

Minutes of the Executive Board meeting
Twin Cities Chapter of the American Guild of Organists
27 April 2015

Present: Paul Westermeyer, Jennifer Anderson, Carsten Slostad, Phil Asgian, Mike Edwins, Jon Kietzer, Margaret Gohman, David Geslin, Pam Carlson, Sarah Garner, David Jenkins, JungJoo Park, Jim Hild, Carolyn Bliss

Dean Westermeyer called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Mike Edwins led in prayer using the Moravian daily readings.

The minutes of the March meeting were approved as corrected.

Program committee report – David Jenkins

A Widor festival on the last weekend in January [2016] or the first weekend in February was discussed. This could possibly include other groups' concerts besides the TC AGO's major event. Board members suggested possible contacts. Noted also that there is a Reger anniversary in March. Noted that Michael Barone is planning to connect Reger with the Bach Birthday Bash. No plans for opening meeting. Various ideas in the works for October. First week in August 2017 the Organ Historical Society convention will be in the Twin Cities. Re: Upcoming members' recital, May 1: 13 different performers, good lineup. Reception.

Treasurer's report – David Geslin

Printed report for year 2014-15 to date distributed to Board members. David G referred to items in that report. Discussion of how and if revenue budget item will be affected by new rotating membership and how it will affect membership. Questions re late renewals. Suggestion that a note be included on reminder notice such as: "to insure that you will continue receiving AGO publications you need to keep your membership current..." David G and Jane Nienaber [registrar] will discuss.

Comments from Board and discussion re budget for 2015-16 program year.

As of now our finances for this program year show an excess of \$3000.

A full report of the chapter's investments will be presented next month.

Discussion re investment committee. [currently Tom Ferry, Roger Burg and David Geslin] Guidelines indicate that committee include dean, treasurer and three other rotating members, at least one of which is not on the board. Jon Kietzer and Jim Hild agree to serve on the committee. Jim Hild nominated and elected by board as investment committee chair. Discussion re rotation of members. Dean will contact current members of committee to see if they want to continue. Neither is chair now.

Discussion re regular annual report from the committee. Suggest September of next fiscal year.

Discussion re membership renewal form that could include interest in/opportunities to serve the chapter (e.g. investments).

Next month: approve budget for next year 2015-16.

Treasurer's report was accepted with thanks.

Dean's report – Paul Westermeyer

Pipedreams scholarship. Question re past scholarship has been resolved. This year's spring scholarship has been awarded. Award for future lessons has gone directly to student's teacher who is a TCAGO member. Discussion re stipulations of the scholarship competition and award. No change .

Recognizing Richard Greene . He will not be at members' recital. Dean will send article to Pipenotes re his years of service. Sarah suggested that something be available for board members to sign that could be presented to Richard. Dean will write something and send to Board that members each could sign at the May meeting. Suggest inviting him the June potluck meeting.

Defining tasks of Nominating Committee to include request for bio information as committee contacts nominees. Discussion. M/S/C/ that Board's Operating Procedures be amended to indicate that "slate [of candidates] shall be delivered to Board along with biographical information."

TCAGO calendar for Board meetings' items. Add: February and August – Pipedreams scholarship.

Remove: March - Student Competition. Approved as amended. An ongoing, working document.

Substitute fees Letter received re published fees. Dean will forward letter to chair of Professional Concerns committee (Jeffrey Patry) requesting that he report to the Board concerning issues raised in the letter. Dean will respond to letter writer saying that the concerns raised will be forwarded to Professional Concerns who will in turn report to the Board.

Request for financial assistance from local competition winner, David Anderson, to travel to regional competition in St Louis and to Pipe Organ Encounters. Dean will reply to him and will tell him to contact competition coordinator Mary Newton.

Old business – Sarah Garner reported that "rolling membership is going okay."

Meeting adjourned at 8:15.

Next meeting: May 18 (note change of date)

Carolyn Bliss, secretary