

**Minutes of the Executive Board meeting
Twin Cities Chapter of the American Guild of Organists
22 June 2015**

The meeting was held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church and began with a potluck supper.

Present: Paul Westermeyer, David Jenkins, Mike Edwins, Phil Asgian, Carsten Slostad, Jim Hild, Sarah Garner, Jungjoo Park, Jennifer Anderson, Jon Kietzer, Dee Ann Crossley, Linda Armstrong, Andrew Birling, Margaret Gohman, Carolyn Bliss. Guests: Roger Burg, Richard Greene.

Before supper, Chaplain Mike Edwins opened with the Moravian readings for the day and prayers for the meeting.

Dean Paul Westermeyer thanked Richard Greene and Roger Burg for joining us. He thanked Richard on the Guild's behalf for starting, building and caring for the TCAGO Organ List, calling it an 'unusual treasure.' Then he presented Richard with a framed citation, signed by the Board members. It read:

The Twin Cities Chapter of the American Guild of Organists marks the retirement of Richard Greene from maintaining the Organ List. Its record of over 2100 organs with their specifications and pictures is a remarkable resource of the Twin Cities Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. We express our gratitude to Richard for his service and wish him well in his retirement.

The meeting was called to order following a midsummer potluck feast.

Additions to the printed agenda were approved.

The secretary's report of the May meeting was accepted as corrected.

Program committee report

David Jenkins presented and commented on the program for 2015-16. The opening meeting is on September 18, 6:30pm, at St. Olaf Catholic Church, Minneapolis. There were comments, questions and suggestions from the Board. Thanks were expressed to David and his committee.

Reports from outgoing Board members, Phil Asgian and Carsten Slostad

Phil gave an update on the video of the installation of the Glatter-Götz/Rosales organ at Augustana Lutheran in West St Paul. A committee has been gathered and an editor secured. Phil has already been in communication with the editor. He will have a proposal and budget at the fall Board meeting. Funds for the project are available. It is an education project and also commemorates the 10th anniversary of the installation.

Carsten has been working with Bjorn Gustafson on hospitality with the idea of 'passing the torch' to Bjorn when his term is done. Carsten will be responsible for the first meeting in the fall, which is on the same day as Bjorn's wedding.

Dean's report

Paul thanked everyone, outgoing members and all who work on the Board.

He presented a 'greeting' /memo from John Weigal, regarding membership development and chapter support. There was a discussion of points in the memo, esp. suggestions for a particular software program for chapter use. There seems to be no reason for our chapter to switch from our use of 'wildapricot,' which serves us well.

Old business

Paul referred to the TCAGO Calendar Template, a checklist of activities and responsibilities by month. Any changes or updates should be sent to Paul.

He next raised the question of whether both elected and non-elected candidates should be contacted after a chapter election, and, if so, by whom. There was considerable discussion as to how this should happen. A motion was made to establish a task force to review the election process. After a second and more discussion, the motion carried and Dee Ann was appointed to chair the task force.

New business

Regarding *Pipenotes* online and in print and possible changes to the present practice of mailing an abbreviated print version to those who request it. After some discussion, the question was postponed until August. The Dean was to contact the Editor of *Pipenotes* and invite him to the Board meeting in August.

Jennifer Anderson told of a recent unfortunate experience with a funeral home. A question was raised regarding TCAGO's relationships with funeral homes and chapter Professional Concerns (sic). After some discussion, Jennifer will bring her concern to Jeff Patry, chair of Professional Development, and will inform members via *Pipenotes* that Professional Concerns (sic) is discussing the topic and invite them to contact the committee with thoughts and experiences.

Next meeting: Monday, August 31, 6:30 pm, St Paul Seminary chapel and administration building, 2260 Summit Ave.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Bliss, interim secretary