

MINUTES OF THE ATOS BOARD OF DIRECTORS TELEPHONE CONFERENCE
TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2008
8:00 p.m. E.D.T.

President Double called the meeting to order at 8:01 E.D.T.

Officers Present: Ken Double, President, Craig Peterson, Vice President, Bob Evans, Secretary, Paul Van Der Molen, Treasurer. **Board Members Present:** John Apple, John DeMajo, Jelani Eddington, Michael Fellenzer, Allen Miller, Don Near, Donna Parker, Doug Powers, Bucky Reddish. **Youth Representative to the Board:** Tyler Morkin. **Staff Present:** Jim Merry, Tom Blackwell, Jonas Nordwall.

President Double declared a quorum.

Old Business:

Standing Committee Reports:

- **ATOS Touring Show(s)**
Ken Double discussed the touring show situation. The show originally scheduled for September at the Riviera Theater in North Tonawanda has been rescheduled to April of 2009. The Plummer Auditorium show that was in the planning stages has been dropped.
President Double expressed his disappointment with the progress of the touring shows. He will contact Steve LaManna for an update. President Double will have a report on the touring show situation for our next telephone conference.
- **Summer Youth Camp Update/Adult Theatre Organ Getaway Update**
Jonas Nordwall reported that fifteen students had returned for this year's session. Jonas noted how much improvement that the return students had shown since last year's camp. Students helped each other greatly. Jonas was impressed with the quality of the students.
The young people visited several organ builders' shops and spent two evenings at Steinway of Chicago for instruction and master class sessions.
Jonas noted that the Adult Theatre Organ Getaway was a great success. Patti Simon and Charlie Balogh were the principal instructors. The adults that attended remarked that they were impressed by the educational content of the experience. Students visited the Seattle Paramount and several other venues. By all measures Jonas considers the adult experience a success.
Allen Miller remarked that the Technical Committee is considering sponsoring a "technical weekend" modeled along the lines of the youth and adult experiences.
- **Convention Update:**
Mike Kinerk reported that the Indianapolis Convention was an artistic and financial success. Final accounting is yet to be done but should be available by the next telephone conference meeting.
The Cleveland Convention is shaping up well. Western Reserve is in the process of negotiating bus contracts at this time. Most contracts with venues are signed and in place.
Doug Powers has described the final event featuring the Western Reserve Wurlitzer presently under installation in the Masonic Auditorium and Performing Arts Center, which will feature the Wurlitzer and a large Austin. This event will be held in conjunction with the Organ Historical Society.
- **Web Site Re-design Update:**

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Tom Blackwell explained that his committee has chosen a web site designer. In the first phase of the re-design or “discovery phase” the designer will conduct personal interviews with selected stakeholders in ATOS. These interviews are very important. Through this interview process the web designer will develop a deeper appreciation and understanding of ATOS. Those chosen for interviews are Ken Double, President ATOS, Meredith Sibley, President of the Connecticut Chapter of ATOS, Tyler Morkin, John DeMajo, Donna Parker, ATOS Board members, and Simon Moran. The web designer will develop three different designs from which we will choose in the near future.

Other Discussion Items:

- Cedar Rapids Update:
Paul Van Der Molen reported that the Paramount Building will be saved. ATOS will write a check to the Cedar Rapids representatives representing the amount of money collected at the Annual Banquet and in the record shop at the convention.
- Radio City Music Hall Show:
Those who attended the show reported that ATOS was mentioned prominently and often at the show. Allen Miller will submit a review of the show for publication in *Theatre Organ*.
- President/CEO Position:
On September 1, 2008 Ken Double will become the first President/CEO of the American Theatre Organ Society. The Board has approved a job description that was published in the minutes of the ATOS Board of Directors Annual Meeting held in Indianapolis, Indiana.
As a result of the creation of this position the structure of the ATOS Board of Directors will change slightly with the former position of President becoming Chairman of the Board and the former position of Vice President becoming Vice Chairman of the Board. Jelani Eddington will submit bylaw changes that will reflect these new positions.
Craig Peterson, current Vice President, will assume the Chairman’s position until such time as permanent officers are chosen.
- EMCATOS President, Bob Evans then asked that the Uniform Chapter Charter Agreement between EMCATOS and ATOS be amended to include the State of Rhode Island in EMCATOS’ chapter operational area. Bob explained that this request was a result of the merger of SENETOS (Southeastern New England Theatre Organ Society) and EMCATOS.

Motion: (Eddington) that paragraph 3 of the Uniform Chapter Charter Agreement between The Eastern Massachusetts Chapter of the American Theatre Organ Society and the American Theatre Organ Society be amended as follows: The chapter’s operational area is Eastern Massachusetts, Southern New Hampshire, and Rhode Island. Carried: Unanimous

Good of the Order:

John DeMajo expressed concern with out of date information regarding chapters that are inactive. He expressed the need to update our records. Several members expressed concern with chapters not keeping their liaisons up to date with officer changes, etc. All agreed that closer communication would solve this problem.

President Double adjourned the meeting at 9:47 p.m. E.D.T.

/s/ Bob Evans, Secretary

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Please Note: The meeting was conducted according to *Robert's Rules of Order*. In Jeff Weiler's absence, Jelani Eddington acted as parliamentarian.