



THE BIRMINGHAM CHIFF ...off the old blockflute

The Birmingham Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

June 2016

A Word from the Dean

Hello Friends,

Our final program of the 2015-16 year was a wonderful recital lead by our students. Those performing were **Alex Benford, Tyler Canonico, Adam Cobb, Matthew Edwards, Thomas Graves and Katie Loudermilk**. It was a well-balanced program from Bach to Duruflé played on the lovely Steiner-Reck organ at Church of the Ascension, Episcopal. We missed those of you who could not attend. A special thank you to Tyler Canonico who coordinated the program and provided the printed programs.

I would like to thank you for allowing me the honor to serve as your dean for another term. I look forward to working with the wonderful group of folks whom you have elected as officers and members of the Executive Committee. Congratulations to those who were elected and a big thank you to all who were willing to run. The list of the officers and EC members elected is on the website and in this newsletter. Also, as Sherelyn Breland was elected as Secretary, it leaves a one-year vacancy on the Executive Committee. With the approval of the Executive Committee, Tyler Canonico has accepted the responsibility of filling that vacant seat. My goal is that the EC and the officers will work together to provide meaningful times of fellowship and learning experiences and strengthen our bonds as fellow organists/musicians/lovers of music. I encourage you to reach out to folks who might be interested in joining the guild, as well as those who have been inactive recently due to various reasons.

The Executive Committee and officers have lined up an interesting year for you, beginning with a dinner Monday, September 12th where we are asking you to

invite one of your clergy to join us for dinner at Independent Presbyterian Church. Dr. Bill Carl, the Senior Pastor of IPC, will speak to the group. I hope to see you there.

Have a wonderful summer!
Dan

2016 ELECTION RESULTS

The election of 2016-18 officers and the 2016-19 Class of the Executive Committee was completed at the May 9th chapter meeting. The results are Dean: Dan Lawhon; Sub-Dean: Leslie Teardo; Secretary: Sherelyn Breland; Treasurer: Mike Burt; Executive Committee Class: Mark Hayes, Jeff McLelland, and Nathan Smock.

These members begin the new term on July 1 with the installation service tentatively scheduled for the September chapter meeting at IPC.

Items of Note

National Convention in Houston, June 19 – 23, 2016
Online registration is available at the convention website <http://agohouston2016.com/>. For those unable to attend in person, several of the recitals will be broadcast live online. Watch for email notifications or check the convention website for specific information.

2016-17 Calendar of Events

Monday, Sept. 12 Clergy Meet and Greet

Guest speaker: Dr. Bill Carl
Venue: Independent Presbyterian Church

Monday, Oct. 10 Professional Development

Choral Work: Brian Kittredge
Children's Music: Beth Middleton
AGO Certification: Leslie Teardo
Venue: Cathedral Church of the Advent

Saturday, Nov. 19 Masterclass

Clinician: Wolfgang Rubsam
Venue: Baptist Church of the Covenant

Friday, Jan. 13 Epiphany Party

Venue: Home of Stephen Schaeffer

Monay, Feb. 13 Organ Maintenance and Repair

Speaker: Mark Hayes
Venue: Samford University

Monday, March 6 Student Recital

Venue: Southside Baptist Church

Monday, April 3 Organ Tour and Talk

Speakers: John Schwandt and Barry Norris
Venue: East Lake United Methodist Church

Saturday, May 13 Tuscaloosa Organ Crawl

Sunday – Friday, June 25 – 30 POEA

Venue: University of Alabama School
of Music and area churches

