

Chairman's Mid-year Report

Fresh from guiding the Dickinson Theatre Organ Society (here-to-fore an independent organization) to join ATOS as a chapter, and as a newly elected Director of ATOS, I was appointed to the position of Chairman of the Board, the first elected Director to hold that post.

During the period since July, I have been learning about the job of Chairman. The responsibilities of sitting in this chair must be learned through experience. This has been an interesting time to say the least.

My first activity was to appoint three committees.

- One to vet the applications for the IT Manager and recommend one of the candidates as our new IT Manager.
- Another to vet the applications for the Grant Writer,
- A new committee charged with the responsibility to create a potential 2013-2014 budget.

This new committee was in response to the need to begin to gain understanding and control of the budget after a year of a major deficit.

Another activity was to propose a method for the distribution of Unrestricted Gifts to ATOS. After much discussion, that proposal was accepted by the Board. With the expected arrival of the Estate Planning gift from Ed Stricker, this was a timely decision by the Board.

This year the Financial Review was not held until October because of the change in the ATOS fiscal year. I had been appointed Chairman of the Membership Good Faith Financial Review during the 2011-2012 fiscal year. I served as the Chairman for this committee meeting in Atlanta on October 19, 2012.

As expected, there has been a plethora of e-mail messages to be written or answered. There were teleconferences to schedule, including meetings with the Board as well as other committees.

In the coming months we have several items that need to be reviewed, updated, or acted upon.

These include

- The Strategic Plan's 5 year outlook
- The formalizing of the plans, curriculum and procedures for both the Summer Youth Adventure and the Technical Experience.
- The possible reduction in size of the Board of Directors
- The possible change in required attendance beyond the Annual Board Meeting at conventions
- The development of a realistic 2013-2014 budget
- The efforts to provide expanded services to our chapters and our independent members.