

The Richmond

STOPLIST

THE DEAN'S LETTER TO MEMBERS



Dear Richmond AGO Chapter,

I hope everyone has been and continues to stay safe during these difficult times. Due to Covid-19 we've had to cancel the May chapter meeting and program, as well as the recital by Clara Gerdes (will be rescheduled for next season) and the POE+.

Chapter Election

During the May program meeting we would have held an election of the officers for the 2020-2021 season, since this meeting is canceled we will still have an election. More details will be sent out soon, but we intend to have an online vote (and mail-in ballots will be accepted as well). An absentee ballot is included in this edition of the *Stoplist*. An email will go out to all members with a link for the online voting.

Covid-19 Resources

From Elizabeth George, Director of Member Engagement & Chapter Development, AGO:

As a response to our members who are without work due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the AGO has created a new page on our website; Resources: Responding to Covid-19 <https://www.agohq.org/responding-to-covid-19/>. AGO Resources provide links that connect you to information regarding unemployment, recovering from job termination, online educational resources, our career hotline and a COVID-19 survey. We have also provided additional Resources for Artists with links to several relief funds, an unemployment benefits eligibility website, instructions for utilizing Flipgrid for classroom teachers and a guide for using Zoom for live-streamed lessons. Additionally, we have added links to some helpful articles and blogs that address what to do regarding cancellation of gigs and choral concerts.

Again, I hope everyone stays safe! And keep a look out shortly for an email with ballot information.

All the best,

Christopher

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EDUCATION CONCERNS



I hope you are staying in, staying safe and staying healthy. This is a time to encourage you to look over some new pieces for organ, piano and choir. Practicing on whatever keyboard is available to you can let you start to learn new pieces, polish up old favorites and pass the time. It can give your hands something beneficial to do in addition to opening the refrigerator!!!!

This self-quarantine will eventually end and a lot as to how to handle things like a pandemic will be learned. Meanwhile, stay in, stay safe. If you have to go out, plastic gloves and face masks need to be worn. Be sure to throw away the gloves and put on new ones if you go to more than one place so as not to transfer germs from one place to another. Wear gloves to pump gas, too.

Mary Campbell SPC

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Education Chairman

CHAPTER ELECTIONS

As Chair of this year's Richmond AGO Nominating Committee, I am pleased to present the following slate of chapter members who are running as chapter officers for the 2020-2021 season. Chapter elections will be held by absentee ballot and online voting. Below are the candidates' biographies, followed by an absentee ballot should you wish to submit your ballot via mail.

--Chris Martin

DEAN (vote for 1):



Christopher Reynolds, DMA, is the Director of Music and Organist at the historic St. Paul's Episcopal Church on Capitol Square. Prior to his appointment at St. Paul's, Dr. Reynolds served as the Associate Director of Music at Christ Church, Cranbrook, in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. Christopher, a native of Lexington, Virginia, attended Shenandoah University, studying with Dr. Steven Cooksey and Dr. W. Dudley Oakes. He completed his DMA in organ performance and church music at the University of Michigan, studying with world-renowned organist Dr. Marilyn Mason. During his time in Michigan, he was very active in the Detroit chapter of the AGO. He became the editor of the newsletter, *The Bombarde*, in 2012, and held this position through the end of 2016. In 2013, he became Sub-Dean of the Detroit chapter and held that position for two years. In 2015, he became Dean of the chapter. He is also an active member of the Association of Anglican Musicians and is on the steering committee for the national conference of AAM to be held in Richmond in June 2022.

SUB-DEAN (vote for 1):



Scott Hayes is Director of Music at All Saints Episcopal Church, Richmond, Virginia, and Tonal Director of the Muller Pipe Organ Company in Croton, Ohio. Scott earned a Master of Music degree in Organ Performance at the Cleveland Institute of Music, where he was a student of Todd Wilson. Other formal organ studies were at Ohio Wesleyan and Cedarville Universities under Robert Griffith and Phyllis Warner, and coaching by Timothy Smith. Prior to moving to Richmond, Scott served St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Granville, Ohio for over 10 years, also acting as University Organist at Denison University during that time. Active in the Columbus Chapter of the AGO, Scott served as a member of the Executive Committee and assisted the Program Committee for the 2007 Regional Convention. He lives in Bon Air with his wife and five-year old daughter, a pipe organ, and a collection of Commodore computers.

SECRETARY (vote for 1):



David Purdy has served as member-at-large on the Executive Committee of the Richmond Chapter of the AGO since 2017 and has been Secretary since late 2019. In 2017, he assisted with advertising for the Mid-Atlantic Regional Convention. After retiring from a career as an industrial psychology practitioner, he returned to his first love of playing the organ and has been serving as a substitute organist in the local area. Previously, he was organist and choir director at Manakin Episcopal Church and St. Luke's Episcopal Church.

TREASURER (vote for 1):



Kenna Payne has lived in the Richmond area for over 40 years, and began substituting in the area pretty quickly. She began her career of regular subbing in 2003, and became the organist at Westminster Presbyterian in Richmond (her home church since 1977) in the fall of 2011.

In her 'other' life, she was an accountant and general business manager for almost 40 years, retiring in the summer of 2014. She is active in both her church and in the Presbytery of the James, and is a low alto in both the Richmond Symphony Chorus and a small singing group out of Salisbury Presbyterian Church. She recently became the organist and pianist for the chapel service of a small Episcopal school in Richmond.

Kenna has been active in the AGO chapter for several years, and began serving as Treasurer in July 2013. She is proud to have been the Coordinator for the wildly successful Mid-Atlantic Regional Convention hosted by the Chapter in June 2017 – what a ride! She is currently co-chairing (with Steve Henley) the chapter's POE+ event in July 2021. She has enjoyed everything about working within and for the Chapter, and looks forward to continuing as the Treasurer.

CHAPTER ELECTIONS, *continued*

AUDITOR (vote for 1):

Jackie Bitler-Row received her BA in organ from Salem College in North Carolina and her MMus from UMass, Amherst. In Richmond, she served as organist/choir director of Emmanuel Episcopal Church from 1974-1998, and St. Martin's Episcopal Church from 1998-2018. Concurrently, she worked in banking at what was First Virginia Bank, later became BB&T and now is Truist. She is now happily retired from all gainful employment. She has been a member of the Richmond Chapter, AGO since the early 1970s, and has served in a variety of positions including Secretary, Chairman of the Junior Choir Festival, member of the committee for the first Regional Convention, and several terms on the Executive Board, including one or two as auditor, which is the position for which she now has been nominated.

MEMBER-AT-LARGE (vote for 2):



A native of Richmond, Virginia, **Douglas-Jayd Burn** began serious musical study at age 18 and now holds degrees in piano performance from the University of Arizona (DMA 2018), the Hartt School (MM 2013), and Virginia Commonwealth University (BM 2007). Active as a soloist and chamber artist, he has performed with premier artists at home and abroad. He also maintains an active career as an organist in worship settings and recitals. In addition to his passion for the standard repertoire, Douglas is a fervent performer of new music and has premiered several works. In his spare time, Douglas enjoys riding his motorcycle, walking in nature, and cinema.



Marianne Crean recently retired after 22 years as Assistant Music Director/Organist at River Road Presbyterian Church. She has also served as organist at Northminster Baptist, Second Baptist and Huguenot Road Baptist churches and has performed in Italy, Switzerland and Brazil. She taught Lower School Music at St. Christopher's Schools for 29 years and holds BM and MM from Baylor University and the CAGO from the American Guild of Organists.



A Richmond native, **Melissa Hawks** graduated from Randolph-Macon College with a degree in Music Technology in 2003. She teaches private piano lessons and is the choir director and organist at Fork Church, Episcopal, in Doswell, VA. She is relatively new to the organ and is currently studying with Daniel Stipe. She also plays the Baroque recorder, studying with Sarah Huebsch Schilling. Melissa lives in Ashland, VA, with her husband and five children. When not making music she enjoys reading, hiking, and painting rocks.



Stephen Henley has been Organist and Director of Music at Bon Air Presbyterian Church, North Chesterfield, since August 2002. Steve has served the AGO Chapter as Dean for two terms, has been Sub-Dean, and serves on the Organ Repertoire Recital Series Committee. Previously he served Oak Lane Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia, PA, where he served on the AGO National Convention Workshops and Seminar committee, as well as numerous other committees in the AGO Chapter. Here in Richmond Steve is Co-Director of the POE+ program with Kenna Payne.

CHAPTER ELECTIONS—ABSENTEE BALLOT

Instructions for casting absentee ballots:

The ballot itself should not be signed and should be mailed to the Chapter Auditor **Aubrey Lindsey**, at **5662 Teterling Court, Chester VA 23831**. Please mail this absentee ballot in time for it to arrive before *June 1, 2020*.

On the return envelope, please make sure the word **Ballot** clearly appears. They will be opened and counted at that time. An electronic voting option will also be available, so this ballot should only be used by those who do not wish or are unable to vote electronically.

DEAN (vote for 1):
_____ Christopher Reynolds

SUB-DEAN (vote for 1):
_____ Scott Hayes

SECRETARY (vote for 1):
_____ David Purdy

TREASURER (vote for 1):
_____ Kenna Payne

AUDITOR (vote for 1):
_____ Jackie Bitler-Row

MEMBER-AT-LARGE (vote for only 2):
_____ Douglas-Jayd Burn

_____ Marianne Crean

_____ Melissa Hawks

_____ Stephen Henley

RICHMOND CHAPTER POE+ UPDATE

We are disappointed to report to you that it has become necessary to POSTPONE the Pipe Organ Encounters Plus (POE+) that the chapter was going to host in late July. Too many logistical concerns just couldn't be resolved with the uncertainty of the pandemic surrounding us.

The good news is that this is just a postponement. The Executive Committee has approved the hosting of the event in the summer of 2021, and we have submitted two possible weeks to the national office for their scheduling approval. We'll let you know the dates as soon as we know.

So, hold your calendar open for next summer – we'll need faculty, workshop presenters, material preparers, and other volunteers. We won't forget you!

Let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Steve Henley (shenley@bonairpc.org) and Kenna Payne (kennajohnp@aol.com)
Co-Directors

MEMBER NEWS

Chapter Member Ardyth Lohuis sends the following message:

Many on this list know Basil Smith, one of the organ's best friends, and are aware that he is from Jamaica. St. Ann's Bay Methodist Church is one of Jamaica's historic churches. It was significantly damaged several years ago in a fire which also completely destroyed its pipe organ. The congregation and its friends have been doing all they can to rebuild the church which is now directly managed by the bishop of Jamaica and the Caribbean. The church's music is currently supported by a small portable keyboard. Basil and an acquaintance hope to replace that insufficient instrument with an organ -- if not a small pipe organ, then a functioning electronic. We hope that you can provide some leads. If you know of an organ that might be suitable, would you kindly e-mail Basil basmith_23233@yahoo.com. When a suitable instrument is found, Basil and his friend will make arrangements to get it to St. Ann's Bay Methodist Church.



From left to right: Exterior and interior of St. Ann's Bay Methodist Church (photographer unknown, submitted electronically by Ardyth Lohuis)

Long-time Chapter Members Evelyn Mansfield and Elsie Upchurch and passed away recently. Their obituaries may be read at the following links:

Evelyn Mansfield: <https://www.bennettfuneralhomes.com/obituary/evelyn-isabel-dible-mansfield>

Elsie Upchurch: https://www.richmond.com/obituaries/upchurch-elsie/article_91be22ac-4aba-5a9e-91fa-b797ef5b1546.html

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Crean, Marianne	804-360-2976	creanm@stcva.org
Edison, Peter	804-755-4828	judgepce@yahoo.com
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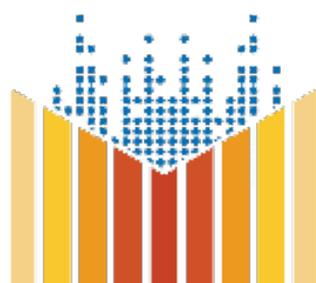
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