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A REPORT TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF ATOS ON THE ARCHIVE AND LIBRARY

The Board of Directors of the American Theatre Organ Society has been working diligently on securing a new location for the ATOS archive and library. After many months of discussions and investigation into where best to locate the collection, negotiations got underway with officials of the American Organ Institute at the University of Oklahoma in Norman, OK in hopes of securing both the space required and the professional assistance needed to create the proper environment for this important collection of theatre organ history.

In May, the materials that had been stored in space at the Rialto Square Theatre building in Joliet, IL were removed from the theatre due to the impending loss of the storage space. The materials are now in PODS in safe and secure storage in suburban Chicago until such time as it warrants moving the materials.

Our thanks are extended to Jim and Dolores Patak for their nearly 12 years of service to ATOS caring for the collection.

What follows is a detailed report on the status of negotiations with the AOI as prepared by the Archive Relocation Committee, chaired by ATOS board member Allen Miller.

Negotiations progress and the ATOS Board of Directors will continue to update the membership as we move closer to consummating this historic partnership.

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