



Tracking the Action

The newsletter of the American Guild of Organists, Cleveland Chapter

August 2010

FROM THE DEAN

Did you know the state of Ohio has sixteen AGO chapters? Did you know, as of last year, the Cleveland Chapter was the largest? At its recent meeting the Executive Committee spent time answering the question, “In your time with the chapter tell a brief story of when the Cleveland Chapter was at its best.” The answers were diverse depending on how long one has been a member of the chapter, but the over-arching theme of events were the ones where the chapter united to pull off two regional conventions, a National convention, guest recitalists, and workshops/educational events.

At our next Executive Committee meeting in August we will continue our visioning by answering, “It is now 2015 what does the Cleveland Chapter look like, feel like, act like? What kinds of activities, initiatives is this chapter doing? What kinds of dialogues is this chapter having?” By asking these questions now we begin to learn from one another and we begin taking steps to chart a course for our future.

If you have thoughts to these questions you would like to share, please feel free to email your responses to me (jriggs@plymouthchurchucc.org) or mail them directly to me (2860 Coventry Road, Shaker Heights, 44120). As we embark on our 102nd year, our chapter has strong financial resources, we have a talented and a diverse group of members, and we have the opportunity to make a difference. Thank you to those who have gone on before us and laid for us a foundation on which to build. Historian Will Durant says it well, “study our past and be thankful for the heritage which is ours; prepare for our future with all the vision and energy we can summon.”

I look forward to traveling this journey with all of you to see where it takes us. Feel free to drop me an email with your thoughts—I would welcome the opportunity to connect with you.

Peace, Jim

Heard it at Executive Committee

- Approved the appointment of Jonathan Ross as secretary
- Began work on a vision exercise
- Approved programs and budget for the 2010-2011 year
- Approved new title for newsletter (Tracking the Action)

Next Executive Committee Meeting:

Monday, August 16; 7:30 p.m.
Lakewood Presbyterian Church
14502 Detroit Avenue
Lakewood, Ohio 44107
216.226.0514

Next Chapter Meeting:

Sunday, September 19, 2010, 4:00 PM
CHAPTER PICNIC
Missy and Fred Koch's home
8007 Majestic Oaks Trail
Broadview Heights, OH 44147
440.740.0737

FROM THE REGISTRAR

Thank you to the 162 members who have renewed their membership as of July 12. To the 30 who haven't renewed, please do so now! If you have misplaced your renewal form and need another, please contact me at 216.406.0228 or registrar@agocleveland.org.

We would like to welcome the following new members for the 2010-2011 year: Roma Bandza, Charlotte Beers, Matthew David Fodor, Mary Joan Griesz, Paul Guyer, Judy Kurth, Michael Miller and Patrick Erin Wickliffe.

On a less happy note, we must say goodbye to Jeff Moellman, who has moved to Canada. Here is his new address:

Jeffrey Moellman
3477 Kirkfield Rd
Sebright, Ontario L0K 1W0 Canada
phone: 705.833.2202
musicmoell@gmail.com

Church of the Guardian Angels (Roman Catholic)
115 West Street North
Orillia, Ontario L3V 5C4 Canada
phone: 705.326.2849, x23

Finally, please take a moment to think about organists you know who are not AGO members. Give them a call or send them an email and invite them to join us; let them know about our programs and website. If you would like me to call for you, just send me their name and number.

Chris Toth, Registrar

CHAPTER CONCERNS:

Condolences to the family of Clarence J. Stepan, who passed away in May. He was Music Director of St. Dominic for many years and served as AGO Dean here in Cleveland from 1969-1970.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Stepan, who lives in Brecksville.

OPERATING PROCEDURES

At the annual meeting in 2009 a task force including Karen Holtkamp, Bob Day, Jim Riggs, Max Bunker, and Peg Limkemann, Director, was appointed to revise our 1999 Operating Procedures, the legal document under which the Cleveland Chapter does its work. The task force met regularly and diligently went over every word. The revised document was presented to the Board and then at our annual meeting in May, 2010, where it was amended and approved. It has also been approved by our Regional Councillor and by National headquarters. Our thanks go to the Task Force for their devoted work on a complicated and tedious job.

The document is now available on line, on our web site.

Should you want a hard copy, please notify Peg Limkemann at 440.871.4495.

NEW ADDRESS AND MOVE TO AMISH COUNTRY

Juanita and Richard (Dick) Schubert
P.O. 209
401 Pond Lane
Walnut Creek, OH 44687

Land phone and cell phones remain the same.

I will still be a member of Cleveland Chapter, A.G.O.

Juanita Schubert

FROM THE EDITOR:

You will notice a new title for the AGO Newsletter with this month's edition. There is also a new logo, which may be temporary. The new logo is under construction for the time being.

This is the result of a contest that was held a few years ago. "Tracking the Action" was the winning entry and was given to us by Donald Jackson.

**AMERICAN GUILD OF
ORGANISTS ELECTS 2010–
2012 NATIONAL COUNCIL**

Election Results Announced at AGO National Convention in Washington, D.C.

NEW YORK CITY — The AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS (AGO) announces a newly elected National Council for a term of two years, July 1, 2010–June 30, 2012. Election results were reported on Wednesday, July 7, during the AGO Annual Meeting, held in conjunction with the AGO National Convention in Washington, D.C. Members of the newly elected National Council include four national officers, four national councillors with portfolio, and nine regional councillors drawn from across the country. The non-voting executive director serves as an ex officio member of Council.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Ex officio

James E. Thomashower, CAE, BA
New York, N.Y.

“The process of nominating candidates to the National Council requires a coordinated effort among ten committees comprising more than 50 volunteers,” reported AGO Executive Director James Thomashower. The AGO National Nominating Committee and nine Regional Nominating Committees identified 34 candidates for nomination to the 17 positions on Council. Of the 34 candidates, 13 were incumbents who were eligible for renomination. All 13 were renominated and reelected.

“The members of the 2010–2012 National Council will have an extremely busy agenda addressing the many action items that the Task Force on Long-Range Planning has recently submitted and recommended for implementation,” declared Thomashower. “The new Council is well equipped to meet these challenges as four new Council members bring fresh stores of talent and energy to the table complementing the experience of our 13 returning members.”

The election was held from April 1 through June 1 and managed by Intelliscan Inc., an independent election management firm engaged by the AGO to administer the election, receive the ballots, and tabulate the results. The total number of ballots cast was 5,358, compared with 3,828 in the 2008 election; 3,791 in 2006; and 2,748 in the 2004 election, the first election in which electronic balloting was made available.

In each of the four Council positions for which there was no incumbent, a woman and a man were nominated. In each instance, the woman was elected. Women now make up the majority of Council members by a nine to eight margin, and a majority of the Regional Councillors by a five to four margin. This would appear to be the first time in the Guild’s history that women represent a majority of the members of Council.

PLEASE NOTE: Please send all job postings to: **Gerry Mass**, 440.884.4904, **e-mail:** gerry@gerardskeyboards.com.

MUSIC DIRECTOR: Liberation United Church of Christ, 13714 Madison Ave., Lakewood, Ohio 44107. Part-time (approx. six-seven hours per week with potential for further growth of music program). Rodgers Organ and Baldwin grand piano. Sunday service at 10:30 a.m., preceded by choir rehearsal at 9:00 a.m. Traditional and contemporary music styles. Salary: \$7,000-8,000. annually, with increase potential as music program grows and hours involved increase. Interested persons should send a resume to Jim Ebbenga at the church address above or via e-mail at office@liberationucc.org

ORGANIST: Christ United Methodist Church, 490 East Broadway St., Alliance, OH 44601. 330.823.7136. Two Sunday services at 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Wednesday evening choir rehearsal. Additional special services as needed. Extra compensation for weddings and funerals. Salary: \$13,000. per year (approx.) Interested persons should send a cover letter and resume to the Church Office address (as listed above) or via e-mail to church@cumalliance.org

ORGANIST/ MUSIC CO-ORDINATOR: First Christian Church, Brunswick, Ohio. Salary: \$50.-75. per week. Interested persons should contact Pastor Roger Buse at 330.483.4520.

ORGANIST/PIANIST: Chapel United Methodist Church, 2019 Hubbard Rd., Madison, OH 44057. Beginning September, 2010. One traditional Sunday service at 9:00 a.m. (September-May). During June, July, and August, Sunday worship service is held out of doors during which months the organist/pianist would be responsible for playing a keyboard at these services. Choir rehearsal Wednesday evenings. Salary: \$5,000. per year (approx.). Interested persons should contact Rev. Matt McClung, Pastor, at the church office (440) 428-3981, cell phone (440) 417-3887, or via e-mail at chapelpastor@windstream.net.

ORGANIST: Faith Lutheran Church. 16511 Hilliard Rd., Lakewood, OH 44107. 216.226.6500. One Sunday service, as well other religious festivals during the year. Three-manual pipe organ. \$100. per service. Available 6/1/10. Interested persons should contact Diane Bennett at the church office (mornings only) or via e-mail at dbennett44107@yahoo.com

ORGANIST: Solon Community Church, 33955 Sherbrook Dr., Solon, OH 44139. 440.248.4180. Part-time for Sundays, holiday worship, and choir rehearsals. Salary: \$7,000. per year. Interested persons may get further information by contacting the church office between 9:00 a.m. and noon weekdays, or send a resume via e-mail to scc4180@sbcglobal.net

ORGANIST: Pioneer Memorial Presbyterian Church, 35100 Solon Rd., Solon, OH 44139. 440.248.2560. Six hours per week. Salary: \$10,000-11,000. per year. Interested persons should contact Kerri or Jeff Peterson-Davis at the church office as listed above.

ORGANIST/PIANIST: Lakemore United Methodist Church, Akron, OH. Organist/pianist needed to accompany our choir and praise team. Rehearsal Wednesdays from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday mornings from 9:00 to 11:00. Salary: (approx.) \$8,500 per year. Interested persons should contact the church at (330) 733-6531 or via e-mail at lakemoreumc@att.net for further information.

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Brooklyn Trinity United Church of Christ, 8720 Memphis Ave., Brooklyn, OH 44144. One Sunday service at 10:30 a.m., preceded by choir rehearsal at 9:30 a.m.; special services (as needed) throughout the liturgical year. Meet with Pastor to co-ordinate and plan worship services. Salary: \$6,000-7,000. per year. Interested persons should send a resume and cover letter to Pastor Sue Tamlilio at the church address listed above or via e-mail to sue.tamlilio@gmail.com

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR: Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ, 2592 West 14 St., Cleveland, OH 44113. One Sunday service at 10:30 a.m. and special services (as needed) throughout the year. Accompany and direct the adult choir (Wednesday evening rehearsals). Meet weekly with Pastor to plan worship and co-ordinate with Bell Choir Director, Brass Choir Director, and Christian Education Committee. Four weeks paid vacation per year. Farrand-Votey Organ. Salary: \$16,700. per year. Interested persons should send a resume to Pastor John Tamlilio at the church office

address listed above or via e-mail to JohnT@pilgrimalive.org

ORGANIST: First Congregational Church, 47 Aurora St., Hudson, OH 44236, 330.650.4048. 15-18 hours per week. Bachelor of Music degree (minimum) and three-five years experience essential. Karl Wilhelm organ. Salary: \$15-20,000. per year. Interested persons should send cover letter and resume to Kristin Brandyberry at the church address listed above or via e-mail to igottarun2002@yahoo.com

PIANIST/ORGANIST: United Methodist Church of Chagrin Falls, 20 South Franklin St., Chagrin Fall, OH 44022. Two Sunday services at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. (10 a.m. during summertime). Thursday evening choir rehearsal (Labor Day through Memorial Day). Extra compensation for weddings and funerals. Salary: (approx.) \$10,000. per year. Interested persons should contact David Gilson, Music Director, via e-mail at David.Gilson@case.edu or via phone at 216.397.0785.

REMINDER: The deadline for submitting articles to the newsletter is **midnight on the 15th** of every month. All articles should be sent to: newsletter@agocleveland.org

CONCERTS: For complete listings, see our website: www.agocleveland.org. All concerts are free unless otherwise noted.

Wednesdays: Music Near the Market at **Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church**, 2031 West 30th St., Cleveland. CONTACT: Florence Mustric: 216.321.1393. Featuring the world-famous von Beckerath organ. **FREE** concerts **AT NOON** on Wednesdays.

August 4 & 11: Organist **Florence Mustric** and trumpeter **Matt Wirfel** present **Bold and Beautiful**. Music by Purcell, Viviani, Hovhaness, and others. **August 18 & 25:** Organist **Robert Myers** presents **A Mostly Baroque Fantasies**. Music by Froberger, Sweelinck, Krieger, and Bach.



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