

**Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting  
Twin Cities Chapter of the American Guild of Organists  
May 22, 2023**

**Present:** Carolyn Diamond, Isaac Drewes, Nils Halker, Kathrine Handford, David Jenkins, Kristina Langlois, Mary Newton

**Present via the Zoom App:** David Geslin, Kris Rizzotto

**Absent:** Samuel Holmberg, Ju Young Lee, Lise Schmidt

**Also Absent:** Chaplain John Setterlund

Meeting was called to order by Dean David Jenkins at 6:35 pm at Church of Saint Mark, 2001 Dayton Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55104

Due to the absence of Chaplain Setterlund, there was no Opening Prayer.

**Motion:** Isaac Drewes moved the minutes of the board meeting on April 24, 2023 be approved.

**Second:** Nils Halker. **Motion carried.**

**Secretary's Report:** Given by Carolyn Diamond

Carolyn reported on the results of the TCAGO's election.

Of the 225 eligible voters, 118 ballots were submitted which was 52%. The following were elected:

**Officers:**

Dean- David Jenkins

Sub-Dean- Kathrine Handford

Treasurer- David Geslin

Secretary- Lise Schmidt

**Members-At-Large:**

Richard Gray

Eileen Miller

Melanie Ohnstad

We offer our congratulations to the winners, and will also look forward to enlisting the talents of Simon Pick, Brenda Sevcik, and Trevor Wolter, the three candidates who so willingly offered to serve.

This was the first year of implementing the software, **Election Buddy**, which enabled most voting members (those with email and/or text capabilities) to vote online. It proved to be very successful.

**Motion:** Kathrine Handford moved the Secretary's report be approved.

**Second:** Mary Newton. **Motion carried.**

**Action Item:** Given by David Jenkins

With a vacancy in the Class of 2024 due to Kathrine Handford becoming Sub-Dean, David Jenkins invited Carolyn Diamond to fill the position for the one remaining year.

**Motion:** David Jenkins moved to appoint Carolyn Diamond to fill the vacant seat in the Class of 2023.

**Second:** Kathy Handford. **Motion carried.**

**Program Committee Report:** Given by Kathrine Handford

Kathrine reported that the following events are finalized or in the planning stages for the program year of 2023/2024.

- + Opening Event on September 17: 2pm at Bethel University, St. Paul. Celebration of the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Pipedreams and Michael Barone with a program for Organ and Orchestra. A reception dinner will follow at the Green Mill Restaurant in Shoreview, MN.
- + October 15: afternoon at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Minneapolis. A concert and retrospective recognizing the late Edward Berryman.
- + November 19: pedagogy with Nathan Laube. TBD.
- + February 18/19: Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Minneapolis. Professional Development/Enrichment Day with a choral workshop with the King Singers.
- + March 16: Before Bach's Birthday Bash. TBD.
- + April: Karg-Elert event. TBD.
- + May: Members' Recital. TBD.

**Treasure's Report:** Given by David Geslin

David Geslin's report was divided into two parts.

#1: Our current budget for 2022-23 is in fine shape. Even with our investments being down, our Budget vs. Actuals is good. He pointed out details where we have spent more but also brought in more revenue. Because National raised dues for next year, our income per member will go up. However, our overall chapter membership has been declining each year. In balance, next year we can anticipate only slightly higher revenue from dues.

#2: Proposed budget for 2023-24. The board had a thorough discussion about next year's budget. With David Geslin's guidance, a balanced budget was developed, with Total Expenses and Net Operating Income equaling \$23,500, same as the budget in 2022-2023.

**Motion:** Carolyn Diamond moved the Treasure's Reports, both for this year ending 2022-23, and for the projected budget for 2023-24, be approved.

**Second:** Mary Newton. **Motion carried.**

**Regional Convention Report:** Given by Kathrine Handford

Kathrine reported that with a lower number of registrants than planned for, David Fienen, the Convention Treasurer predicts a large deficit. The contractual commitments with the hotel and bus transportation are the two big concerns. Even though fund raising has been successful, there will be a shortfall. There was discussion about the Board voting to provide a monetary grant to the convention from chapter funds, but David Geslin advised against it. He explained that the National AGO is supposed to cover financial losses for conventions. National plans and budgets for these scenarios. The discussion ended with a positive outlook with National's help.

David J. and Kathrine are meeting with James Thomashower to clear up any concerns about National's support for the convention.

**Motion:** Mary Newton moved to adjourn the meeting.

**Second:** Nils Halker. **Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm. The next meeting will be a Social gathering on June 12, 2023 from 6:30-8pm at St. Clement's Episcopal Church in St. Paul.

Carolyn Diamond, Secretary