

**Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting
Twin Cities Chapter of the American Guild of Organists
November 28, 2016**

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

Call to Order by Dean Paul Westermeyer at 6:30 PM, St. Paul Seminary
Dean Westermeyer began the meeting with a reading from Proverbs. A hymn and prayer followed.

The minutes of the October 24, 2016 Board meeting were approved as corrected.

Report: Sub-Dean David Jenkins

In response to the survey request from the Committee on New Organists (CONO), David proposed that we link the existing teacher listing on our TCAGO website to the National AGO website/CONO, which is available to the public. TCAGO teacher members can update or expand their listing to include information requested by CONO. As soon as David Engen has CONO access in place on the TCAGO website, CONO will be notified, and our members will be emailed about its availability.

The (Federal) Fair Labor Standards Act is now tabled for an unspecified length of time. The January 30, 2017 Professional Concerns meeting with Karl Kornowski will include a discussion of the FLSA.

The November 4 video premiere and the November 1 master class and improvisation workshop by Tom Trenney were reported as very successful events.

Dean's Report: Paul Westermeyer

The Nominating Committee calendar was reviewed.

Jon Kietzer was approved as chair of the Nominating Committee.

The AGO has not yet been officially notified of the implementation of the regulations of the U.S. Federal Trade Commission. We will not alter our statements of employment ethics, salary guidelines, and model contracts until required to do so. A discussion followed on the ways we can be in compliance with the FTC without forgoing our valuable service to the AGO community.

A publicity poster of the *Bach and Sons* multi-media presentation was received. No particular action was suggested.

Highlights of the Regional Newsletter, sent from Regional Councillor Marilyn Schempp, were read.

The correspondence from A. Laver in regards to teenage organists has been referred to Phil Asgian.

The TCAGO's request for a page in the OHS calendar was received too late to be accepted. However, we will have an ad in the OHS Convention handbook.

A confusion in how the TCAGO relates to the Ruth and Paul Manz Scholarship was acknowledged. Dean Westermeyer will look into the history and coordination of the scholarship.

It was suggested that each chair of a TCAGO competition committee be invited to report at a Board meeting, so that we are not only well-informed, but can also offer our assistance. This invitation could be extended to any of our sub-committee chairs.

The TCAGO contribution of \$250.00 to the North Central AGO Young Organists Composition Competition was sent.

Old Business: Dean Westermeyer

As there seems to be little interest in addressing consistency in the listing of TCAGO committees, the subject was removed from the agenda.

New Business:

David Jenkins reported briefly on the Regional Convention to be held in Iowa City and Cedar Rapids, June 19- 22, 2017.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00.

Respectfully submitted,
Dee Ann Crossley, secretary