MINUTES OF THE AMERICAN THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS TELEPHONE CONFERENCE TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2008

President Ken Double called the meeting to order at 8:07pm, E.S.T.

Secretary Bob Evans called the roll: **Officers Present**: Ken Double, President, Craig Peterson, Vice President, Bob Evans, Secretary, Paul Van Der Molen, Treasurer. **Directors Present**: Vern Bickel, Mike Cierski, R. Jelani Eddington, Michael Fellenzer, Don Near, Donna Parker, Doug Powers, Carlton Smith.

Excused: Allen Miller. Youth Representative Present: Tyler Morkin

Staff Present: Jim Merry, Jeff Weiler. Also Present: Jonas Nordwall, Steve LaManna

President Double declared a quorum.

President Double declared the minutes of the November teleconference approved.

Old Business:

Standing Committee Reports:

Convention Committee Report:

President Double indicated that Radio City Music Hall notified ATOS that they overcharged us by 3, 187.37. They will send ATOS a check for the amount.

Youth Summer Camp Update:

Jonas Nordwall, the new chair of this event, stated that the dates of July 22-25, 2008 have been set for the youth summer camp. The camp will be run as it was last year. Chapters are encouraged to send young members to this camp. Information will be available in *Theatre Organ* as well as the ATOS web site. This year an adult camp will be offered. Tentatively the dates will fall in one of the first two weeks of August. The plan is for this adult camp to be completely self-funding. Details will be forthcoming. Jonas will compose a letter to all chapters. This letter will detail events of both youth and adult sessions. The location will be the same as last year. (Chicago area) Production of a DVD of the camp events was discussed.

ATOS National Concert Tour:

Steve LaManna reported on the ATOS National Concert Tour. This tour will be billed as a "keyboard spectacular" rather than a theatre organ concert. First concert has been scheduled for the third weekend in September. Details of this event will be announced later.

Basically, the productions on this tour will follow the general format of the Rialtofest. Multiple keyboard performers and an orchestra/band will be part of the presentations.

Chapters have been notified of this exciting new program from ATOS. Many chapters have expressed interest in helping to promote this series of concerts.

Update on Fund Raising:

Ken has received a fund raising brochure sample. This is a beginning but needs some more work. He is also closely researching grant-writing opportunities for ATOS. President Double will have more to report at the mid-year meeting.

Western Reserve Chapter Loan Request:

Michael Fellenzer reported that his committee has developed a promissory note for this loan. The note is being "fine-tuned" for presentation to the board. The note should be ready for the board's examination in a few days.

New Business:

Chapter Liaisons should update their chapters after the mid year meeting. Constant communication is important.

Alabama Chapter Regional Convention Application:

Mike Kinerk has received a formal application for a regional convention to be held on Thanksgiving weekend in 2009. The application will be approved.

Another group in the Grand Rapids area is attempting to organize a regional convention for the fall of 2008. Mike Kinerk is in discussion with them at this time.

Endowment List in Theatre Organ:

Jeff Weiler has the list, which will be published in the magazine. The practice has been to publish a donor list, which includes everyone who has donated to the endowment fund. Other non-designated donations would be recognized, also.

Other: One person has asked for his donation to the Smithsonian Project to be returned.

President Double declared the meeting adjourned at 8:47 E.S.T.

/s/Bob Evans, Secretary

Business was conducted following *Robert's Rules of Order*. Jeff Weiler, Parliamentarian