

# THE PIPELINE

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### 2010-2011 COMES TO A CLOSE

## SPRING BANQUET A SUCCESS

The members of the Houston Chapter met Monday, May 23rd at Palazzo's on Westheimer and enjoyed good company, a nice meal, and after-dinner remarks from Regional Councillor Michael Bedford.

Dr. Bedford's remarks centered around a comparison of the aspects of working as an organist, an organist-choirmaster, or of filling a supportive role as an organ aficionado. The members then contributed to a lively discussion of the various aspects of our shared vocations.

The evening closed out a lively AGO Houston Chapter year of stimulating programming and inspiring performances. Stay tuned to our web site and regular emails to keep abreast of plans for 2011-2012.



## ORGAN/FACILITIES SURVEY

Chapter members should have received an emailed survey from the 2016 AGO Convention's Facilities Committee. This form contains questions about facilities and organs in the metro area. It is important that all instruments are included. If you do not have the email, you may access the survey at the Chapter web site: <http://www.ago-houston.org/organsurvey.html>.

By completing the survey electronically, you spare us having to hand-enter data into our spreadsheet, and you save the Facilities Committee from having to call you. Thank you!

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## CONVENTION 2016 UPDATE

We are pleased to announce that the Hilton Americas-Houston at 1600 Lamar (near the George R. Brown Convention Center) has been selected for our convention hotel. The confirmed dates are June 20, 21, 22, 23, 2016 (with a possible pre-event the evening of June 19). Special thanks to James Thomashower, AGO Executive Director, and Scott Mouton, our own Housing Chair, for their significant work in negotiating an excellent contract with the Hilton.

Although the AGO 2016 Houston Convention is five years away, your Steering Committee is already busy. Each person on the Steering Committee oversees a committee that is assigned specific tasks. Initial meetings have begun, and this summer, committees will review the committee guidelines and responsibilities, get to know each other, sign confidentiality agreements and agree on meeting dates for the coming year. Committee Chairs will also meet for brain-storming sessions to ensure all teams with common elements communicate well.

This coming year will be an exciting time of exploring the many possibilities for our convention. Please email your ideas to Ken Axelson for distribution to the appropriate committee(s).  
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### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday, June 12, 5:00pm**  
Whitsuntide Concert: Music of Poulenc  
Gloria and Organ Concert  
The Cathedral Choir and Orchestra  
Robert Simpson, conductor,  
Bruce Power, organ

**Sunday, June 19, 6:00pm**  
Summer Concert Series:  
Keith Weber, Organ  
St. Philip Presbyterian Church  
\$10 admission

**Sunday, July 17, 6:00PM**  
Summer Concert Series:  
Zachary Carretin, Violin  
Matthew Dirst, Organ  
St. Philip Presbyterian Church  
\$10 admission

**Sunday, August 21, 6:00pm**  
Summer Concert Series:  
Robert Brewer, organ  
St. Philip Presbyterian Church  
\$10 admission

*All events are free unless otherwise listed.*

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John Meier	Crista Miller
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2014

Linda Hazelip  
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# Membership Renewal Notice 2011-2012

**Due Date: July 15, 2011**

It is now time to renew your membership for the 2011-2012 year. Your dues include a one-year subscription to THE AMERICAN ORGANIST Magazine (TAO) and support for the programs run by the national organization and by our local chapter. To continue receiving the benefits of membership and your TAO subscription, please mail your dues payment now to your local chapter. Please return this form with your payment. Make your check payable to **HOUSTON CHAPTER AGO, 5773 Woodway, PMB 263, Houston TX 77057**. Contributions beyond dues are encouraged and tax-deductible. You may select Contribution to Chapter or Contribution to 2016 Convention.

Membership category (check one) Amount	
<input type="checkbox"/> Regular voting member \$92	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Special voting member \$67 (65 and over, under 21, or disabled)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Student voting member \$37 (full-time, with valid school ID)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Partner voting member \$67 (only one TAO per household)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Dual voting member \$36 (primary chapter _____)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Student dual member \$15	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Chapter friend (non-voting) \$35	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Contribution to Chapter \$ _____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Contribution to 2016 Convention	_____
Total Amount Enclosed	\$ _____

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Name (including AGO certificates and academic degrees)

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Position

## CODE OF ETHICS

Revised by the National Council on April 16, 2007.

Preamble: The purpose of the American Guild of Organists is to promote the organ in its historic and evolving roles, to encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music, and to provide a forum for mutual support, inspiration, education, and certification of Guild members. Voting members are entitled to enjoy the privileges and are expected to accept the responsibilities of membership in the Guild. Members shall be considered equally for Guild offices and participation in Guild activities. These are the rules that shall be considered binding upon all voting members in good standing.

RULE 1. Members shall promote good working relationships within the American Guild of Organists and shall respect the employment of colleagues. Members shall address differences between themselves and other members by following the procedures outlined in the Discipline.

RULE 2. Members shall not seek or appear to be seeking employment for themselves, a student, or a colleague, in a position held by someone else. Members shall apply for employment only for a position which the employer, with the knowledge of the incumbent musician, has officially and publicly declared vacant by announcement of the vacancy.

RULE 3. In cases pending under the Procedures or in cases where the National Council has determined that a position has been made vacant by wrongful termination of a member of the American Guild of Organists, members shall not seek or accept regular or permanent employment for themselves, a student, or colleague at that Institution until the National Council is satisfied that differences between the Guild and the Institution have been resolved. Interim services may be provided for a period of 90 days.

RULE 4. Members shall obtain the approval of the incumbent musician before accepting an engagement for a wedding, funeral, or other service requested by a third party. In such cases, the incumbent should receive his/her customary fee, and the third party is expected to provide it. It is the responsibility of the guest member to inform the third party of this rule.

Members are advised to protect themselves as incumbents in this regard by negotiating employment contracts which secure these fees and which provide some responsibility, oversight, and control as to choice of music, etc.

RULE 5. Members shall conduct professional activities with truthfulness, honesty and integrity, and shall maintain sensitivity in matters of a personal or confidential nature.

RULE 6. Members shall not discriminate against others on the basis of race, national origin, age, religious affiliation, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, disability, or medical condition (including, but not limited to, Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome).

**I agree to abide by the Code of Ethics:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date

Availability to substitute: Circle the appropriate category, and provide contact information for web site:

O, C, or O/C Sunday services

O, C, or O/C Saturday services, weddings, etc

O, C, or O/C Weekday services

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_



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### **FIND US ON FACEBOOK**

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### **“THIS WEEK IN ORGAN AND CHORAL MUSIC” WEEKLY EMAIL**

Publicize upcoming events! Deadline is each Tuesday.

Write to the following address to subscribe

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