intern program was also noted.

Chicago Area — a 3/36 instrument is installed in the Congress Theatre. The former Main North High School organ has been moved to the Tivoli Theatre, Downers Grove, Illinois. The 1993 National Convention will be in Chicago hosted by CATOE.

Delaware Valley — will host the 1992 convention, July 3-9.

London & South of England — reported

a very successful Safari and offers an exchange of young artists.

New York — progress is being made on the Ben Hall organ installation. The instrument should be playing by next year.

North Florida — a Gulbransen has been placed in a rest home for the entertainment of its residents. There also is a Wurlitzer/Morton hybrid being installed in a residence.

North Texas — no concerts being held due to organ damage.

Orlando — the Don Baker memorial organ will be installed in August.

Piedmont — three theatre installations are underway!

Pine Tree — a 2/9 Wurlitzer is to be installed in a Performing Arts Center. If not installed, the instrument reverts to the chapter and then to National if the chapter is non-existent at that time.

Sequoia — the county Assessor says the chapter Wurlitzer is a taxable item at \$300 per year, but says not to worry since the chapter is a non-profit organization!

Southeast Texas — the chapter organ is 100% in the same shape as the day it was made.

Southern New Jersey — new and growing nicely.

Yuma — a player piano, band box and glock have been donated for use in the chapter organ.

Eastern Massachusetts — an all-day music festival was held to raise funds for MDA on the Babson College organ, including a concert with silent movies and a bake sale. All proceeds to MDA.

Santa Barbara — 4/26 Wonder Morton at the Arlington Theatre is played every night. Children are admitted free to all pops concerts and silent movie presentations. Chapter is working with schools in Santa Barbara and Goleta. Audiences want to know what will be played. Board member Jim Riggs suggested promoting composers rather than titles or the organ alone.

Los Angeles — increased public relations efforts. Chapter has contracted for performances through November 1992. San Gabriel Wurlitzer and Pasadena Civic Moller both received some minor damage in recent earthquake.

Garden State — intermission performances are being given in a quad theatre. Successful Christmas concert. Jelani Eddigton, YTOC winner, lead off the Trenton War Memorial series and helped many young players with registrations. The War Memorial theatre now has handicapped access. Report of the Asbury Park and Convention Hall summer pro-

gram and organ restoration project. Noted that many people wander in off the Boardwalk. Organ is used for some industrial shows and the Easter program. A new installation of a non-theatre organ is underway in a theatre in Jersey City. Chapter is also working closely with Delaware Valley and New York City chapters.

Joliet — holding four concerts per year. Currently producing their own weekly show on a local radio station. Organ to be completely restored by the 1993 convention. Chapter has a cookbook for sale.

Valley of the Sun — noted the demise of Lyn Larsen's organ at the Church of Religious Science. Restoration underway of the Orpheum/Palace West Theatre for hoped for eventual installation of an organ, but this has not been mentioned yet. Basic parts are available however.

Cedar Rapids — school program for 5th graders is a permanent part of the curriculum.

Ohio Valley — weekend movie series. Area organists are dedicated and volunteering their time for this. One member moved to New Jersey, but comes back to play the series on his vacations! Report of a midnight New Year's concert with an on-stage picnic for 500!

Motor City — BTU certificates are being sold to help cover cost of needed heating and air-conditioning system repairs.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Russ Hammett, Secretary

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