

**Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting
Twin Cities Chapter of the American Guild of Organists
September 25, 2017**

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

Absent: David Fienen

Also Present: John Setterlund

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

We began the meeting with singing the hymn "Our God To Whom We Turn" (Darmstadt), led by Chaplain John Setterlund.

The minutes of the August 28, 2017 Board meeting were approved as printed.

Report: Sub-Dean David Jenkins

David reviewed the September 17 concert and dinner, and the recognition of Michael Edwins. The event was very successful. It was on budget, with approximately 50 people attending the dinner.

Two Board members will be involved with the upcoming POE: Margaret Gohman as Registrar, and Dee Ann Crossley (with Jon Kietzer) working on fundraising.

Report: Treasurer, David Geslin

The year-to-date financials were reviewed.
"Rolling registration" was briefly revisited.

Report: Dean, Paul Westermeyer

The FTC Certification form was received by Erik Birk, National AGO Executive Assistant, and acknowledged by letter.

TCAGO Operating Procedures now in compliance with the FTC were received and approved by Eileen Hunt, National AGO Vice-President, and acknowledged by letter.

David Engen retyped the Operating Procedures on our website. David Geslin has the original Operating Procedures.

A discussion of TCAGO members' use of "Email blasts" followed. Jeremy Haug sends a blast at a charge of \$20. The Board decided to leave the charge as is.

It was agreed that TCAGO would not exhibit at the 2018 National Convention in Kansas City, due to the considerable expense.

Report: Jeff Patry, chair of the Professional Development Committee

Jeff reviewed the process for ad placement for music positions. There is a \$50 charge for two months on our website. Jeff also provides a packet containing the AGO Code of Professional Standards and Code of Ethics. He receives requests for approximately 50-75 ads each year.

A discussion followed on how to best maintain and distribute the many music scores and other material that Jeff receives. Highlighting specific scores in *Pipenotes* and making appropriate scores available at POE were suggested. Scores are usually offered for sale at two TCAGO meetings each year. Cataloging the collection was discussed (pay a graduate student?). Rob Glover volunteered to help catalog the scores.

Dean Westermeyer will invite other committee chairs to attend future Board meetings.

Andrew Birling reviewed his proposal for organ study scholarships (which is not age restrictive). He posed the question: Might the TCAGO start a program like that of the Northeastern Wisconsin AGO Chapter's "Outreach Opportunity for Church Organists" to complement the existing Pipedreams Scholarship? After discussion and referral to Andrew's handouts, Diana Lee Lucker agreed to work with Andrew and the Pipedreams Scholarship committee to explore the proposal.

Andrew then introduced his "Concept for a new pedagogical resource," proposing an original organ collection modeled on Bach's *Orgelbüchlein*, based on hymn tunes presently familiar to many denominations. After discussion, Chris Stroh and Kyle Black agreed to look into this project with Andrew.

Dean Westermeyer brought up the topic of TCAGO succession plans. Although the Treasurer and Archivist positions were considered in particular, the plans could apply to any TCAGO committee or Board position. At the same time a good plan, by identifying strengths of TCAGO members, could ensure the success of future Boards. The discussion addressed term limits, the role of the nominating committee, and prioritizing the Treasurer position. It was agreed that the October Board meeting agenda will include a discussion of term limits and succession.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.
Dee Ann Crossley, Secretary