

# Minutes

## American Theatre Organ Society Annual Membership Meeting July 8, 1991

### Call To Order:

The annual meeting of the General Membership of the American Theatre Organ Society, Incorporated, was called to order by President Vern Bickel at 11:00 a.m., July 8, 1991, at the Berkeley Community Theatre, Berkeley, California.

### Introductions:

National officers, board of directors and staff were introduced.

### Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of the August 7, 1990, General Membership Meeting were approved as published in THE-ATRE ORGAN. (Evelyn Woodward/Mae Goess).

### Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Alden Stockebrand reported ATOS net worth at \$381,188.88.

### Regional Convention:

Thanks were given to the chapter members of the Sequoia Chapter, Fresno, California, for the successful regional convention held in October 1990.

### Committee Actions:

Committee heads were introduced. Members were urged to become active and contact committee heads. Seven scholarships were awarded via the ATOS scholarship program. Members are urged to contact local college organ programs for future applicants.

### Board Actions:

The following actions were taken by the Board of Directors at their annual meeting:

1. Approved a \$20,000 increase in the budget for the Towe Ford Museum project, bringing the total approved budget to \$55,000.
2. Approved Treasurer's report.
3. Elected officers as follows: President - Vern Bickel, Vice President - Dorothy VanSteenkiste, Secretary - Russ Hamnett, Treasurer - Alden Stockebrand.
4. Approved locations for the next two regional conventions: 1992 - Sierra Chapter, 1993 - Land O' Lakes Chapter. Depending on readiness of instruments, these may be reversed.
5. Approved retention of Doug Fisk as Executive Director.
6. Approved showing of ATOS video at convention record shop, with copies to be sold to members at \$15.00 each.
7. Approved change in section 6.1 of bylaws to eliminate the words "naming a Director as chairman of each committee." Section 6.1 now reads: APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES The Board of Directors, by resolution adopted by a majority of Directors then in office, may authorize such committees as the board deems necessary or appropriate to conduct the business and further the objectives of this Society. The President shall appoint all committees except the Nominating Committee. Any committee having the authority of the Board shall have two or more Directors appointed to it.
8. Approved offering ten \$500.00 scholarships for theatre organ instruction to students in 1991-92 and that these scholarships are renewable.
9. Approved a motion to request that resumes of candidates for ATOS officers and Board be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, with candidate's phone number also to be included.
10. Approved a motion that ATOS Secretary draft a letter to the Jesse Crawford Chapter to the effect the chapter's request that no portion of its newsletter may be reproduced without permission is a chapter problem, that such information should be

indicated in the newsletter, and will not be addressed at the national level.

11. Approved a \$1200.00 budget for printing ATOS brochures.
12. Approved an expenditure not to exceed \$5000.00 to replace the computer in the Archives and provide a printer.
13. Approved the expenditure of an amount not to exceed the current rent for Archive storage to Vern Bickel when Archives are moved.
14. Approved \$10,000 in additional funds to complete the Towe Ford Museum project.
15. Approved a motion that the organ in the Towe Ford Museum is to be a single manufacturer installation (Wurlitzer), except the relay and certain electronic improvements.
16. Approved funds to cover costs of moving Archives.
17. Approved funds to cover costs of re-feed of first 26 half-hour "Theatre Pipes" programs on the public radio satellite system.
18. Approved funds for production and satellite feed of an additional 26 weeks of "Theatre Pipes," at a time to be selected by producer Russ Hamnett allowing sufficient time to properly publicize the 52-week series.
19. Approved payment of full hotel rate for Directors and officers this year.
20. Approved providing all convention artists hotel accommodations equally regardless of residence, effective with the 1992 convention.
21. Approved formation of an ATOS Endowment Fund Committee. Fund will be used to further the goals and objectives of ATOS. Committee will organize structure of fund. Approved \$100,000 in seed money for Endowment Fund, but no disbursement of any monies will be approved until further Board action is taken. Committee members are: Lois Segur, Jim Riggs (co-chairs), Gary Jones, Alden Stockebrand, Doug Fisk is an ex-officio member.
22. Approval given to Jim Riggs to prepare materials for chapter and artist use in presenting live theatre pipe-organ programs to school children.

### New Business:

Allen Miller painted a verbal picture of an art museum whose works were destroyed by its director, then made the analogy to theatre pipe organs and ATOS where existing instruments are not being preserved. Moved that a committee should be formed to set up guidelines for organ preservation. (Allen Miller and Cliff Shaffer) Passed. Allen Miller was appointed chairman of the committee.

Steve Bramall (LATOS) addressed the meeting, saying that ATOS was not promoting theatre pipe organs through recordings, giving the example of convention CDs produced by the Organ Historical Society. He proposed that ATOS do something similar and have a central source for distribution of such recordings. Moved to establish a central source for distribution of convention recordings. (Steve Bramall and Tony Moss) Passed.

### Future Conventions:

Sierra Chapter, Sacramento, California, will host the 1992 Regional convention. Chicago will host the 1993 National Convention.

### Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Russ Hamnett, Secretary*

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