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TIME: The Convention begins on October 3, 1982, and runs through Thursday evening, October 7, 1982 (for those who take advantage of the optional tours). The main convention begins with registration on Sunday afternoon, October 3, 1982, at the Sheraton Inn, 1910 Dual Highway, Hagerstown, Maryland, and extends to the evening of Wednesday, October 6, 1982.

PLACE: All sessions of the Convention will take place at Sheraton Inn, Reisner, Trivo or Möller. Trips by bus leaving the hotel are as noted in this program. It is not necessary to stay in the hotel to attend the convention sessions. To be assured lodging at the convention hotel, please make your reservations early.

COST: A.I.O. Members attending the Convention sessions will be charged the fee of $140.00 or $48.00 for a single day or part thereof. Non-members will be charged $170.00 or $58.00 for a single day or part. If spouse or children wish to attend all convention sessions, an $80.00 registration fee is required. Hotel charges are paid separately. Special rates of $31.00 per day for singles and $36.00 a day for doubles have been arranged for those wishing to stay at the hotel.

MEALS: Your registration fee includes all meals except breakfast, starting with Monday's lunch through Wednesday's banquet.

TRANSPORTATION: Commuter air service is available from both Washington National Airport and Baltimore-Washington International Airport to Hagerstown. The Regional Airport at Hagerstown has agreed to run extra service during peak travel periods for the convention. A.I.O. vans will transport passengers from the Hagerstown Airport to the Sheraton. There is no commuter service from Dulles International Airport to Hagerstown. However there is limousine service from Dulles to Washington National Airport.

LECTURES: The lectures are broken down into workshops which in most cases conflict with one another. A decision must be made as to which workshops you wish to attend. We are allowing these conflicts because all workshops will be recorded on videotape and cassettes and will be made available through the A.I.O. for members' personal use.

MANAGEMENT: The 1982 Convention of the A.I.O. is an official activity of the A.I.O. and is being managed by a Convention Committee, co-chaired by Peter R. Wright and Homer Lewis.

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1:00 P.M.  AIO Examinations for Journeyman, Master Organbuilders, and specialists will be administered at the Sheraton.

Preview of Journeyman and Master Examinations.
The next exams will be in October 1983, at the Lawrence, Kansas Convention.

7:00 - 12:00 P.M.  Exhibitors Set-up.

CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 3, 1982

12:00 P.M.  Registration Desk open - Sheraton
Mrs. Nancy Lewis

Lunch on your own.

2:00 P.M.  Exhibits open.

Board Meeting.

Church walking tour - “Main Street U.S.A., How Möller Met the Challenge.”

5:30 P.M.  Washington County Museum of Fine Arts - Shenandoah Brass Recital
Exhibits Close

7:00 P.M.  Exhibitor’s Night
Exhibits Open

Dinner at Sheraton - Casually Social 7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.
Cash Bar - Buffet - Buffet 7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.
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12:00 Midnight  Exhibits Close - Hors d’oeuvres courtesy of Exhibitors
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Monday, October 4, 1982

8:00 A.M. Exhibits Open, Registration Desk Opens
Business Meeting.

8:15 A.M. Official opening and welcome by A.I.O. President
Invocation - Jeffrey J. Newlin
Business Meeting

9:15 A.M. Board vans for factory tours

9:30 A.M. Workshops:
Sheraton - Reed Voicing - Homer Lewis - A practical approach to trouble
shooting problem reeds on the job.
Reisner - Electricity in Pipe Organs - Rick Ratcliffe - Applications and
precautions in using electricity in pipe organs. Current sources, blowers
and motors, stop actions, wiring capacity, troubleshooting methods,
legal problems (meeting wiring codes).
Möller - Möller Chest Trouble Shooting - Paul Kreglo - Trouble shooting
Möller wind chests past and present. Basic field repair.

11:30 A.M. Board vans for Hotel.
Exhibits closed.

12:00 P.M. Lunch at Hotel.

1:15 P.M. Forum - Future of Pipe Organ - Calvin Hampton

2:15 P.M. Coffee Break - Courtesy of Arndt Organ Supply Co.

2:30 P.M. Forum - Future of Pipe Organ - Calvin Hampton

4:00 P.M. Board buses for “Cozy Restaurant.”

5:00 P.M. Dinner at Cozy Restaurant.

6:30 P.M. Board buses for Dick Kline’s
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11:00 P.M. Second bus leaves for Hagerstown
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1. Kimura
2. Brass Trumpet
3. Tibia Clausa 16’
4. Vox Humana
5. Quintadena
6. Brass Saxophone
7. Gamba 16’
8. Gamba Celeste
9. Diapason (Metal Diapason 16’)
10. Orchestral Oboe
11. English Posthorn
12. Oboe Horn
   Tower Chimes 1 & 2

**Chamber 2 - Main**

1. Musette
2. Vox Humana
3. Tibia Clausa
4. Clarinet
5. Viol d’Orchestra
6. Viol Celeste
7. Solo String
8. Salicional
9. Salicional Celeste
10. Tuba Horn - Ophicleide 16’
11. Diaphonic Diapason (wood) 16’
12. Concert Flute 16’
13. Concert Flute Celeste

**Chamber 3 - Fanfare Right**

1. Tibia Clausa
2. French Horn
3. English Posthorn
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Tuesday, October 5, 1982

8:00 A.M.  Exhibits open, Registration

8:15 A.M.  **Business Meeting**

9:15 A.M.  Vans depart for company tours

9:30 A.M.  **Workshops:**
  *Sheraton - Reed Voicing* - *Homer Lewis* - A practical approach to troubleshooting problem reeds on the job.
  *Trivo - Mitering - Field Repair* - On the job solutions.

11:45 A.M.  Lunch, buffet at Reisner

1:00 P.M.  Exhibits closed

1:30 P.M.  Vans depart for Hotel.

1:30 P.M.  **Workshops:**
  *Tonal Finishing - Fritz Noak* - Methods and procedures for important finishing touches to the voicing on a new or rebuilt instrument.
  *Winding - Post Blower - Peter Visser* - Emphasizing ducting, even winding, wind ratios and more.

2:30 P.M.  Coffee Break
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2:45 P.M.  **Workshops:**
  *Sales - Don Anderson* - “Sales/Marketing: Getting from here to there.”
  *Pipe Scaling - Randall Wagner* - Scaling and your calculator. How to use a modern calculator in running scales.

4:00 P.M.  Busses depart for Winchester

5:00 P.M.  Dinner and cocktails at *Winchester Country Club.*

7:00 P.M.  Shenandoah Conservatory of Music Faculty Recital

8:30 P.M.  Buses depart for Hagerstown.

9:30 P.M.  Cash Bar - Exhibits Open

12:00 P.M.  Exhibits Closed.
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Wednesday, October 6, 1982

8:00 A.M.  Exhibits open, Registration
           Business Meeting

9:30 A.M.  Workshops:
           Leather - David Cogswell - What to use and not use. Domestic and foreign
           leather information. Care and preservation.
           Altitude Effects - Franklin Mitchell - A report based on years of research. What
           happens if you build in Hagerstown for an installation in Denver.
           Mixture Formulas - Thomas Wood - The proper calculations to create
           specific mixtures.

10:30 A.M.  Coffee Break
           Courtesy of I.C.M.I. Organ Products

10:45 A.M.  Workshops:
           Computer - A company representative will give small business information
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           Cleaning the Organ - Harry Ebert - Do you use Spic and Span on the pipes?
           Painting and cleaners? Short cuts.
           Physics in Tone Generation - Professor George Plitnick - A physics expert's
           point of view on tone generation.

11:45 A.M.  Exhibits closed.

12:00 P.M.  Lunch at Sheraton.

1:30 P.M.   A.I.O. General Business Meeting.
           Exhibits open.

2:30 P.M.   Coffee Break
           Courtesy of Organ Supply Inc.

2:45 P.M.   A.I.O. General Business Meeting

3:45 P.M.   Exhibits closed.

6:00 P.M.   Cocktail hour.

7:30 P.M.   Banquet

8:30 P.M.   Small Business Administration,
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The Rev. William E. Biebel enjoys several simultaneous careers: that of clergyman, educator and musician. He was ordained to the Catholic Priesthood in 1962, and since that time he has been assigned to the Cathedral Preparatory School in his native Erie, Pa. as instructor in theology, English, German, and music. He earned a master's degree in religious studies in 1970. "Father Bill," as he is commonly known, has been the featured artist for many ATOS chapters, and has played regular series concerts on restored instruments in the Erie area as well. He has previously played several concerts on the 4/28 Wurlitzer in the Richard Kline residence. He has served as dean of the Erie AGO chapter and does occasional programs of sacred music and some liturgical composition.

David W. Cogswell was born in Springfield, Massachusetts. He holds a B.S. degree in electrical engineering from the University of Vermont and MIT. He has studied music privately with local teachers, and has served as a substitute organist. Mr. Cogswell started Berkshire Organ Co. of West Springfield, Mass. in 1954 with a partner who is still a member of the firm since its incorporation in 1962. He has done organ research in both Europe and the United States, and has concentrated on tonal design and the mechanical characteristics of the instrument which affect tone quality. He is a member of AGO, Organ Historical Society, ISO, and is a charter member of AIO. He holds the Master Organbuilder Certificate from the AIO.

Harry J. Ebert operates the organ company in Pittsburgh, Pa. bearing his name. He entered the organ business at age 16 in 1946. From that time until 1968 when he formed his own company, Mr. Ebert worked for three other companies in Pittsburgh engaged in organ work. He has installed Möller, Estey, Wicks, and Schantz organs. Along with his servicing and rebuilding work, Mr. Ebert and his three employees are making metal pipes.

Calvin Hampton was reared in Ravenna, Ohio and studied organ with Fenner Douglas at Oberlin Conservatory of Music, receiving his Bachelor of Music degree in 1960. He earned his Master's degree in 1962 from Syracuse University as an organ student of Arthur Poister. Mr. Hampton has been active in the areas of composition and improvisation. His work as a composer includes hymns, anthems, and ceremonial and recital pieces for solo organ. At Calvary Episcopal Church in New York City, where he is organist and choirmaster, Mr. Hampton has recorded organ transcriptions of well-known orchestral and piano works. He is also Director of Music for St. George’s Church and the now merged parish of the Church of the Holy Communion.
Paul Kreglo is factory superintendent of M. P. Müller, Inc. His career in organ-building began with twenty years of installation work throughout the United States. In successive years he had served as erecting room foreman, and in 1967 he was appointed superintendent.

Homer Lewis, Jr. has been a partner in the reed pipe manufacturing firm of Trivo Co., Inc. since its founding in 1963. He joined the Müller firm in 1942, advanced to the position of reed voicer in 1948, and retired there in 1972. He learned tonal finishing under the direction of Ernest White, and flue voicing under the direction of Einer Olsen. Mr. Lewis is a veteran of World War II having served in the U.S. Navy. A member of AGO, and a charter member of AIO, he previously lectured at the 1975 convention in Albany, NY.

Alan D. McNeely was born in Norwich, Ct. and earned an A.S. degree at Mohegan College. He joined the staff of Austin Organs Inc. in 1972 training in the Hartford plant. He has installed numerous Austin organs throughout the country. Founding the McNeely Organ Co. in 1967, he maintains organs in New England and New York. He has built new organs, including two with mechanical action, and has rebuilt and restored many others. Mr. McNeely studied organbuilding in Europe during the summers of 1973 and 1974. He and his wife have just returned from a study of English organs. An active AGO member, he is organist-choirmaster at Grace Episcopal Church, Newington, Ct. Alan owns an active solar heated home and shop in Waterford.

Franklin Mitchell is president and tonal director of the Reuter Organ Company. As tonal director of the firm for 31 years, he has participated in and been responsible for the design and tonal finishing of hundreds of organs throughout the country varying in size from small chapel organs to organs of 100 ranks and better. It has also given him the opportunity to research and study tonal aspects of organ installations from sea level to our mile-high cities, as well as the organs of Europe.

Fritz Noack was born in Germany in 1935. In 1954-58 he worked as an apprentice in the Von Becherath shop. From 1958-59 he worked with Becker, and then with Ahrend and Brunzema. He later was with C. B. Fisk, and then in 1960 he established Noack Organ Co. Besides building new mechanical action instruments, Mr. Noack has done important work in restoring nineteenth century American organs. Mr. Noack teaches organ construction at the New England Conservatory of Music in addition to organ building. He is a Board Member of the International Society of Organ Builders and served two years as President of Associated Pipe Organ Builders of America.
CONVENTION PERSONALITIES

George R. Plitnik holds a B.S. degree in mathematics, a B.A. and M.A. in physics, and the Ph.D. in acoustical physics. He is presently employed as professor of physics at Frostburg State College, Frostburg, Md. and he has co-authored a textbook in descriptive acoustics, *Music, Speech and High Fidelity*. He holds memberships in the Acoustical Society of America, the American Association of Physics Teachers, and is currently serving as Dean of the Tri-State Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

Dr. Plitnik has great enthusiasm for the pipe organ, having studied the literature of the instrument for twelve years. He spends much of his spare time rebuilding pipe organs, and is now in the process of installing an instrument in his recently enlarged home.

Richard W. Ratcliffe studied electrical engineering at Trinity College, Hartford, Ct., and graduated from Westminster Choir College, Princeton, NJ with a B. M. degree in Organ Performance. His organ study has been with Dene Barnard, Eugene Roan, Gale Enger, and Clarence Watters. Following graduation, he worked for the Schlicker Organ Co. as an installer, technician, tracker mechanic, and voicer. He has operated a service and rebuilding business in Northeastern Pennsylvania since 1974; since 1980, he has been Plant and Organ Product Engineer for Reisner, Inc. Active as a church musician for 21 years, he also occasionally sings oratorio and operatic roles professionally.

Thomas Turner is tonal director and head voicer for Visser-Rowland Associates. He is a native of North Carolina and a graduate of Davidson College. A dedicated musician, Mr. Turner is music director at St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, Houston. He has brought many people into contact with fine organbuilding through his lectures to school, church, and civic groups. In 1979 Mr. Turner was awarded the Master Organbuilder title by the AIO.

Pieter Visser completed his formal organbuilding training in his native Holland before moving to the United States in 1960. After working for several organ companies, in 1973 he co-founded Visser-Rowland Associates in Houston. Mr. Visser is a charter member of AIO and serves on the Board of Examiners and as chairman of the Education Committee. Additionally, he teaches courses in organ design for Rice University.

Randall E. Wagner began his organbuilding apprenticeship with Homer Blanchard while still in high school. After graduation from Ohio Wesleyan University, he continued his career with Mr. Blanchard, Holtkamp Organ Company, and Reisner, Inc. Since 1976, he has been a member of the management team of Organ Supply Industries, Inc.

Mr. Wagner is very active in various professional organizations associated with the pipe organ industry. In addition to being one of the founders of the Organ Historical Society, he is also a charter member of the American Institute of Organbuilders, holding the Master Organbuilder Certificate. He currently serves as President of AIO.
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