

**Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting
Twin Cities Chapter of the American Guild of Organists
January 29, 2018**

Present: Linda Armstrong, Kyle Black, Dee Ann Crossley, Tom Ferry, Margaret Gohman, David Jenkins, Paul Westermeyer

Absent: Andrew Birling, David Fienen, David Geslin, Rob Glover, Diana Lee Lucker, Chris Stroh

Also present: John Setterlund, Phil Asgian, Joshua Lindgren

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

Chaplain Setterlund opened the meeting with words of Saint Thomas Aquinas.

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

Dean Westermeyer briefly described his recently published book, *A High and Holy Calling*. Its dedication to the TCAGO and its Board was acknowledged and appreciated.

Archives Director Joshua Lindgren was present to help with our discussion of the status of TCAGO archives and archival operating procedures related to the Minnesota History Center and Westminster Presbyterian Church. How to handle miscellaneous organ-related documents, books and recordings was also considered.

It was agreed that Joshua should assess the contents of the boxes from retiring Archivist Jerry Bonstrom, and those at Westminster Presbyterian Church, and bring recommendations for an Archive Policy to the Board.

Audit Committee Report: Phil Asgian (prepared by Phil and Martin Stachnik)
Audit of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017

Addressing the need for a succession plan for the Treasurer, the Audit Committee made one **recommendation:** *The role of the Treasurer should be redefined into smaller roles that may be easily managed with the help of other Chapter members and/or an outside source.*

A discussion followed of the three areas of the Treasurer's responsibility: bookkeeping, treasurer, managing investments.

Motion: Tom Ferry moved that we table further discussion of the recommendation and that we request David Geslin to list the responsibilities/details of each of the three areas, to be presented to the Board by the end of June.

Second: Linda Armstrong

Motion carried.

Paul will communicate with David after the minutes of this Board meeting are sent out.

Report: Sub-Dean David Jenkins

- update of the June POE, with information about the facilities, programs, and faculty. With support from National AGO and APOBA, there are no major concerns about the finances. David and Dee Ann mentioned ways in which TCAGO members could be involved. Publicity is underway, with one student already registered.

- Dean Westermeyer read a letter from the Kansas City National Convention requesting money to support the programs presented by Jamie Bobb and Michael Barone. David Jenkins reminded us that TCAGO has purchased a full page ad in the convention book. After discussion, it was agreed that we would not contribute more than the ad.

- We talked about honoring Michael Barone in the fall, when the 35th anniversary of Pipedreams is celebrated. The TCAGO program committee is already thinking about this.

- Michael Barone has proposed we commission an organ piece from Rachel Laurin to mark the Pipedreams anniversary or his 50 years of broadcasting.

- Noted: Wilma Jensen's recital on February 1 and workshop/seminar on February 3, and Pipe Organ Discovery Day on February 24

- Danish organist Bine Bryndorf will play a recital at House of Hope Presbyterian Church, St. Paul, on Friday, April 6, and give a master class on Saturday, April 7 at Ferguson Hall, University of MN.

Kathy Handford is now a member of the TCAGO Program Committee.

Report: Secretary, Dee Ann Crossley

- update on the Northrop organ, University of MN. The MN Orchestra's October 12/13 concert at Northrop will feature the newly restored organ in a commissioned concerto by John Harbison, with Paul Jacobs, organist. The TCAGO will help publicize the concert and other subsequent events featuring the Northrop organ.

Report: as emailed to the Board by David Geslin, Treasurer

The to-date budget vs. actuals and a Financial Position Statement were briefly reviewed.

The investment enquiries from David Engen were forwarded to, and answered by, David Geslin.

Report: Dean, Paul Westermeyer

- meeting with Mary Newton, Student Competition Coordinator.
Mary would like more TCAGO members to attend the Competition.

- Noted: new TCAGO member and organist, Katie Moss

- Jennifer Anderson, Nominating Committee Chair, is currently putting together her committee.

- information received: organ study at Hope College, Holland, Michigan; and Chicago AGO Chapter live-streaming *Learning and Teaching Organ Remotely*.

Tom Ferry's report on Operating Procedures is postponed until the February Board meeting.

The report and proposals of the Organ Study Scholarship committee (Diana Lee Lucker, Karen Bartz, Andrew Birling and Steven Gentile) were handed out.

The topic of Term Limits will be addressed later in relation to the redefining of the Treasurer position.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Dee Ann Crossley, secretary