



THE PIPELINE

DEAN'S COLUMN

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April and May Local Events

Fifteen months until the 2016 National Convention in Houston! In 1988, the last year we hosted a National Convention, few had heard about the Internet. It is hard to imagine life now without Google, Facebook, LinkedIn, and all our fun apps! The Convention Promotions Committee and its Chair, Carol Nave, have invested a lot of time and energy in creating an outstanding website that reflects the available technology of 2016 and the great program of workshops, instruments, and performers. On April 26, we will preview the new convention website at Glen Douglas' home. The program includes an introduction to his home pipe organ, refreshments, and performances by three talented young organists. More information about this event on page 2.

Thanks to Dr. Crista Miller for an inspiring program on Saturday, January 24, at the Co-Cathedral. Workshop attendees Anna Marie Flusche and Marjorie Rausche won our drawing for \$100 off the 2016 Convention registration fee! We are grateful to Sub-Dean Dan Fenn for his organization of the event and to the members who brought refreshments.

We have an exciting lineup of events this fall. Patrick Scott, the winner of the 2014 National Competition in Organ Improvisation, will perform at St. Philip Presbyterian Church on Sunday, September 20, at 6 p.m. In October (time/date TBD), we will have an evening at the convention hotel, Hilton of the Americas, to explore the facility and sample a variety of hors-d'oeuvres and desserts. This is a great time to be in Houston and to be a part of this chapter!

One final thought: we are saddened by the passing of our long-time Houston colleague and friend, Paul (P.J.) Jernigan. I'm sure many of you have memories of discussing your pipe organs with him. He was a trusted and reliable organ technician and friend. He will be missed!

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AGO Southwest Regional Convention

Plan to attend our regional convention this summer!
Visit www.agofortworth2015.org for all the details.



UPCOMING HOUSTON CHAPTER EVENTS

**Social Event at the Home of Glen Douglas and
Preview of 2016 AGO Convention Website
Performances by Michael Ging, Kirk Rich and Grant Wareham, as well as Open Bench
Sunday, April 26, 2015, at 4 pm
8507 Chalcos Drive, Houston, TX 77017**

Learn about Glen Douglas' home organ, then enjoy performances by Michael Ging, University of Houston doctoral student and organist at New Hope Lutheran; Kirk Rick, University of Houston doctoral student and Organist at Grace Presbyterian; and Grant Wareham, Rice University undergraduate student and Organ Scholar at St. Thomas Episcopal. The event concludes with open bench and a preview of the official convention website.

Due to scarce parking, we are providing shuttle service from a nearby park. The Shuttle service begins at 3:30 pm. The parking lot is located at the intersection of N. Bayou Drive and Radcliffe Street.

To read a Houston Chronicle feature story about Glen's instrument, go to <http://www.chron.com/life/gray/article/Gray-His-own-private-pipe-organ-3738317.php>
You can also preview the instrument on Glen's website: <http://aeolianmanorfoundation.org>

Pipe Organ Encounters Update

Over the years, Pipe Organ Encounters have grown and there are now different types of POE. Did you realize there are POE Advanced, POE Technical, and POE+ in addition to the regular POE that we have hosted in the past? Here is a list of the upcoming summer programs.

POE for ages 13-18
June 14-19 Wichita, KS
July 5-10 Valparaiso, IN
July 12-17 Columbus, GA
July 26-31 Brooklyn, NY

POE (Advanced) for ages 13-18
June 14-19 Norman, OK

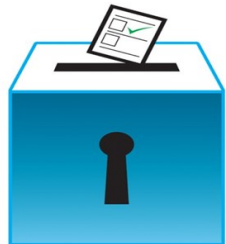
POE (Technical) for ages 16-23
June 14-19 Norman, OK



Photo from 2012 San Diego POE

Please encourage any interested students to attend. More information may be found at <https://www.agohq.org/education/poe/>.

ELECTION BALLOT



In the next week, you will receive a ballot in the mail to elect a new class of Members-at-Large to serve our chapter for the next three years. Thanks to our nominating committee of Paul Butt, Stephen Distad, and Jay Whatley. Be on the lookout for this ballot, and please complete and return it as soon as possible.

AGO Houston 2016 National Convention June 19-23, 2016 By Rhonda Furr, Convention Coordinator



Dear AGO Chapter and Friends:

With excitement, we are counting down the 15 months until we share and showcase our wonderful city with organ enthusiasts from around the nation and globe!

With trepidation, we consider the 354 tasks outlined on our committee task worksheet and note that more than half of the items remain and we have been working hard for over four years!

With pride, we look at the work accomplished: budget, promotion plans, registration details, fundraising, hotel preparations, transportation research, program book plans, receipt of newly commissioned works, selection of performers, worship services, finalized workshop presenters, overhaul of the chapter website, venues, schedule, competition details, and ways to show our guests Southern hospitality!

Below is a timeline of the months ahead:

- April 26, 2015: Website launch! Don't miss this celebration at our final Chapter Event of the academic year. Details in this issue on page 2 of this newsletter.
- July 1, 2015: All program book information collected; editing/formatting begins.
- October 15, 2015: Registration opens with big savings for chapter members who register by March 15, 2016 (Early Member Rate of \$350 available October 15, 2015-March 15, 2016.)
- June 19-23, 2016: Houston hosts world-class AGO convention!

On March 28, 2011, your Steering Committee adopted the following Vision Statement:

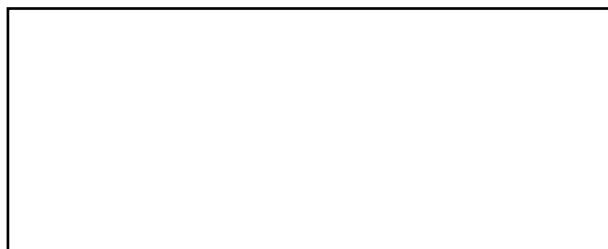
The Houston Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will host a national convention in 2016 that provides professional development through education, inspiration and social discourse reflective of Houston's distinctive flavor and hospitality. These objectives will be accomplished through the following: world-class performances, enlightening workshops, creative new music and inspiring worship. Exceptional instruments and worship spaces will be showcased. The experience will become a benchmark for future conventions.

This statement has guided our processes and our decisions. Your convention committees have spent countless volunteer hours to help us achieve this goal. We are truly grateful to them and to each of you for your continued support!

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