

**Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting  
Twin Cities Chapter of the American Guild of Organists  
February 26, 2018**

Present: Linda Armstrong, Andrew Birling, Kyle Black, Dee Ann Crossley, David Fienen, Rob Glover, Margaret Gohman, David Jenkins, Diana Lee Lucker, Chris Stroh, Paul Westermeyer  
Absent: Tom Ferry, David Geslin  
Also present: John Setterlund

**Call to Order** by Dean Paul Westermeyer at 6:30 PM, St. Paul Seminary

Chaplain Setterlund opened the meeting with poetry of George Herbert and prayer .

The minutes of the January 28, 2018 Board meeting were approved as corrected.

**Report:** Sub-Dean David Jenkins

- update of the June POE. There are 7 registrants at present.
  
- The members' recital on May 4 will be at Arlington Hills Lutheran Church, St. Paul.
- The September 30 opening event will be a tribute to Michael Barone in celebration of the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pipedreams. There will be a dinner and recital. Haig Mardirosian will speak.
  
- A workshop with TCAGO member Jacob Benda at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Minneapolis, is planned for January 2019.
  
- Danish organist Bine Bryndorf will play a recital at House of Hope Presbyterian Church, St. Paul, on April 6 and present a masterclass/workshop on April 7 at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, Shoreview.
  
- French organist Vincent Warnier will play a recital at the St Thomas University Chapel on April 15.

Andrew Birling reported on the Pipe Organ Discovery Day, held on February 24 at Trinity Episcopal and Mount Calvary Lutheran Churches, Excelsior. More than 20 students participated.

Margaret Gohman talked about Maurice Anderson's funeral at Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Minneapolis.

There was much discussion about the duties and responsibilities of **Treasurer**, as David Geslin outlined for the Board. It was agreed that something needed to be done about the position of Treasurer. Dean Westermeyer will ask David for a detailed job description of each area of his work: Treasurer, Bookkeeper, Investment Manager. The Dean has spoken with Nominating Committee Chair Jennifer Anderson about the Board's ongoing discussion of the Treasurer position.

**Report:** Dean, Paul Westermeyer

- The Nominating Committee is: Chair Jennifer Anderson, Carolyn Bliss, Laura Edman, Jeremy Haug, and Jim Hild.
- The AGO Milwaukee Chapter sent information about their April 15 concert by Jon Gillock, "The Mystique of Messiaen."
- Philip Brunelle sent information about Byron Almén, organist, who is moving to the Twin Cities and may offer a great deal to TCAGO and our activities.
- A discussion of Michael Barone's idea for a Historical Organ Concern Committee, which would address topics and events related to historic organs in this area, led to a positive response from the Board. Michael will follow up with a concise proposal.

**Old Business**

- Tom Ferry's report on Operating Procedures is postponed.
- New Orgelbüchlein: Andrew Birling, with Chris Stroh, will continue to look into its production, considering the project a "slow track initiative." Many ideas for identifying composers and funding sources were presented.
- Diana Lee Lucker reported on the Organ Study Scholarship. Many suggestions were made re: identifying recipients and the parameters of the program. The Program Committee will look into offering a seminar/workshop (e.g. Introduction to the Pipe Organ). The Board will continue to discuss this specific scholarship program.

Diana Lee read a delightful, thoughtful thank you note from a recent recipient of the (Barone) Student Scholarship.

Dee Ann Crossley reported that four TCAGO members contributed tuition scholarships for four POE students, totaling \$1,900. TCAGO members will be challenged to match that amount with gifts of \$25, \$50, and \$100, which will be used to purchase students' organ instruction books and other required materials. Donations can be made on the TCAGO website.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00.  
Dee Ann Crossley, secretary

**Addendum:** On March 6, the Board approved by majority vote, via email, the nomination (by Lawrence Lawyer) of Philip Brunelle to the Composition Committee.