



# Lorain County Chapter American Guild of Organists

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## Annual Members Meeting Report

Our annual LCAGO members meeting took place on May 4 at First United Methodist Church in Elyria.

We first gathered in the sanctuary for a delightful time of repertoire sharing. Chapter members Marty Bruner, Bob Ebert, Janet Campbell-Kuhl, and Brian Wentzel, plus guest Ron Gibson (I hope I didn't forget anybody!) played some of their favorite pieces for a large and appreciative audience.

Following the event, members of the chapter went to the fellowship hall for the meeting. Following the Dean's report and the Treasurer's report, officers were elected for 2014-2015:

- Dean: Brian Wentzel
- Sub-Dean: Marty Bruner
- Treasurer: Ira Cooper
- Secretary: Bob Ebert

Appreciation and thanks were given to Janet Campbell-Kuhl and Carol Sharrock for their many years of service on the Executive Committee.

The bulk of the meeting time was spent on discussing possible program events for next season. Among the many good ideas presented, the following were selected by the group:

- September: organ crawl at First Congregational in Wellington (this is the instrument that was being restored in the Leek shop when we visited in April 2013)
- November: repertoire sharing event, possibly at Washington Avenue Christian Church in Elyria (recent Kegg organ)
- April 19, 3:00: James Kibbie in recital at First Lutheran, Lorain (co-sponsoring)
- May: social event and annual meeting of the Chapter, possibly at Community UMC in Elyria.



## From the Dean

Dear Colleagues,

I hope you are all enjoying summer as much as I am. It's nice to have a more relaxed schedule, with time to tackle larger projects (convening a committee to plan for a sanctuary renovation) and time to relax (gardening!). Summer is also a great time for continuing education. I try to go to at least one conference each summer, and this year I'll be heading down to Columbus for the Hymn Society's annual conference. Maybe I'll see one of you there!

Best wishes,  
*Brian*

## New Dues Collection Process

We are still waiting for our email renewal notices via the new Online National Collection and Remittal of Dues (ONCARD) system. They should be coming shortly.

In the meantime, you can log in to ONCARD ([www.agohq.org/oncard-login](http://www.agohq.org/oncard-login)) to make sure your information is up to date. You will be able to manage your address, phone number, an other personal information online in addition to renewing your membership. New members can also join the AGO online. There is a link on the main AGO website.

## Job Openings

### **Avon United Methodist Church—Organist / Choir Director**

Part-time. One Sunday service at 10 a.m. Sunday morning choir rehearsal (currently) at 8:30. Johannus Organ. Grand piano. Interested persons should contact the Church office at (440) 934-5121 or [avonumc@centurylink.net](mailto:avonumc@centurylink.net) for further information.

### **Grace Methodist, Vermilion—Organist**

Looking for someone to accompany the choir for practice on Wednesdays and to play at one service (10:15) per Sunday. Allen electronic organ and a nice piano to use. \$50 per activity based upon experience and skill. Contact Craig Bennett at 967-2233 for more information.

## AGO Mission Statement

**The mission of the American Guild of Organists is to enrich lives through organ and choral music.**

To achieve this, we:

- Encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music;
- Inspire, educate, and offer certification for organists and choral conductors;
- Provide networking, fellowship, and mutual support;
- Nurture future generations of organists;
- Promote the organ in its historic and evolving roles; and
- Engage wider audiences with organ and choral music.

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