

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Board of the
Twin Cities Chapter of the American Guild of Organists
June 30, 2014**

Present: Laura Edman, Dean; Sharon Kleckner, Sub-dean, Board members Phil Asgian, Sarah Garner, Jim Hild, David Jenkins, Mary Newton, Jane Nienaber, and Jeff Patry. Also present: Michael Edwins, TCAGO Chaplain, Jeremy Haug, Communications Coordinator, and new board members for the 2014-2015 year: Paul Westermeyer, incoming Dean, Karen Becker, incoming Secretary and new board members Jennifer Anderson, Pamela Carlson and Jon Kietzer.

Excused: David Geslin, Treasurer, board members Jungjoo Park and Carsten Slostad, and Kirsten Falc Uhlenberg, Secretary.

I. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. and Mike Edwins gave the devotions using Psalm 112 and Acts 5:19 from the Moravian Daily Texts. Introductions were made.

II. Secretary's Report - There are a couple of changes to the minutes from May 19: under V. Proposed Budget, it should read \$400 for Student Competition, \$100 for Education and PODD and \$0 for guild exams. Phil Asgian moved to accept the minutes with the above changes and Sharon Kleckner seconded. The May minutes were approved.

III. Treasurer's Report - We have a balanced budget. The expenses formerly listed for PODD are now listed under Hospitality. We briefly discussed unrestricted contributions where people (e.g. those who have Thrivent) can designate money to AGO. It was mentioned that those who make donations should be acknowledged in *Pipenotes* but no action was taken on this.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Program: Sharon Kleckner reported that the fall opening meeting is confirmed for September 21, 2014 at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in St. Paul, featuring a choral vespers program led by James Bobb and the Cantorei from St. Olaf College. The program will begin at 4:00 p.m. followed by dinner at 5:30 and installation of officers. Tim Strand is the host. There will be an organ crawl on Saturday, October 18 to churches in the west metro. Kraig Windschitl is spearheading this event. Nathan Laube will lead a master class on November 8 and perform a recital at 2:30 on November 9 at the University of

St. Thomas. There will be a workshop in January, PODD in February, and Bach's Birthday Bash on March 21, 2015.

B. Publicity: Jeremy Haug has been named Communication Coordinator and he will be the liaison between the Program and Publicity committees. He has worked with getting registrations online and increased our use of social media. The Publicity Chair position will be open once David Jenkins steps into the Sub-Dean role in the fall.

C. Registrar Report (Jane Nienaber): 201 people have renewed as of June 30 and 144 still haven't renewed. There are 10 new members, and 3 of them initiated their membership through the National website. About 1/3 of our members do not renew online, and about 50 do not have email. Stephen Hamilton is willing to contact people who haven't renewed.

D. Professional Development: Jeff Patry is the Chair of this committee with members Cynthia Mortenson and Sean Vogt. Phil Asgian moved and Sharon Kleckner seconded to approve Christine Laughlin and Joshua Lindgren as additional members for this committee.

E. Special Projects - Phil Asgian was instrumental in getting 3-5 hours of video taken of the installation of the Glatzer-Gotz, Rosales instrument at Augustana Lutheran and he wants to put this into an educational video, with the aim to be used for educational purposes and for organ committees. Carsten Slostad is helping with this and Jim Hild also offered to help.

V. New Business - Carolyn Diamond has tendered her resignation as Chair of the Development Committee. The purpose of this committee is to raise funds for projects approved by the board, but there is no focus at this point. This committee needs to work in tandem with other committees.

VI. Report of the Boston National Convention: about 2 dozen TCAGO people attended the national convention. It featured a wide diversity of offerings, many worship services, solemn evensong and lots of choral music including early music. Mary Newton helped with the competitions and Sarah Garner designed the TCACO ad in the booklet which featured pictures of Jessica Park and Libby Larson. Music of Minnesota composers Carol Barnett and Libby Larsen was featured at the convention.

VII. Adjournment - Laura thanked Sharon for her work as Program Chair for the past 2 years. Outgoing board members are Mary Newton, Jane Nienaber and Jeff Patry. Laura is thankful to be ending her term with a balanced budget and she's very appreciative of the

creative people on the board. She reported that Jerry Bonstrom would like to have someone new serve as Archivist. A challenge for the upcoming year will be working with National and the ONCARD system for renewal of memberships. Our chapter and Milwaukee and a couple other chapters opted not to be part of it for this year. The board thanked Laura for her work as Dean for the past 2 years. Well done, Laura!

VIII. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. **NOTE: there is no meeting in July. The next board meeting is tentatively set for Tuesday, August 19th at 6:30 p.m. at St. Paul Seminary.** Sarah Garner motioned to adjourn the meeting and David Jenkins seconded.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Nienaber, Acting Secretary