



AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS LOUISVILLE CHAPTER

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NEWSLETTER

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A LETTER FROM THE DEAN

Recently I had occasion to invite a younger member of the church-music community to join the American Guild of Organists. He simply laughed and said that he had no need of belonging to an "old boys club." As you can imagine, I was not amused.

In a time when the arts are being so badly neglected, when music education is considered expendable, and when mediocrity (or worse) is the new status quo in many of our churches, the American Guild of Organists is more relevant than ever.

Our challenge as an organization has become the lifting up of our principles and great music – be it at the keyboard or with the choir; in worship, in concert, or in the educational arena – as we work to inspire this new generation. Unfortunately, it seems that some in the next generation (and in our own) have a rather jaded view of our goals and effectiveness. These are issues that we must address and address now. The time has come for us to step up and create a vivid and very public presence in greater Louisville.

At a meeting with your Executive Committee I have proposed a three-fold approach to our work together across the next two years. Very briefly, the plan focuses on three areas: 1. Educational outreach, 2. Building bridges to other chapters, and 3. Revitalization of the chapter through greater involvement of its members. Details will be discussed at a later time, but know that the Executive Committee will be considering these three areas as decisions in policy, programming, and finances are made. Also know that YOUR participation is vital to the work we have ahead of us.

*In another and very happy matter, the Executive Committee has selected both **Amy Roth** and **Ann Wade** to become new Honorary Life Members. Their years of devotion to the chapter and their fine reputations in their own work make them ideal individuals to be so honored. We congratulate them both.*

*I would also like to take this opportunity to personally thank **David McNease** for his leadership these past two years. His graciousness and leadership have been greatly appreciated by us all.*

On a purely personal note, I thank each of you for your kindness and support upon my return to Louisville, and I greatly look forward to our working together these next two years as we enthusiastically tackle our common goals and interests.

s/David Paul Gibson

NEW OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

We congratulate our new officers who were elected by acclamation and installed at our May 20 Guild Service:

Dean	David Paul Gibson	Executive Committee at Large (2018)
Sub Dean	Dan Martin	Josh Duncan
Treasurer	Bryan Hoover	Paul Weber
Secretary	Kay Shields Wilkinson	Rob Williamson
Registrar	David Minton	

TIME TO RENEW!

The AGO is in the midst of its membership renewal period. As you may recall, all renewals (and new members) are handled through AGOHQ's ONCARD system. Dues are no longer processed through the Louisville Chapter. All members with a valid email address should have received an invoice via email. Members without email, or those whose email invoice "bounced back" to AGOHQ, will receive an invoice sometime this month via postal mail. Please be sure to check your "junk" email folder regularly in case the invoice email may have ended up there.

Also, please be sure to completely fill out the personal information section in ONCARD. Those receiving an invoice through the mail will also receive a "data" form. Please fill this out completely as well. This provides all pertinent information, **and is what the new Louisville Chapter Yearbook will be built upon.** Whatever information you provide in to AGOHQ will / or will not appear in the *Yearbook*.

If you have any questions at all, please contact **David Minton**, Registrar and ONCARD Chapter Administrator: dave.minton@louisville.edu or 502-439-3165.

POSITION AVAILABLE

If you wish would like to have more information on a listed position, or if you wish to list a new position you **MUST** contact Placement Chair Barbara Ellis musicworksharps@gmail.com There is also more information, as well as previously listed positions, on our website www.agolouisville.org

Organist Douglass Blvd. Christian Church/2005 Douglass Blvd/40205 (Part time)
Contact: Send resume Attn: Organ Applicant to above address or
douglassblvd@gmail.com

THANKS

A hearty bravo to the following folks for their part in our May 20th Guild Service: outgoing Dean **David McNease** for planning, hosting and playing; the people of First Lutheran including Interim Pastor Laura Meier and Cantor Jay R. Lillie for their hospitality; our chaplain the Rev. James Wilkinson for the homily; and new Dean **David Paul Gibson** who arranged for the caterer for our tasty and affordable meal.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The new Executive Committee met on June 5 at St. Barnabas. The usual reports were received from Treasurer **Bryan Hoover** and Registrar **David Minton**. Discussion centered on the upcoming year(s), how to energize our membership, creative ideas for keeping and adding to our membership, etc. (Please see the letter from our new Dean **David Paul Gibson** elsewhere in this *Newsletter*.) This is **your** AGO, so please be involved as much as possible – come to meetings, offer suggestions to the Executive Committee members, attend conventions, bring a guest to a meeting, etc. The list could go on forever! The Program Committee, headed by Sub Dean **Dan Martin** will soon be finalizing plans for the coming year, and they will be announced in the next *Newsletter*.

CALENDAR

June 15 (Su) Mark Walker recital at St. Barnabas. 2:00

June 23-27 National AGO Convention in Boston.

July 3 (Th) Louisville Chorus concert *Fanfare for the 4th - Musical Visions of America* at Beargrass Christian. 7:30

July 13-17 Hymn Society of America Annual Conference (*Beyond the Page*) in Columbus OH.
www.thehymnsociety.org

July 13-18 The Association of Disciple Musicians 2014 *Conference for Music and Worship* in Decatur IL.

Aug. 1 (F) Newsletter Deadline. Send items to annwade@iglou.com or 241-4284

Sept. 21 (Su) **Robert L. Williamson** recital at St. Thomas Episcopal. 5:00

Oct. 5 (Su) **Ann Colbert Wade** inaugural recital (Noack opus 157) at Christ Lutheran. 3:30

DAVID LAMB IS NEW NATIONAL COUNCILLOR FOR MEMBERSHIP

Congratulations to **David Lamb**, our current Regional Councillor for Region V (Great Lakes Region), who has been elected the new (National) Councillor for Membership. The new Great Lakes Region Councillor is Karl Bruhn.

CONDOLENCES

We express our sympathy to **Melanie Williams-Sublett** on the March 23 death of her father, Wayne Gillette.

TO SEND ANNOUNCEMENTS

David McNease is still forwarding any announcements you may want to get to the membership. Please send items to him at louisvilleago@hotmail.com.