

**MINUTES OF THE AMERICAN THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS TELEPHONE CONFERENCE  
TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2007 6:00 PM EDT**

President Ken Double called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM EDT

The Secretary, John Riester, conducted the roll call: **Officers Present:** Ken Double, President; Michael Fellenzer, Vice-President; John Riester, Secretary; Paul Van Der Molen, Treasurer. **Directors Present:** Vern Bickel, Mike Cierski, Jelani Eddington, Ed Mullins, Don Near, Donna Parker, Doug Powers, Carlton Smith. **Youth Representative Present:** John Riester. **Staff Members Present:** Jim Merry, Executive Secretary; Jeff Weiler, Parliamentarian; Allen Miller, Restoration and Preservation; Tom Blackwell, Webmaster; Bob Acker, Amateur Theatre Organ Competition Chairman. **Guests Present:** Tyler Morkin (Youth Representative-elect 2007-2009). A quorum was declared.

Motion: Motion to approve meeting minutes from the Board of Directors' mid-year meeting held near Chicago, Illinois February 4, 2007. Moved: Van Der Molen. Carried: Unanimous.

**New Business**

Standing Committee Reports (Please note, reports are not necessarily in order of they were discussed)

Youth Theatre Organ Summer Camp: Mike Cierski, chairperson reports that there are two individuals registered for the camp and many further inquiries.

Acquisitions and Expansion: The ATOS Board recently had been sent a copy of a report the Friends of the Wannamaker had assembled regarding the installation of the Lowell Ayers organ in the Egyptian Room at Macy's in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Discussion continued with the feasibility of supporting the project with a portion of the funds for the Ayers organ, which was to be installed at the Smithsonian. The decision was made to request a more detailed proposal, including budget, other sources of funding, timeline, standards of restoration, and use by ATOS groups. This proposal would hopefully be in hand by the next meeting.

Awards and Recognition: Don Near, chairperson, deferred voting until executive session.

Convention Planning Coordinator: In the absence of Mike Kinerk, Ken Double reported on registration for the New York convention. There were 151 registered as of the meeting. There was a scheduling change and the preglow had to be postponed from Saturday, June 30 to Sunday, July 31.

- The Annual board meeting will be Saturday, June 30. Friday, June 29 is the travel date. Exact time and agenda will be distributed shortly.
- Candidates for officer positions are invited to present themselves at 3:30 on June 30 at the meeting in the hotel. Candidates must present themselves at their own expenses. If elected, the officer's expenses will be reimbursed, within the guidelines in the ATOS policies.

Marketplace: The board received John Ledwon's resignation as marketplace coordinator, effective June 5.

- Board briefly discussed John's questions from the mid-year meeting, but postponed action until a further meeting. [Questions included: 1) Should the marketplace order additional binders? 2) What should be done with the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary books from 2005?]
- It was decided to transfer the Wurlitzer books to a warehouse that Michael Fellenzer has connections to and is willing to ship the books at no charge.
- The Board was encouraged to search for new coordinators. It was mentioned that finding someone near the current marketplace or near the archives would be more efficient, though not necessary.

Strategic Planning: Doug Powers, chairperson, reported on the minimal response he had received with assembling a questionnaire. It was requested that Doug send out a sample for the board to read, comment, or add to.

Endowment Fund: There has been some concern that the central Florida chapter was not paid their endowment funds. As it turns out, the committee did not have a copy of the invoice to process for payment. Committee members will follow up.

Organist Competitions: In light of the fact that there was no overall winner declared in 2006, the intermediate divisional winner was inadvertently offered a contract to play the overall winner's performance at the 2007 convention organist competition concert. That individual is participating again this year in the competition, and would thus have a much longer performance time than the other competitors. The consensus was to offer the

competitors a half-hour each at the concert and still provide the payment in the contract for last year's divisional winner.

Document Review:

ATOS Bylaws: Jelani Eddington, Bylaws chairperson, provided a report with one proposed bylaws change:

- Motion: The fourth sentence of Section 4.4 be replaced with the following, text, which amendment shall become effective on June 30, 2007 or upon the announcement by the ATOS Secretary of the 2007 ATOS Board Election Results, whichever is earlier:

An Elected Director may serve for no more than two consecutive terms of any duration. Any Elected Director having served two consecutive terms of any duration shall not be eligible for re-election or appointment as an Elected Director until at least two years have elapsed from the expiration of his or her second elected term.

Carried: 9-1

Good of the Order:

John Riestler, Secretary announced that he will be unable to run as an officer next year. Ken Double asked for everyone to encourage possible candidates to present themselves at the meeting.

Executive Session:

At the end of the main meeting President Ken Double adjourned the staff and visitor. The meeting continued in executive session, during which time matters relating to the New York Theatre Organ Society and the report from the Awards and Recognition committee were discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m. EDT.

/s/ John Riestler, Secretary

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

Attachment: Bylaws Committee Report (April 13, 2007)