

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It has been a privilege to serve as your Vice President for 2008-2009. The office of the Vice President has two principal duties: (1) acting as a chapter liaison, and (2) chairing the awards committee for the AMICA International Award and the Leo Ornstein Literary Award.

Chapter Liaison

This area continues to improve. Most Chapters now send me invitations and notices about Chapter activities, whether by e-mail or snail mail. I would ask again that each Chapter place me on its mailing and/or e-mail list for Chapter functions. My addresses:

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Awards

An awards committee, consisting of Dave Saul, Spencer Chase and I considered nominations for the AMICA International Award and the Leo Ornstein Literary Award. The committee's recommendations are as follows:

International Award

The AMICA International Award will be awarded to Jim and Sherrie Krughoff of Downers Grove, Illinois. Jim and Sherrie have been extremely gracious to AMICA for many years, opening their wonderful (and wonderfully maintained) collection, as well as providing excellent hospitality to both local and international meetings of AMICA. AMICA is deeply grateful for their continued generosity and is pleased to present them with the 2009 AMICA International Award.

Ornstein Literary Award

The Leo Ornstein Literary Award will be awarded to Brian Dolan in recognition of his excellent book published in 2008: "Inventing Entertainment – The Player Piano And The Origins Of An American Musical Industry". This important work traces the social and cultural history of the player piano and demonstrates how the player piano industry shaped and transformed the American Musical Industry. As hobbyists some eighty years removed from the player piano's heyday, we sometimes lose site of the "bigger picture" in which instruments fit at the time of their creation.

AMICA is thus pleased to present Brian Dolan with the 2008-2009 Leo Ornstein Literary Award.

Respectfully submitted, Timothy A. Baxter, Atlanta, GA