

**MINUTES OF THE AMERICAN THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS TELEPHONE CONFERENCE  
TUESDAY, JUNE 19, 2007 6:00 PM EDT**

President Ken Double called the meeting to order at 6:08 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;; Allen Miller, Restoration and Preservation; Mike Kinerk, Convention Planning Coordinator. A quorum was declared.

Motion: Approve meeting minutes from the Board of Directors' telephone conference April 17, 2007. Moved: Eddington. Carried: Unanimous.

**New Business**

Officer Report

Treasurer's Report: Paul Van Der Molen provided a summary of ATOS accounts and current balances. This will be provided in full for the annual meeting June 30, 2007.

Standing Committee Reports

Convention Planning Coordinator: Mike Kinerk reported on the registrations, venue plans, transportation, billing, and other planning for the Mid-Atlantic Convention centered in New York City. Board meeting time for June 30 is set at 9:00 am for Strategic Planning, with old business starting after lunch. Nominations and interviews with new officers are at 3:00 pm, after which the new business will proceed.

Youth Theatre Organ Summer Camp: Mike Cierski, chairperson reports that there are twelve individuals registered for the camp and many further inquiries in advance of the July 1, 2007 cutoff. There has been a large outpouring of donations from chapters and individuals. Mike also reported on the age discrepancies in the journal ads (one capped the age at 25, another at 30), and the decision to allow anyone up to 30.

Acquisitions and Expansion: Further discussion of the Friends of the Wanamaker grant proposal ensued. Motion: ATOS will support the Friends of the Wanamaker's installation of the Lowell Ayars organ in the Greek room at Macy's Philadelphia Store with \$50,000 of ATOS funds and \$50,000 of donor funds originally earmarked for the Smithsonian installation. The remaining Smithsonian funds will revert back to the ATOS Endowment Fund for potential donor refund or funding other projects. Moved: Van Der Molen (as amended). Carried: Unanimous.

Good of the Order:

Paul Van Der Molen urged the Board to change the wording of Section 4.2 of the Declaration of Trust establishing the Endowment Fund. That section only authorizes the distribution of 90% of interest. Interest does not include capital appreciation, dividends, earnings, or donations. In the past, the Board has spent more than just "interest" and has spent consistently with considering that term to include earnings and dividends. Paul suggested changing Section 4.2 of the Trust to substitute the term "interest" for "earnings" with further clarification. Motion: Revise Section 4.2 of the Endowment Trust to read:

**Section 4.2 Distribution Limitations.** In no event and under no circumstances shall more than ninety (90) percent of the accrued earnings on the Endowment Fund principal be distributed, directly or indirectly, for projects or programs. Earnings shall be defined as accrued interest and/or dividends on the principal amount. Earnings shall not include any fund appreciation or donations to the fund. In no event and under no circumstances shall more than twenty-five (25) percent of the principal be loaned, directly or indirectly, for projects or programs. All loans must be secured by real property. A promissory note shall be drafted, establishing a reasonable interest rate and payment schedule, which shall be signed by both parties.

Moved: Van Der Molen. Carried Unanimously.

ATOS Marketplace was discussed. ATOS is still paying for storage space in California. Don Near will work with John Ledwon to sort out any remaining details.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. EDT.

/s/ John Riester, Secretary

Business was conducted following Robert's Rules of Order