

**THE LOW COUNTRY CHAPTER of the AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS**  
**Executive Board Meeting – February 26, 2016**

An Executive Board Meeting of the Low Country Chapter of the American Guild of Organists was held at Saigon Cafe, Bluffton, on Friday, February 26, 2016. The meeting was called to order at 12:26 pm.

Board Members in Attendance:

Jonathan Davis, Dean	Nina Rodman, Sub-Dean	Gary Rakestraw, Treasurer
Gil Campbell, Secretary	Greg Hollinger, Registrar	
	and Beth Corry, Member-at-Large	

This constituted a quorum for conducting Chapter business

Business Items:

1. Ballot for election of officers to serve for the 2016-2018 term: The Nominating Committee has recommended the following to serve for the upcoming term:

Dean: John Stender	Sub-Dean: Chad Martin
Treasurer: Gary Rakestraw	Secretary: Gilbert Campbell
Member-at Large for 2016-2019: Arthur E. Perry	

Ballots have not been sent to full members of the Chapter. We need the results ASAP during the next two weeks so they can be published in the Pipings Newsletter to be sent out in early April. Gary Rakestraw will get contact information on all 33 full members to Gil Campbell. Jonathan Davis will send a ballot format to Gil Campbell. Gil Campbell will email the ballot to all full members by Monday morning. We will request voting responses by return email.

2. Treasurer's Report: There have been no checks written or deposits received since the last Treasurer's Report was sent to all Executive Board members. So our bank balance is unchanged. Tax return documents are being requested from Columbia SC.

3. Upcoming Programs:                   2nd Friday Recitals:

March 11 — Bach Birthday Bash  
All members are invited to perform 1-2 compositions

April 8 — Thomas Tiehel

May 13 — Chad Martin

Each Recital at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Pope Ave. Hilton Head Island, at noon

April 17, 2016, Choral Evensong at Church of the Holy Trinity, Bees Creek Road, Ridgeland/Grahamville SC. 4:00 pm rehearsal, 6:00 pm Service  
m/s/p: approve paying from Chapter funds to print 150 programs for this event.

May 21, 2016, Tour of the Organ at St. John's Church, Savannah, and other nearby organs, hosted by Chapter Member Steve Branyon, at 10:00 am at St. John's Church, Savannah.

**m/s/p:** approve a \$200 honorarium payable to Steve Branyon to purchase music for the Church choir.

June 6, 2016, Chapter Annual Meeting at the home of Nina Rodman, Sea Pines Plantation, Hilton Head Island. Dean Jonathan Davis will invite the Chapter Chaplain to attend.

4. Program Committee for 2016-2017:

The next Sub-Dean, Chad Martin, once installed, will presumably become Chairman of the Program Committee for the next year. It was the consensus of our Board that we should suggest programs for the 2016-2017 year so that the new Sub-Dean does not have to start from scratch organizing programs. Our Program Committee will work on developing programs for the year beginning in September, 2016, and present them for discussion at our next Board Meeting. Each member of the Executive Board was asked to submit one program idea for this discussion. We need to develop programs with greater member appeal. For example, only 5 members attended the February 5, 2016 organ recital at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Beaufort. The Church was only half-full for this dedication of the Church's new organ.

5. Grant Application:

Dean Jonathan Davis will get paperwork to begin applications for grants to provide funds for our Chapter Scholarship Fund. Gil Campbell will check with a fundraiser he knows in another community organization.

6. New Business:

We discussed an issue raised by Board Member-at-Large JooSoo Son regarding publication of our organ substitutes list. Currently this list can be accessed on our website with a member's user name and password. The question was raised if we should make this information public – not password protected. Some of the information we receive pertaining to this and open organist positions comes from AGO National Headquarters. In National publications the information is password protected. It seems inconsistent for us to make such information public if National does not. Further, by requiring a user name and password we provide an incentive for a prospective user of this information to become a dues-paying member of our Chapter. The decision was made to discuss this matter further at a future Board meeting when JooSoo Son is present.

It was announced that Kathy Perry's mother, member Art Perry's mother-in-law, had passed away. We decided to send a sympathy card from the Chapter. That has been done.

This meeting was adjourned at 1:44 pm. The next meeting of the Executive Board will be Friday, March 18 at 11:00 am at a restaurant in Beaufort.

Respectfully submitted, Gilbert G. Campbell, Secretary