

**Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting**  
**Twin Cities Chapter of the American Guild of Organists**  
**April 27, 2020**

Present: Jacob Benda, Joyce Brown, Tom Ferry, Dave Geslin, Liisa Keranen, David Jenkins, Jessica Park, Andrew Paulson, Phillip Radtke, Christopher Stroh, John Varona  
Absent: Diana Lee Lucker, Joe Trucano

**Call to Order** by Dean David Jenkins at 6:30 PM, Virtual Meeting via the Zoom App hosted by St. Thomas Seminary

The meeting began with a prayer submitted by Chaplain Setterlund read by David Jenkins.

David Jenkins opened with a social wellness check and discussion reconnecting with the board members. The March Board meeting was cancelled due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. All Board meetings will now be Zoom virtual meetings until further notice.

The agenda for the meeting was approved.

The Minutes of the February 2020 Board Meeting were approved as corrected.

**Report:** Treasurer's Report given by David Jenkins for Dave Geslin

The finances are in order and the budget is on track to where it should be at this time of the year. We have a surplus because there haven't been any expenses this year. There may be future additional technology expenses incurred with transition to online programs during this pandemic.

**Report:** Secretary Report given by Joyce Brown

The election results were presented. The new board members for the Class of 2023 are Nils Halker, Kris Rizzotta, and Lise Schmidt. The candidates will be called with the results. The board approved Laura Podratz to fill out Andrew Paulson's term as he is moving to Philadelphia. It will be published in *Pipenotes*.

**Report:** Dean's Report given by David Jenkins

-The Operating Procedures are continuing to be updated.

-There have been many changes with the pandemic. St. Thomas Seminary is closed and with that some of the TCAGO printing privileges. The ballots were fortunately printed and mailed before the closure.

-There is an outreach effort going on now. Several people from the TCAGO are calling to connect with other members during this unusual time. Hopefully all members will be contacted.

-The move to online registration renewal with On-Card has been delayed. Jeremy Haug will be working with an ad hoc committee of David Engen, Kirsten Uhlenberg, Laura Edman and David Jenkins. The Wild Apricot hosting service provides a place for donations and dues that On-Card does not accommodate.

-The TCAGO will continue to provide quality programming for the rest of the year, and will try to prioritize member's needs and interests. With COVID-19 and social distancing, the programs and competitions will have to be creative. Live-streaming and online programs are being looked into at this time. We want to safeguard people's health.

-The Organ Competition that was scheduled this spring is postponed until further decisions are made regarding it.

**Report:** Program Committee Report given by Jacob Benda

-The Regional Convention planning is continuing. The budget and program has been accepted by National. We are presently in a holding pattern with contract signing because of the pandemic.

-The Atlanta Convention this summer has been cancelled.

-The National Improvisation contest has also been postponed. The TCAGO has been asked if we can host this next year along with our Regional Convention. National will cover the budget. The mechanics of the competition will be worked out with a local committee.

-Along with the National Convention being cancelled, all Young Artist Competitions and POE events are cancelled.

**Motion:** John Varona moved that the meeting close.

**Second:** Liisa Keranen

**Motion carried.**

The meeting closed at 7:40

Joyce Brown, Secretary