



Statement of Purpose

Restore the glory of the *King of Instruments* throughout our society.

Mission Statement

The purpose of the *American Guild of Organists* is to promote the organ and its music in their historic and evolving roles, to encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music, and to provide a forum for mutual support, inspiration, education, and certification of guild members.



April, 2012

Exciting Conclusion to the 2011-2012 Evansville AGO Season

Dear Evansville area chapter members in Indiana, Kentucky and Illinois,

These are exciting times for our chapter. Following our Golden Jubilee year, our 2011-2012 season is drawing to a close with two events. This Sunday, April 22, we celebrate the continuing teaching and professional career of Dr. Douglas Reed, professor emeritus of organ at the University of Evansville. At 4:00 p.m. is a free, public recital by Rachel Bennett, Douglas O'Neill, Michael Salazar and Kirk Rich. Followed by dinner. For those of you with reservations, please join us at Just Rennie's at Fourth and Locust following the recital.

May 7 is our annual meeting, dinner and Installation of Officers. We will meet for dinner at Jaya's (4th street between Walnut & Locust), have a chapter meeting at 6:15 p.m. before

heading to St. Mary's Church (6th and Cherry) for a members Organ Plus recital at 7:30 p.m.. For dinner, please make reservations and dinner requests with Neal Biggers

(nealbiggers@yahoo.com)

At the AGM we will vote on our official bylaws and job descriptions for the chapter. To make sure you are fully informed about what you will be voting on, please make sure you read them over at our website: www.evansvilleago.org. We will also vote in our new officers to the Executive Committee for the 2012-2013 season. (See below for more information.) We will also discuss some exciting new possibilities that our chapter could undertake in the near future.

Performers at the 7:30 p.m. recital include Neal Biggers, Henry Mauer, Rachel Bennett, Joe Luegers, Robert Nicholls. David Lamb, our State Con- vener, will be visiting and playing too.

Be sure to renew your membership for the 2012-2013 season. We will have membership forms available at the AGM on May 7th.

Finally, this is my last newsletter as Dean. It has been an honor and privilege to serve in this leadership position for the past three years, and as Director of the POEA for two prior years. I have learned a great deal about the passion of our chapter to support organists of every stripe. Though I am taking a step back from leadership, I will continue to support Evansville AGO in any way I can, and continue to make the organ and facilities at First Presbyterian available to the community. Thank you all for your support and for making Evansville AGO a thriving and growing chapter. We have done great things in the past, and with new leadership we will do great things in the future.

- Robert Nicholls, Dean

Slate of Officers 2012-2013

The Nominating Committee has made its recommendations to the Executive Committee of the following slate of officers for the 2012-2013 season.

Dean:

Neal Biggers, CAGO

Sub-Dean:

Carolyn Howard, CAGO

Secretary:

Matthew Vanover

Treasurer

Carol Grimm

At Large (3 year term)

Shelley Heil

At Large (continuing - 2 years)

Betty Altheide, SPC

At Large (continuing - 1 year)

Margaret Kimberling

Historian (continuing)

Carolyn Adams

Chaplain (continuing)

Dan Wilkinson

Immediate Past Dean,

Robert Nicholls, FAGO

We will discuss and vote on the slate at the May 7 meeting at 6:15 p.m. at Jaya's restaurant.



OFFICERS 2011-2012

Robert Nicholls, Dean
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Neal Biggers, Sub-Dean
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Secretary, Dean Parker
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Kevin Ellerbusch, Treasurer
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AT-LARGE MEMBERS (Elected to 3-year terms)

Kristin Jones, At-large (1 year to go)
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Margaret Kimberling (2 years to go)
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Betty Altheide (3 years to go)
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EX OFFICIO MEMBERS

Daniel Wilkinson, Chaplain
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Carolyn Adams, Historian
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Neal Biggers, Webmaster
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<http://www.evansvilleago.org/>

Evansville AGO Programs for 2012-2013

We encourage you to get involved in your chapter activities in the 2011-2012 season. If there is an event which appeals to you, please contact the Coordinators directly. Special thanks to Neal Biggers for leading our program plans for the coming season.

April 22, 2012, 4:00 p.m.
Recital in Honor of Dr. Douglas Reed's teaching career, at First Presbyterian Church in Evansville. Followed by dinner.

May 7, 2012, 5:15 p.m.
Annual Chapter Meeting with dinner, recital and installation of officers. The recital will be organ plus and is part of a series of events featuring the new pipe organ at St. Mary Catholic Church in Evansville. See lead article for more details

If you have an event idea, or concern to be addressed, please let a member of the Executive Committee know or contact Neal Biggers, our new Dean with your input.

Proposals for 2012-2013 April 2013
Bach-a-thon Fundraiser at Aldersgate UMC

September 23, 4:00 p.m.
Guest organ recital by **David Briggs** at First Presbyterian Church.

October 2012
Silent Film with improvised organ accompaniment by Robert Nicholls

November 2012
Historic Organ Chapter Recital: 1897 Votey in Troy Indiana

January 6, 2013
Rosca de Reyes Fiesta (Epiphany Party) with topical discussion.

February 2013
Workshop/Educational Event

March 2013
Pedals, Pipes and Pizza At the University of Evansville.

March 2013
Pedals, Pipes and Pizza for Adults

April 2013
Regional Competition for Young Organists/ Dufford Scholarship Audition.

May 2013
Chapter Dinner, Annual Meeting, and Installation of Officers.

Note that our chapter offers scholarships to support the teaching of organists as young as 10 years old. We have teachers devoted to auditioning and teaching the next generation. Contact Carolyn Howard for more information and registration materials. Carolyn-howard@live.com

You can still register for the AGO National Convention, taking place in Nashville TN, July 2-6.

Remember to invite youngsters to watch you play the organ. Throw in a bit of "Twinkle, twinkle, Little Star" and watch their faces light up as the organ plays something they know in a new way. Then play it on the pedals while waving to them. They will know that you do something special with a unique instrument!

To view Evansville and Tri-state area church music positions available visit the AGO website: <http://www.evansvilleago.org/>