

Dean's Column

Paul Westermeyer

New Board Members

As you will see in this issue of *Pipenotes*, we have a new set of Board members. The class of 2017 – Jennifer Anderson, Pam Carlson, and Jon Kietzer – end their terms, and the class of 2020 – Tom Ferry, Diana Lee Lucker, and Chris Stroh – begin theirs. Like the rest of the Board, the class of 2017 has served us very well. Let me express my personal thanks to them and to the rest of the Board with whom it is a joy to work. And a hearty welcome and congratulations to the new Board members with thanks for their willingness to serve.



Since the election, Nancy Lancaster in the class of 2019 has found it necessary to resign. I thanked her for her service and nominated Kyle Black to fill her position. The Board approved the nomination. Kyle has agreed to serve, for which I thanked him.

Federal Trade Commission Update

One of the continuing items of business this year will be the Federal Trade Commission's ruling that we may no longer have in our Code of Conduct the rule that members shall not seek a position held by someone else or apply for a position unless it is officially declared vacant, and that we may no longer publish salary guidelines. Let me try to indicate where these matters stand and offer some further perspective.

At some point soon, the ruling will become official. As I understand it, we will then have six months to comply. You will note that our former Code of Conduct has already been removed from our website, and the codes of ethics and professional standards (see below for some comments about them) are there already.

I have talked to a number of you, received communications from some of you, and had several contacts with James Thomashower about this. The Board has discussed it. From what I can tell, the National Council has pressed the Federal Trade Commission with the same questions we have raised, with as much vigor as we have expressed.

I think this is a push-comes-to-shove moment of state/church relationships. The Guild is not the church, but it was founded by church organists over a century ago, still serves that population, has chaplains, deals again and again with the Psalms where the praise of God and care for the other are relentlessly linked, and operates with that code in its fiber. When push-comes-to-shove, the state invariably looks to its own interests and by extension those of individuals in it. When push-comes-to-shove, the church invariably – at least when it has not collapsed into the state – looks to the interests of the other. That encompasses the self, but does not magnify the self at the expense of the other, as in "Love your

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neighbor as yourself.” The church and church-related entities have to figure out how to live as responsible citizens while still caring constructively – though paradoxically subversively – for the other, the neighbor (which includes the state and other states).

I think the Code of Professional Standards and the Code of Ethics approved by the AGO National Council on January 17, 2017 (on our home page and at the national [website](#) under Guild Documents) call us to the same ethical standards of conduct as before. We can embrace them. The salary guidelines are more perplexing because omitting them can be understood to mean that we cannot help churches who ask us about how to be fair financially, which is what our guidelines have been about and what churches want and need to know. The FTC apparently thinks that we, as James Thomashower told me, “have our thumbs on the scale.” As we all know, we have nothing that even resembles that kind of control or power.

So, what to do? We can recommend that churches consult church music societies, denominational adjudicators, school guidelines, and churches we know where there are fair salaries. In short, we can still care about the other, though we will have to do it a bit more creatively than before, without making specific salary recommendations ourselves. AGO Boards and Guild members are a creative bunch. We can figure this out.

Chapter Board Election Results

Jane Nienaber, Registrar

There were 110 ballots cast for the election of Board members. The three candidates elected to the Class of 2020 are Tom Ferry, Diana Lee Lucker and Chris Stroh. The candidates for dean, sub-dean, treasurer, and secretary were not opposed, and were re-elected. As mentioned in the Dean’s Column, Kyle Black will assume a position in the Class of 2017.

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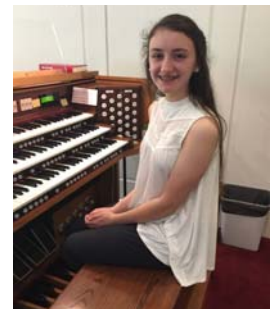
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Pipedreams Scholarship Winner

Isabel Munson, a 15 year-old from Lakeville, was awarded a second *Pipedreams* Scholarship on May 13. Isabel is a student of Mary Newton. She has had ten organ lessons and has made unbelievable progress. Previously, she had nine years of piano study and was well prepared to begin her organ studies.



The *Pipedreams* Scholarship Committee included Diana Lee Lucker, Chair, Karen Becker, and Steve Gentile.

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- Wednesday, July 5, 12:00 noon
Summer Recital Series
Matt Haider, organist
Wayzata Community Church
125 Wayzata Blvd. East, Wayzata
- Wednesday, July 5, 12:15 p.m.
Northfield Summer Organ Series
Stephen May, organist
First United Church of Christ
300 Union Street, Northfield
- Wednesday, July 12, 12:00 noon
Summer Recital Series
Sharon Kleckner, organist
Wayzata Community Church
125 Wayzata Blvd. East, Wayzata
- Wednesday, July 12, 12:15 p.m.
Northfield Summer Organ Series
William Peterson, organist
All Saints Episcopal Church
419 Washington Street, Northfield
- Wednesday, July 19, 12:00 noon
Summer Recital Series
Joshua Lindgren, organist
Wayzata Community Church
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- Wednesday, July 19, 12:15 p.m.
Northfield Summer Organ Series
Janean Hall, organist
Bethel Lutheran Church
1321 North Avenue, Northfield
- Wednesday, July 26, 12:00 noon
Summer Recital Series
Christopher Stroh, organist
Wayzata Community Church
125 Wayzata Blvd. East, Wayzata
- Wednesday, July 26, 12:15 p.m.
Northfield Summer Organ Series
John Ferguson, organist
St. Olaf College, Boe Chapel, Northfield



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- Wednesday, August 2, 12:15 p.m.
Northfield Summer Organ Series
Bob Henstein, organist
United Methodist Church
1401 S. Maple Street, Northfield
- August 5 - 11
Organ Historical Society 2017 Convention
Twin Cities, Saint Peter/Mankato area,
Stearns County, western Wisconsin, Duluth
- Saturday, August 5, 7:00 p.m.
Justin Lavoie, organist
The Phipps Center for the Arts
109 Locust Street, Hudson, Wisconsin
- Wednesday, August 9, 12:00 noon
Summer Recital Series
Carolyn Diamond, organist
Wayzata Community Church
125 Wayzata Blvd. East, Wayzata

Wednesday, August 9, 12:15 p.m.
 Northfield Summer Organ Series
 Emily Rudquist, organist
 St. John's Lutheran Church
 500 Third Street W., Northfield

Wednesday, August 16, 12:00 noon
 Summer Recital Series
 Kraig Windschitl, organist
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