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Chapter Approves New Operating Procedures

At the LCAGO annual membership meeting on May 31 the votes were counted, and our new operating procedures passed unanimously. Most of the chapter operations will continue as before, but here are some changes that will happen right away:

- Marty Bruner, in addition to being our chapter Sub-Dean, will also take the role of Membership Coordinator. She will be intentional about recruiting and retaining members, and integrating them into our chapter activities. This “floating” position and the ones listed below will be divided among the Executive Committee members each term.
- Bob Ebert will serve as Program Chair, with the responsibility of planning and implementing our yearly schedule of programs.
- Brian Wentzel will continue serving as Newsletter Editor and Webmaster.
- Ira Cooper will serve as Nominating Chair. Next spring he and at least one other chapter member (who is not an officer) will nominate candidates for our officer positions. This slate of candidates will then be mailed to all members for a vote by mail. It is hoped that this new procedure will lead to more people being involved in leadership.
- Starting with our next election in May 2016, all officer positions will be 2-year terms.

Thank you to all involved in crafting this new document, and for the trust of the rest of the membership. We hope these new procedures will promote our chapter’s health for the years to come.



From the Dean

Dear Colleagues,

I hope you are having a restful and productive summer! I always look forward to these breaks from the more hectic schedule of the school year—time to order new music, do some long-term planning, attend conferences, even take a vacation! I'm also taking some time this summer to visit local organs I haven't yet heard; if you have any suggestions, let me know!

Best wishes,

Brian

Chapter News

Annual Meeting Report

The annual LCAGO membership meeting was held on May 31 at Community UMC in Elyria, with Carol Sharrock as our gracious host. Due to slow delivery, we were not able to view the Wanamaker organ video, but we had some gracious conversation and a productive meeting.

Business conducted at the meeting included counting the vote for the operating procedures (see [front page](#)), electing officers (the incumbents were all re-elected), and discussion of programs for next year. Proposed programs include: a theater organ program at the Lorain Palace Theater; a visit to the new Leek Organ shop in Berea; a visit with the new curator of organs at Oberlin, David Kazimir; and our annual meeting in May, with the Wanamaker organ video.

Executive Committee Meeting Report

The LCAGO Executive Committee met on July 11 at Marty Bruner's house. Most of the time was spent working through the implications of the new operating procedures (see front page) and discussing details for next year's programs.

Job Openings

Grace Lutheran Church, Oberlin—Organist

Organist wanted at Grace Lutheran Church in Oberlin. Lutheran or similar liturgical familiarity/playing experience is preferred. Time commitment is one traditional 1-1.5 hour service on Sunday mornings, and one additional 30 minute service on Wednesday evenings during Advent and Lent. Music responsibilities include prelude and postlude, hymns, and liturgy. Instrument is a two-manual Bedient pipe organ. Please send resume with pertinent church and accompanying experience to graceoberlinpastor@gmail.com.

Wellington United Methodist Church—Organist

The Wellington United Methodist Church is seeking a new organist. The position would require one service on Sunday mornings, a Wednesday night rehearsal with the choir and any special services throughout the year such as Christmas Eve, a Christmas concert and Holy Week services. The church is located next to the Town Hall in downtown Wellington, Ohio. The organ is a double manual, full pedal Allen organ. The choir is directed by Jarith Geen and sings a variety of music from Handel and Hayden to Beck, Moses Hogan and Parker/Shaw. Please call the church office at 440-647-3263 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. if you are interested.

First United Methodist Church, Elyria—Organist

Elyria First United Methodist Church is seeking an Organist/Choir Accompanist. This is a part-time position to provide organ and/or piano music for the prelude, hymn/anthem accompaniments, choir accompanist (one weeknight rehearsal), special music accompaniment, organ postlude for one Sunday morning service, and occasional additional services as needed. Versatility with a variety of styles and a willingness to work with other musicians and volunteers is vital. Organ is 3 manual Schantz, 1954 installation. Salary commensurate with training and experience. Direct resume and letter of interest to Rev. Roger Talbott, Lead Pastor, First United Methodist Church, 312 3rd St., Elyria, OH 44035 or Rogert8248@gmail.com. [This is Janet Campbell-Kuhl's former position—Ed.]

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The mission of the American Guild of Organists is to enrich lives through organ and choral music.

To achieve this, we:

- Encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music;
- Inspire, educate, and offer certification for organists and choral conductors;
- Provide networking, fellowship, and mutual support;
- Nurture future generations of organists;
- Promote the organ in its historic and evolving roles; and
- Engage wider audiences with organ and choral music.

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