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Deadline for September / October 2025 Newsletter is August 15, 2025

NOTES FROM THE DEAN



My Dear Colleagues,

Thank you for your continued commitment to the American Guild of Organists.

Our chapter drew some positive comments recently in a meeting of the Southwest Region of AGO. The region has an annual meeting, hosted by Region Convenor **Sheryl Sebo**. In the past the meeting would be in person at the region convention, but as the regions no longer host their own convention biannually, now the meetings are conducted via Zoom. Sheryl noted that she had followed many of our chapter's programs on Facebook and called on me to report on our activities to the entire gathered body. Everyone had positive things to say about our work. Especially noted were our Movable Feast social events and our excellent Members' Recital this year.

In our recent election **James Yeager** was confirmed as sub-dean for the coming year. The sub-dean is generally responsible for planning and coordinating the chapter's programs. James will begin his term in July and we will all work together to plan programs for the coming program year. Since the pandemic we have not had a functioning program committee. The operating procedures call on the dean to appoint people to various committees. Over the next several weeks I hope to reconstitute the program committee and will be looking for members. A strong program committee is crucial to ensuring that the programs are relevant, engaging, and well carried out.

The operating procedures also call for a **Hospitality Committee**, which we currently do not have. We would like to get that committee going again.

Would you be willing to serve on a committee or in another role that interests you? If so, please let me know. I would be happy to communicate with you by phone or email if you want to learn more about what these jobs would entail. Even if you want to participate just by suggesting a great program idea, please contact James or me.

Please enjoy the summer and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Jeremy Wirth, Dean

USEFUL CHAPTER EMAILS

Dean: [Jeremy Wirth](#)

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Secretary: [Susan Eberlein](#)

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ELECTION NOTES

*The following members were elected to the Chapter Executive Committee to serve from **July 1, 2025***

James Yeager - Sub-Dean (Program Coordinator)

Executive Committee members-at-large.

Greg Hassold (2025 – 2027)

Paricia Oakley (2025 – 2027)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Santa Fe Summer Organ Academy with Dr. Kimberly Marshal, Aug 1, 2025 - August 8, 2025

Join **Dr. Kimberly Marshall** from Arizona State University in Santa Fe for a four-day organ academy.

The academy includes:

- four days of morning masterclasses of repertory chosen by the students
- three afternoons of lectures on
 - The Development of the Organ Toccata, from Bertoldo to Widor
 - Insights into J. S. Bach's organ music from George Stauffer's monograph (Her review of Stauffer's book is published in the November TAO 2024.)
 - Organ Settings of the Lutheran Chorale from Kotter to Brahms
- a Special "Sound Bath" on Tuesday afternoon after lecture (55 min.)
- a Special Session on "Breathing and Joint Health" that focuses on wrists, ankles and feet on Wednesday after the lecture (45 min.)
- SFSOA Participant TGIF recital

Participants - play in masterclasses attend lectures and have one hour practice time per day \$150 per day (Aug 5, 6, 7, and 8,) Limited to 8 Participants determined by date of Application.

Auditors - attend masterclasses and attend lectures (Aug 5 6, 7, and 8,) for \$75 per day. No limit on the number of Auditors.

During free time enjoy the Kimberly Marshall's Organ Recital (Aug 1), Santa Fe Opera, the Desert Chorale, and the Santa Fe Chamber Music Festival

For more information consult the website <https://fpcsa.org/sfsoa/>

MESSAGE FROM THE SUB-DEAN

Dear Albuquerque AGO Friends:

You are invited to join the Program Committee, please let me know if you wish to serve. If you're unsure but wish to know more about it, email me or give me a text or call (see contact info below). Here is what the Chapter Guidelines suggest:

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

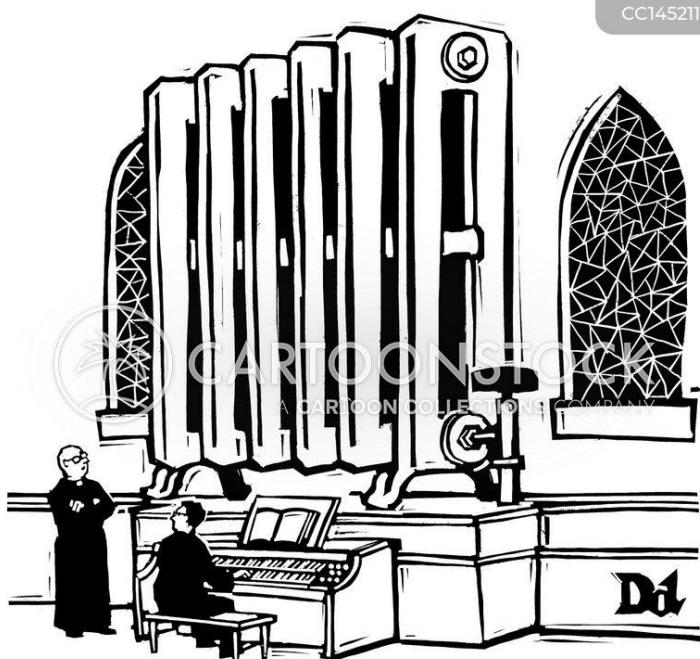
The Program Committee, of which the Sub-Dean shall be the Director, shall be responsible for all programming in the Chapter, including but not limited to recitals, concerts, lectures or other special presentations. This Committee shall be responsible for proposing a program calendar and budget to the Finance Committee and Executive Committee. This Committee shall also be responsible for carrying out appropriate logistics and making all arrangements to ensure the smooth coordination of Chapter events.

Furthermore, the *Chapter Management Handbook* offers a wealth of ideas for programming (<https://wp.agohq.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/CMH-with-ToC-Updated-5.25.19.pdf>) see, in particular, pages 49 and following, re: Programming resources. Our committee would meet in July and August (TBA). We could meet in person or try using an online method if preferred.

Hope to hear from you!

Best regards,

James Yeager, Sub-Dean j22yeager@gmail.com or (614) 746-9479.



"I see the radiator's Baroque again."



"Fortunately, the Almighty is compassionate, kind, understanding, and hopefully tone deaf."

TGIF CONCERTS – FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, SANTA FE

Thank Goodness It's Friday!

Whether you're ending your week or starting your weekend, every Friday evening First Presbyterian Church invites our Santa Fe neighbors and visitors from all over the world to our sanctuary to enjoy a short concert (30-45 minutes) of music: organ, voice and piano, choral, chamber music, solo instrumental, jazz, and more.

If you would like to perform on the TGIF Concert Series, [please see our program submission requirements.](#)

July

- 4 — Mark Clark, organ
- 11 — Andrew Paulson, baritone and Richard Bentley, piano
- 18 — Jan McDonald, trumpet and Linda Raney, piano
- 25 — Lisa Grodin, violin and David Solem, piano

August

- 1 — Kimberly Marshall, Organ
- 8 — Santa Fe Summer Organ Academy Participants
- 15 — Bryan Hutchinson, piano
- 22 — Matteo Bitetti, tenor and Richard Bentley, piano
- 29 — eternal Summer Symphony Orchestra

September

- 5 — Gioioso-Dvorak String Quartet in A-flat Major
- 12 — Eclectify, blues band from Paris
- 19 — Tracy Carr, oboe, and Mark Dal Porto, piano and composer
- 26 — David Solem

AGO-HQ INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM

The long-awaited change from the ONCARD system to the new iMIS program happened on October 15, 2024. It is now essential that every member has their date of birth in the system, or it will charge you the full \$120 renewal subscription. The new policy DOES NOT provide for any grace period of paying dues beyond the renewal date. So, if you have a renewal date of January 1st and do not make your payment by that date, your membership will be cancelled approximately two weeks later. This pattern of processing will occur every month at each renewal date during the year. The AGO accepts payments by both credit cards and personal check.

Members should have received instructions about the new login procedure. You will be required to have a valid email address, which will be verified during the first login procedure. If you're unsure, ask our Dean, [Jeremy Wirth](#)



The whole year's calendar is on the Calendar page (use Agenda tab). Please notify the webmaster of events you would like to have advertised. Also, paid "[Positions Vacant](#)" or requests for volunteer musicians and singers can be advertised free of charge. Our website gets about 400 views per month. **NOTE:** our Facebook page has over 500 followers and can be used for posting notices about events, vacancies, etc. If you "Like" our page, you will receive new postings in your own News Feed.

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The deadline for submissions for the next newsletter due to be published for September / October 2025, will be **August 15, 2025**. Please email news, articles, or photos, upcoming events or reports, plus any other website items to the Editor, [Evelyn Henson](#), by August 15, 2025. Thank you.

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