

**Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting  
Twin Cities Chapter of the American Guild of Organists  
April 24, 2017**

Present: Linda Armstrong, Andrew Birling, Pam Carlson, Dee Ann Crossley, David Geslin, Margaret Gohman, David Jenkins, Jon Kietzer, Paul Westermeyer  
Absent: Kalle Akkerman, Jennifer Anderson, David Fienen, Nancy Lancaster

**Call to Order** by Dean Paul Westermeyer at 6:30 PM, St. Paul Seminary  
Dean Westermeyer began the meeting with the Moravian readings for the day.

The minutes of the March 27, 2017 Board meeting were approved as printed.

**Treasurer's Report:** David Geslin

The Hospitality Committee's revenues and expenses will now be listed separately for both budget and actual amounts, with opening dinner revenue and expense clearly identified.

The finances of the year-to-date were reviewed.

It was suggested that we have a future discussion about the Composition Competition: Submit composition for publishing? Produce a collection of the winning compositions? Archive compositions? Dean Westermeyer will invite Lawrence Lawyer, Composition Competition committee member, to the September Board meeting to talk about the competition.

It was agreed that the May Board meeting should include a discussion of a more intentional policy of financial support for AGO/Organ-related programs and events (eg. conventions).

We discussed the possibility of adding money to "Restricted Funds-Special Projects," with consideration of the separate "Unrestricted Funds-Board Reserve" which currently totals \$22,236.00.

The Treasurer's report was accepted.

**Report:** Sub-Dean David Jenkins

An informative and gracious letter of appreciation from the POE scholarship recipient was read.

The May 5<sup>th</sup> Members' Recital will be held at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, Edina, at 7:30 PM. Planning is underway for next year's programs, with two events in the fall.

The August OHS Convention was reported as being well-organized and receiving good response. Volunteer opportunities will be available to TCAGO members.

**Report:** Dean Westermeyer

David Vogel's Commentary in the April TAO on the subject of ONCARD was referenced. David Engen has responded in a "Letter to the Editor."

FTC update - TCAGO Salary Guidelines: James Thomashower replied to Dean Westermeyer's letter of concern. Per FTC regulations, we definitely cannot publish/provide our Salary Guidelines. However, the Guidelines may stay on our website until November, 2017. This FTC regulation does not apply to denominational groups, who may continue to offer personnel and salary information. *Addendum: in a subsequent communication with James Thomashower we were told that we should not send TCAGO Salary Guidelines to denominational offices, nor can we provide a link on our website to their websites. We can advise denominations that we will be taking down our Guidelines and may be sending requesters to them, with the hope that musicians will be treated fairly.*

The TCAGO Code of Ethics and Code of Professional Standards are allowed by the FTC. Dean Westermeyer will contact David Engen about placing the Codes on our website.

**Old Business:** The TCAGO joint Board meeting/potluck will be on Monday, June 26, 6:00-9:00 PM on Jon Kietzer's boat. Dean Westermeyer will reply to Michael Edwins' offer of Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, for the meeting venue.

**New Business:**

1) We discussed Andrew Birling's proposal that TCAGO fund organ lessons for beginning organists of any age. The scholarship would be for one year of study with a teacher identified by TCAGO, with opportunity for renewal. The scholarship would be paid directly to the teacher. It was suggested we could promote the program to possible students in a workshop for non-members. TCAGO Educational Outreach committee could be involved in discussing the program and suggesting ideas for implementation and marketing.

Andrew has in mind a particular student who fits the criteria for this scholarship program. We asked him to research the situation and bring information to the May Board meeting.

2) Dee Ann will ask Phil Asgian and his marketing committee to provide an update of their work with the DVD "A Guide for Organ Committees" for the May Board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10.  
Dee Ann Crossley, secretary