

**MINUTES OF THE AMERICAN THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS TELEPHONE CONFERENCE
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2007**

President Ken Double called the meeting to order at 9:10 pm, E.S.T.

Secretary Bob Evans called the roll: **Officers Present:** Ken Double, Craig Peterson, Vice President, Bob Evans, Secretary, Paul Van Der Molen, Treasurer. **Directors Present:** Vern Bickel, Mike Cierski, R.Jelani Eddington, Michael Fellenzer, Allen Miller, Don Near, Donna Parker, Doug Powers, Carlton Smith. **Youth Representative Present:** Tyler Morkin.
Staff Present: Jim Merry, Jeff Weiler, Mike Kinerk

President Double declared a quorum.

The minutes from the October 2, 2007 teleconference were approved.

Old Business:

Standing Committee Reports:

Update on the AOI at the University of Oklahoma:

President Double reported that the Balaban 2 Wurlitzer may not fit into the Sooner Theater as intended but will be installed elsewhere on campus.

Background: By unanimous E-mail vote the ATOS Board of Directors approved the expenditure of \$15,000 to the A.O.I. to move and store a complete and original Balaban 2 Wurlitzer Theatre Pipe Organ for the AOI at the University of Oklahoma. The Board felt that this would preserve the integrity of the instrument and save it from the very real possibility of being broken up for parts.

2007/2008 Convention Update:

Mike Kinerk reported that the convention Hotel (Renaissance) has been contracted for the 2009 Annual Convention in Cleveland. All convention business is on track and advancing according to plan.

Motion: (Miller) To raise the amount of the cash advance to chapters from up to \$3,000 to up to \$10,000. Carried: 11 for, 1 abstention (Fellenzer)

Mid-Year Meeting Update:

ATOS has received two bids for housing. Both hotels are located at O'Hare Airport in Chicago. The meeting will be held on February 8, 9, and 10, 2008. Mike Kinerk will solidify plans within the next two weeks.

Strategic Planning:

Doug Powers reported that the member and local chapter officer surveys are almost ready to print. Doug has contacted a company in Michigan that will score, interpret, and analyze the information from these surveys and distribute that information to officers and members.

Ken Double has heard from several consultants. The Executive Committee will consider all proposals and make a recommendation to the entire Board of Directors in the near future.

Web Site Update:

The web site RFP (request for proposals) needs "tweaking" before it is sent out for bid.

Summer Youth Camp Committee Chair Change:

Jonas Nordwall will assume leadership of the Summer Youth Camp. Mike Cierski has arranged to help Jonas during the transition.

New Business:**Payment for Polk Theatre 2006 Convention Concert:**

Payment of \$500 was authorized for the Polk Theatre. The Central Florida Chapter will present this check to the Polk Theatre as payment from the 2006 Annual Convention.

Theatre Organ Student of the Year:

Tyler Morkin requested information regarding deadlines for the Theatre Organ Student of the Year competition.

Western Reserve Chapter Request for Loan:

The Western Reserve Chapter has requested a loan of \$35,000 to be used for the installation of the 4/28 Wurlitzer in the Cleveland Masonic Auditorium and Performing Arts Center.

The Endowment Committee has recommended that the request be granted "in principle". This would allow the Endowment Committee to investigate all aspects of the loan and make a specific recommendation to the full board of directors.

Motion: (Fellenzer) That the ATOS Board of Directors approve the loan request "in principle".

The Board discussed this issue at great length citing the pros and cons of such a loan.

President Double called for a roll call vote:

In favor: Peterson, Evans, Van Der Molen, Bickel, Eddington, Fellenzer, Near, Parker, Smith.

Opposed: Miller Abstentions: Cierski, Powers

Other:

President Double has left a message with the public relations department of Radio City Music Hall expressing his desire to meet with them regarding the condition of the Wurlitzer.

Committee Realignment has been tabled until the Mid Year Meeting.

President Double called a Teleconference for the Executive Committee for Monday, November 19, 2007 to discuss the proposed ATOS tour.

The meeting was declared adjourned by President Double at 10:11 E.S.T.

/s/Bob Evans, Secretary

Business was conducted following *Robert's Rules of Order*.