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The Dean's Message

September 2014

Dear Members and Friends,

Welcome to another year with the AGO. It has been an honor to serve as the dean these past two years and I am equally honored to serve another two years. I believe in the cause of the American Guild of Organists and I am especially grateful to be associated with the Utah Valley Chapter. I am grateful for all the time, talent, and hard work that is donated by our board, members, and friends. The organization runs effectively through the combined efforts of many. Thank you so much!

We have two new goals for this coming year which focus on inter-denominational outreach and choral-organ education. You will see that we have a couple of events planned to help us in our efforts in these areas. I encourage you to look at the chapter calendar and plan now for these events.

As part of the interdenominational outreach, throughout the year we will be contacting the churches in the valley to offer our support and to see how we can work together. In addition, we will be putting together a substitute list that can be accessed online, by the general public, at our website. If you would like to have your name and contact info on the list, please email DeeAnn Stone at ddstone@renewamerica.com.

I am very excited to share that we are in the process of constructing a new chapter website. We have a committee of five individuals who have been working with a professional webpage designer to create the new website. Our old website has served us well, but I think that you will find the new website to be even more user friendly and a greater resource. It is anticipated that the new site will be up and running in a month. We will let you know when the grand unveiling takes place.

Our Opening Social will be held at St. Mary's Episcopal Church and Provo Community United Church of Christ, on Saturday, September 20, at 6:30 pm (note the date change!). This activity will be a wonderful opportunity to eat and socialize together, as well as play the organs in these two churches. Bring a friend! For additional information, please see page 4 of this newsletter.

If you would like to help with any of the events, have ideas for future events, or needs that we can help with, please let us know. I look forward to another wonderful year!

Sincerely,
Sheri

Upcoming Events

Chapter Meetings

- Sept 6 SLCAGO Super Saturday, University of Utah, Libby Gardner Hall, 8:30 am, <https://slcago.org/main01/eventreg/register/>
- Sept 20 Opening Social, St. Mary's Episcopal Church and Provo Community United Church of Christ, 6:30 pm [see p. 4]
- Oct 17 Doug Bush Memorial Recital, Oak Hills Stake Center, 925 E North Temple Drive, Provo, 7:30 pm [see p. 4]
- Nov Liturgy Class, presented by Ruth Eldredge, St. Mary's Episcopal Church
- Nov Organs in Switzerland and France, Walter Whipple
- Jan 10 Provo Stake Center Wicks organ refurbishment tour with Jim Kasen, 1315 E 900S, 8:30 - 10:00 am
- Jan 17 Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza, Provo Central Stake Center, 10:00 am
- Feb Workshop for Choir Directors and Organists, Orem YSA Stake Center
- Mar RCYO Competition
- Mar 20 Chapter Bach Recital, Provo Central Stake Center, 7:00 pm
- Apr 25 Super Saturday, Harris Fine Arts Center, BYU
- May Choir Fest

Organ Recitals

- Sept 5 Gabriel Dessauer (cantor and organist at St. Bonifatius in Wiesbaden, Germany; organ faculty at the Musikhochschule Rheinland-Pfalz), Tabernacle, Temple Square, 7:30 pm
- Sept 14 Robert August & Andrew Lloyd - Homage to Douglas Bush (First Presbyterian Church, Forth Worth, TX / First United Methodist Church), Cathedral of the Madeleine, 8:00 pm
- Oct 12 Ken Cowan (Rice University, Houston, TX), Cathedral of the Madeleine, 8:00 pm
- Nov 9 Ghislain Leroy, organ & Romain Leleu, trumpet (Cathedral of Notre Dame de la Treille, Lille, France), Cathedral of the Madeleine, 8:00 pm
- Jan 11 Renée Anne Louprette (Rutgers University, NJ), Cathedral of the Madeleine, 8:00 pm
- Feb 8 Vincent Dubois (Strasbourg Conservatory, France), Cathedral of the Madeleine, 8:00 pm

Music in the Valley

St. Mary's Episcopal Church located at 50 West 200 N has been "nourishing souls and saving lives in Provo since 1892." Music is an integral part of worship at St. Mary's. The congregation likes an eclectic variety of music. Some of their favorite hymns are "For All the Saints" and "All Creatures of Our God and King." They also love choral and organ music. They particularly relish listening to chamber ensembles and the organ with another instrument (recent performances have involved cello, trumpet, and voice). St. Mary's split level organ is well suited for Baroque music, and they appreciate listening to organist Ruth Eldredge play music of Bach and earlier composers.

It is no surprise that music-loving St. Mary's has music outreach initiatives. Two years ago, Ruth started an interfaith choir, bringing together Episcopalians, Mormons, and Lutherans, to sing at Evensong services during Lent. Since then, the interfaith choir has also sung during Sunday morning services during Lent. Attendance triples at services when the choir sings, energizing the congregation with a greater sense of community and morale. Ruth has been exploring ways of sustaining and expanding the choir. In the last few months, St. Mary's has developed a partnership with the Latter-day Saint YSA 14th Stake and Provo Community United Church of Christ to build interfaith bridges. The three communities have had their first musical exchange and are looking forward to holding semi-annual musical events.

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Music in the Valley cont.

The next musical exchange is being scheduled for October and will be open to the public.

Last year, Father Peter Van Hook approached Dr. Don Cook and invited BYU organ students to play at St. Mary's services. Ruth trains the students in the liturgy and arranges for the students to play as much or as little of the service as they would like. Some students play for credit (e.g. for Music 116), and others play for experience; it is often eye-opening for the predominantly LDS students to participate in the worship of another faith tradition. Ruth

says that the students who have played at St. Mary's have been awesome and well-prepared. She invites members of the AGO to have the same opportunity. Please contact her at ruth.eldredge@gmail.com if you would like to play at St. Mary's. Ruth will make the arrangements and provide liturgical training.

Making music at St. Mary's is a united community effort. Father Van Hook and Ruth invite members of the Utah Valley AGO chapter to get involved in this collaborative environment in which everyone learns together about religion, community, and music. They would also like to open the space for anyone who would like to share piano or organ recitals and chamber ensembles.

- Deseret News article about St. Mary's musical outreach: <http://stmarysprovo.blogspot.com/2014/06/deseret-news-musical-exchange.html>
- Ruth Eldredge's bio: <http://www.stmarysprovo.org/our-clergy.html>

New Chapter Members

Anita Andrews Osmond is a pianist and organist, accompanist and MTNA permanently certified piano teacher who has lived in Utah since 2006. She was accompanist for Wasatch Chorale here in Utah for two years and has played for Clayne Robison's Vocal Beauty Boot Camp since 2009. She performed and taught privately for many years in Cleveland and Atlanta, then was an adjunct instructor and collaborative pianist in the piano department at UVU for four years, ending in 2011. She studied organ with Samuel Metzger in Atlanta and Parley Belnap here in Utah, recently giving an organ recital in May 2014 on the Reuter at the Sunset Heights Stake Center in Orem. Anita has seven children and twenty-nine grandchildren, most of whom live within 50 miles of her Orem home.

Glen W. Hicks has been fascinated by the organ since his childhood. He began playing when he was 15 and received his first instruction from Lella Pomeroy of Springville. Glen holds a Bachelor degree in Music Education and taught band and orchestra in Arizona for several years. He recently completed a Master's degree in Musicology from Arizona State University where he also studied organ with Jonathan Gregoire. Glen specializes in 19th- and early 20th- century American organists and literature. He has recently completed the biography of the American organist Clifford Demarest. Glen presented part of his research to the Utah Valley AGO in September 2013 and at the 2014 conference of the Rocky Mountain Chapter of the American Musicological Society. He has performed recitals of Demarest's music in both Utah and Arizona. In addition to the organ, Glen enjoys composing. Some of his music was recently published by Darcey Press. He is also a member of the Utah Valley Handbell Choir. Glen, his wife Chelsea, and their three boys currently reside in Payson, UT where he serves as organist of the Payson 2nd Ward.

Remington Omdahl, Lindon

Scott Mills, Salt Lake City



Opening Social

Saturday, September 20, 2014, 6:30 p.m.

* Bring a fruit or veggie tray, salad, chips, or dessert to share.

* Meet in the sanctuary of St Mary's Church (50 W 200 N Provo) to see the split-level tracker organ and sing a few hymns.

* Proceed to the parish hall for dinner. The chapter will provide pulled pork sandwiches and lemonade.

* Go back to the sanctuary for members to play the organ.

* Walk across the street to Provo Community United Church of Christ (171 N University Ave) to see their sanctuary. Dave Lewis will tell us about plans to renovate the church and install a pipe organ (see the illustration below for a preview). Members may play a few pieces on the PCUCC organ.



Utah Valley AGO Organ Recital: A Tribute to Douglas E. Bush

The chapter will hold a recital on Friday, October 17, 2014, to honor our friend and colleague, Douglas E. Bush, who passed away on October 4, 2013. Doug had a significant and lasting influence in the lives of many people. We wish to honor him and celebrate his life and music.

The program will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Oak Hills Stake Center, 925 E. North Temple Drive, in Provo. The concert will feature pieces from the repertoire of Doug's hymn arrangements and other organ works that members know he loved or have special meaning to the performer. We look forward to sharing this special evening together. Please invite your friends and families to attend.

Resources for Organists

"The LDS Organist"
(created by Jennifer Morgan)
www.organlessons.blogspot.com

"Pedal Points"
(created by Florence Hawkinson)
www.ldsorganist.wordpress.com

David Chamberlin's hymn voluntaries
www.chamberlinmusic.com

Free music for the LDS organist
www.ldsorganist.org

Music for the LDS organist:
www.wardorganist.com

Resources for the LDS organist
www.ldsorganists.info

BYU organ information
www.organ.byu.edu

Local organ builder of fine mechanical action organs
www.bigeloworgans.com

AGO Salt Lake City Chapter
www.slago.org

AGO Utah Valley Chapter
www.uvago.org

AGO Region IX Blog
www.agoregionixblog.blogspot.com

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AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS ELECTS 2014–2016 NATIONAL COUNCIL AND REGIONAL COUNCILLORS

AGO National Election Results Announced at AGO National Convention in Boston, Mass.

NEW YORK CITY—The **AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS (AGO)** announces a newly elected National Council for a term of two years, July 1, 2014–June 30, 2016. Election results were reported on Tuesday, June 24, during the AGO Annual Meeting, held in conjunction with the AGO National Convention in Boston, Mass. Members of the newly elected National Council include four national officers and three national councillors with portfolio. In addition, in accordance with AGO Bylaws, AGO Past President Eileen Guenther will remain on the Council as a non-voting member for a period of one year. The non-voting AGO Executive Director serves as an *ex officio* member of Council.

PRESIDENT **John Walker**, FAGO, DMA
Baltimore, Md.

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Somerville, Mass.

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Nashville, Tenn.

COUNCILLOR FOR EDUCATION **Don Cook**, AAGO, DMA
Provo, Utah

**COUNCILLOR FOR MEMBERSHIP /
CONVENOR OF REGIONAL
COUNCILLORS** **David K. Lamb**, CAGO, DMUS
New Albany, Ind.

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Non-Voting Members of the AGO National Council

AGO PAST PRESIDENT **Eileen Guenther**, DMA
Ex officio Vienna, Va.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR **James E. Thomashower**, CAE, BA
Ex officio New York, N.Y.

CHAPLAIN **Don E. Saliers**
Honorary Atlanta, Ga.

Seven regional councillors were also elected during the national election. In accordance with the Guild's new organizational structure, the regional councillors will be represented on the National Council through the Councillor for Membership.

NORTHEAST REGION **Cheryl Duerr**, AAGO, MM
Formerly Regions I and II Attleboro, Mass.

MID-ATLANTIC REGION **Glenn L. Rodgers**, AAGO, MM
Formerly Region III Delran, N.J.

SOUTHEAST REGION **Laura Ellis**, DMA
Formerly Region IV Gainesville, Fla.

GREAT LAKES REGION **Karl Bruhn**, MA, MCHM
Formerly Region V Batavia, Ill.

NORTH CENTRAL REGION **Marilyn Schempp**, SPC, MM, NCTM
Formerly Region VI Sioux Falls, S.Dak.

SOUTHWEST REGION **Vicki Schaeffer**, DM
Formerly Region VII Norman, Okla.

WEST REGION **Matthew Burt**, SPC, MA, MDIV, MSM
Formerly Regions VIII and IX Palo Alto, Calif.

“The process of nominating candidates to serve as National and Regional Councillors required a coordinated effort among ten Guild committees comprising more than 50 volunteers,” reported AGO Executive Director James Thomashower. “The AGO National Nominating Committee and nine Regional Nominating Committees identified 14 candidates for nomination to the 7 positions on the restructured Council, and 14 candidates for the seven Regional Councillor positions. Two additional

candidates for the National Council were nominated by petition. We thank all of the nominees for their willingness to serve in these volunteer positions.”

“We congratulate the newly elected officers and councillors and extend our sincere thanks to the following individuals who completed their terms of service: AGO President Eileen Guenther; Secretary/Councillor for Membership Development Lois Z. Toepfner; Treasurer/Councillor for Finance and Development Calvert Johnson; National Councillor for Conventions Mark Babcock; National Councillor for Education Joyce Shupe Kull; National Councillor for Professional Development Marlene Hallstrom; Regional Councillors Agnes Armstrong (New York and Northern New Jersey Region), Michael Bedford (Southwest Region), Dean Jamieson (Pacific Northwest Region), and Leslie Wolf Robb (Far West Region).”

“The 2014–2016 AGO National Council and Regional Councillors will be convening monthly either by video conference or in face-to-face meetings. The ability to meet electronically will enable the organization to make and implement important decisions more rapidly,” declared Thomashower. “The new Council and Regional Councillors will also have to get acclimated to the new governance and regional structure that became effective on July 1. Four new National Council members and three new Regional Councillors will bring fresh stores of talent and energy to the table complementing the experience of three returning members of the National Council and four returning Regional Councilors.”

The election was held from April 1–30 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 5,685 representing responses from approximately 35% of the Guild’s membership. “The ability to vote and elect the Guild’s leaders is both a benefit and a responsibility of membership,” added Thomashower. “With so many outstanding candidates, members were faced with many hard choices. As is often the case, some of the races were not decided until the final ballots were cast. I extend my sincere thanks to all members who took part in the election. Our organization’s future will be shaped by the leaders you have selected.” ■

The **AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS** is the national professional association serving the organ and choral music fields. Founded in 1896 as both an educational and service organization, it sets and maintains high musical standards and promotes the understanding and appreciation of all aspects of organ and choral music. The mission of the AGO is to enrich lives through organ and choral music. The Guild currently serves approximately 19,000 members in more than 300 local chapters throughout the United States and abroad. *THE AMERICAN ORGANIST* Magazine, the official journal of the AGO and the Associated Pipe Organ Builders of America, reaches an audience of more than 20,000 readers each month.

This information is submitted by F. Anthony Thurman, Director of Development and Communications. For further information, please contact Dr. Thurman at AGO National Headquarters. This press release is available on the Internet at <www.agohq.org/bulletin>.