



THE BIRMINGHAM CHIFF ...off the old blockflute

The Birmingham Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

June 1, 2018

A Word from the Dean

Dear Friends,

I hope that things are going well with you and that you are looking forward to a relaxed summer with lots of fun plans. I hope to see some of you in Kansas City for the National AGO convention in July. I was disappointed that I was not able to be at the May meeting, especially to hear from Jim Cook and Pat Fitzsimmons. I know that those of you who were able to be there had a great treat. Much thanks to Jamie McLemore and South Highland Presbyterian Church for hosting us. Ironically, I was chaperoning a choir tour with South Highland's Director of Music, Philip Copeland. We had a great time and, if you haven't heard, the Samford University A Cappella Choir won top honors in the competition in which they entered in Budapest, Hungary. It was a treat to hear choirs from around the world and have our students experience various cultures. I also had the opportunity to hear a few organs in Warsaw and Krakow, Poland; Budapest, Hungary; Bratislava, Slovakia and Vienna, Austria.

I want to thank each person who ran for the various offices and Executive Committee seats for this next term. We are blessed to have the number of folks willing to serve our chapter and to those of you who support the chapter month after month. I extend again my appreciation to the Nominating Committee who took their task seriously and provided us with a great slate of folks.

It has been my pleasure to serve as your dean for the past four years and as sub-dean for two years prior. Thank you for this opportunity. I look forward

to the leadership that Sherelyn Breland will bring to the chapter. She has a great knowledge of how things should be run and a great heart for the well-being of our chapter.

Sincerely,
Dan

2018 Election Results

Updates to the Bylaws and Chapter Operating Procedures were approved.

**Dean: Sherelyn Breland
Secretary: Charles Kennedy
Treasurer: Mike Burt**

**Executive Committee Class of 2016-2019
Mary K. (Mimi) Jackson**

**Executive Committee Class of 2018-21
Dan Lawhon
Jamie McLemore
Fred Teardo**

These members will assume their duties on July 1. Many thanks to all who voted in this election. Your participation truly made a difference.



LAST CALL TO REGISTER
2017 National AGO Convention
July 2 – 6 in Kansas City, Missouri

Online registration for this summer's convention continues at <http://www.agokc2018.com/>. There you can register (**now at full price**) or check out the schedule, workshops, performers, or other fine points of the week. Several of our members are attending, and we look forward to hearing their reports on the activities.

Snapshot of 2018-19
Chapter Calendar of Events

Monday, Sept. 10 Lois Fyfe Music Workshop
Presenter: Elizabeth Smith
All Saints Episcopal Church

Monday, Oct. 8 Improvisation Workshop
Presenter: Herb Buffington
Reid Chapel, Samford University

Saturday, Nov. 10 Dinner with IPC Recitalist
Dinner Guest: Jan Kraybill
Venue: TBD

Friday, Jan. 11 Epiphany Party
Home of Dan and Sherrie Lawhon

Monday, Feb.11 Choral/Church Music Workshop
Presenter: Russell Nelson
Trinity United Methodist Church

Monday, March 11 Taubman Technique
Presenter: Amy McLelland
Independent Presbyterian Church

Monday, April 8 Student Recital
First United Methodist Church

Monday, May 13 Hymn Festival/Organ Service
Episcopal Church of the Ascension