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Chapter Elections in May

Sioux Trails AGO chapter elections will be held using the BallotBin.com free election site. You will receive notice of the election via the email address currently on file in the chapter database. For those chapter members who do not have an email address on file, a paper ballot will be sent via U.S. Mail. The chapter board thanks the nominating committee (Charles Hendrickson, Sandra Krumholz, and Chad Fothergill) for its assistance in presenting a slate of candidates.

Nominees to the 2012-2014 Chapter Board

(Biographical information is inside this newsletter.)

Dean: Wayne Wagner

Sub-Dean/Program Chair: Michael Asmus

Secretary: Christine Schulz

Treasurer: Ron Shilling

Education Chair: open

Publicity Chair: David Porth

Members-at-large (Vote for two): John Baumann, Charles Luedtke, Paul Otte, Joseph Owens, and Mark Thompson

Annual Summer Noontime Recital Series: June 12 through August 21 Recitals begin at 12:10 p.m. Two downtown Mankato locations will be featured again this summer: Grace Lutheran Church (4th and Main), June 12 through July 10, and Bethlehem Lutheran (720 S. 2nd Street), July 17 through August 21. As always, the recitals are free.

This activity is made possible by a grant provided by the Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council from funds appropriated by the Minnesota State Legislature.

June 12, 12:10 p.m.

Dr. Kristina Langlois

STAGO Summer Noontime Recital

Grace Lutheran Church, 4th and Main, Mankato

Dr. Langlois will return to Mankato to kick off the STAGO Summer Series. Last summer she played at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Kris teaches organ studies at Concordia University in St. Paul. She has been the Director of Music and Worship at Westwood Lutheran Church in St. Louis Park since 2000, and Organist there since 1993. Her organ teachers were Thomas Gieschen, Herbert Gotsch, and Wolfgang Rubsam. She is a former Dean of the Twin Cities Chapter of the AGO. Her recital is made possible by a grant provided by the Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council from funds appropriated by the Minnesota State Legislature.

Reminder: for up-to-date chapter news, please visit our website www.agosiouxtrails.org/index.html regularly. We thank chapter member David Porth for administering this website. Of particular interest this month are the reports by chapter members on the Thomas Trotter concert at Martin Luther College in New Ulm.

Nominees to the 2012-2014 Chapter Board

Dean: Wayne Wagner

Wayne Wagner has served on the Sioux Trails AGO chapter board in various positions, including Member at Large, Education Chair, and Program Chair. He teaches organ, elementary music education methods, and music history at Martin Luther College in New Ulm. He also conducts the Men's Choir and coordinates the organ instruction program for about 100 students each semester taught by 7 teachers. In addition to playing for services in the Chapel of the Christ at MLC, he is one of several organists at St. John's Lutheran Church (WELS) in New Ulm. He holds a PhD in music for the University of Colorado at Boulder where he emphasized studies in child development in music and music program evaluation.

Sub-Dean/Program Chair: Michael Asmus

Michael Asmus, originally from Gaylord, Minnesota, is a junior organ performance major at Gustavus Adolphus College. He has studied piano and organ with Eunice Asmus, Dr. Paul Baumgartner, Yumiko Oshima-Ryan, and Chad Fothergill. After graduation, Michael plans to pursue graduate studies in choral and orchestral conducting. He is currently an organist at First Lutheran Church in Winthrop, Minnesota and frequently plays at First Lutheran Church in Glencoe, Minnesota and Immanuel Lutheran Church in Gaylord, Minnesota.

Secretary: Christine Schulz

Christine Schulz has been the organist/pianist at Bethlehem Lutheran Church since September of 1990 and has worked in the office part-time since June of 2007. She holds a Master of Music degree in pipe organ performance from Mankato State University. In addition to her church duties, Christine enjoys playing piano for rehearsals/performances of musicals in the Department of Theatre and Dance at MSU, with the most recent being "Phantom of the Opera".

Treasurer: Ron Shilling

Bio from Ron Shilling was not submitted.

Education Chair: open

Publicity Chair: David Porth

My name is David Porth and I attend Martin Luther College (MLC) in New Ulm. At MLC my major is in Elementary Education with a minor in Music. Since high school, I have been an active member of the AGO and currently hold a dual membership with the Sioux Trails and Milwaukee Chapters. Being the Publicity Chair and getting to know more of the members in Mankato, New Ulm and St. Peter area are two things I look forward to.

Members-at-large (Vote for two): John Baumann, Charles Luedtke, Paul Otte, Joseph Owens, and Mark Thompson

Charles H. Luedtke, DMA, AAGO, is a charter member of the Sioux Trails Chapter and served as its Dean through the '90s and into the 21st century during the time it offered three successful Pipe Organ Encounters to over 30 students each time. He has served on the ST/AGO executive board, played regularly in the summer organ recital series, and currently serves First Lutheran Church, Winthrop, as its pro tem organist. His organ teachers include Drs. Paul Manz, Heinrich Fleischer, and David Craighead. He is employed on a full-time basis as the Night Auditor at the Holiday Inn in New Ulm, MN, after having served 40-plus years as a member of the Music Division at Martin Luther College.

Paul Otte is the full-time Minister of Music at Peace Lutheran Church in Hutchinson. His duties there include service preparation, organist, and director of three choirs and a handbell choir and supervision of two other contemporary services. He is a graduate of Concordia University, St. Paul where he studied with Paul Manz. He later earned the degree of Master of Sacred Music at Wittenberg University, Springfield, OH where he studied composition with Jan Bender and organ with Frederick Jackisch. He lives in Hutchinson with his wife, Barb, Frederick Chopin the cat, and Marcel Dupre' the Standard Poodle. He has written extensively for "Creative Worship for the Lutheran Parish" from Concordia Publishing House. Some of his music has been published by Concordia, Augsburg-Fortress, and Belwin Mills.

Mark Thompson has held several posts with STAGO, having been a coordinator for the summer recital series on three occasions, STAGO newsletter editor, and most recently as sub-dean. When time permits, he enjoys researching organ technology and history. In addition to the AGO, Mark is a member of the Organ Historical Society.

Bios from **John Baumann** and **Joseph Owens** were not submitted.

STAGO Board meeting, March 18 - brief synopsis

The full minutes are available from Christine Schulz, secretary.

The STAGO Board held a meeting on Sunday, March 18, 2012, at Grace Lutheran Church in Mankato. The meeting began at 2:30 p.m. Members present: Chad Winterfeldt, Chad Fothergill, Wayne Wagner, Ron Shilling, Verda Pape, Charles Luedtke, and Christine Schulz.

- Ron Shilling presented the Treasurer's Report. There was some discussion about investing the chapter mutual funds with a different bank. Chad will investigate options at Bremer Bank in Mankato.
- Wayne Wagner reported on the upcoming Thomas Trotter recital at the Chapel of the Christ at MLC April 17.
- Plans for the chapter visit to Peace Lutheran in Hutchinson were discussed. Due to conflicts for several members, the date for the trip has yet to be finalized. Charles Luedtke is charged with communicating with Paul Otte, our host at Peace Lutheran, to determine the best date.
- Chad Winterfeldt reported on a Prairie Lakes Regional Art Council grant application for funds to advertise the annual summer series.
- Chad Winterfeldt and Wayne Wagner gave an update on the new chapter website produced by David Porth.
- Verda Pape asked for clarification about producing the programs for the summer series.
- Upcoming elections were discussed. Ballots will be mailed to members or the election will be held using an on-line election website.
- Wayne reported on a summer organ recital series at the Chapel of the Christ, Thursdays, 12:15 p.m., June 14 through July 26.

The next board meeting will be June 9 at 10:30 a.m.

Chapter receives Prairie Lakes Regional Art Council Grant

Great news! The Prairie Lakes Regional Art Council awarded a grant of \$850 to our chapter for the purpose of advertising our annual summer recital series. The grant will allow us to place advertising in local newspapers and the Mankato Magazine and produce color posters. Contact Chad Winterfeldt (chadwinterfeldt@yahoo.com) if you would like to help distribute posters, work with our local print media, or promote the summer series in any way.

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The Sioux Trails AGO Chapter invites you to submit your recitals and organ-related events to Dean Chad Winterfeldt for publication in Vox Principalis. Deadlines are the last Tuesday of each month.