

# CNCC NEWSLETTER

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*Chartered November 23, 1922*

Central North Carolina Chapter

American Guild of Organists

Raleigh, North Carolina

May 2021

## The Dean's Column

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Dear Members,

As we settle in to the "Merry Month of May" and getting back to in person meetings, concerts, and church services, I want to take a moment to give thanks for the wonderful members of our Executive Board who have persevered during the pandemic to keep us interacting in the world of organ through our newsletter, Zoom meetings, independent work from home, and internet concerts and workshops.

I would especially like to point out the fine work of three special women in our chapter who have worked tirelessly during this time to facilitate the forward movement of our chapter and our National American Guild of Organists.

Tamara Lewis has faithfully kept our newsletters coming each month during the past year so that we can be kept in the loop as to things happening in the organ world and in our own chapter. This requires a lot of hours of time each month and Tamara has been a wonderful and giving person through it all.

Lorraine Magnuson has done a great job of putting together our scholarship programs during this time and almost single handedly managed a very successful Cooper-Miller competition. Lorraine was recently also on the webinar panel nationally of the "Robust

Chapter Scholarships" presentation presented by the Task Force for Gender Equity on the American Guild of Organists. She did a wonderful job and the webinar will be soon made available for replay through Youtube at <https://www.agohq.org/webinars-and-supporting-documents/>.

Lee Harris, our treasurer and chairperson for our Nominating Committee, is my third person to thank deeply for keeping up the chapter finances, reports, payments, and most of all nominations for next year's slate of officers. Lee has put forth next year's nominees in ballot form in this newsletter (see Page 3) for you to vote upon via email. Please do respond so that we don't have to send out paper ballots.

I'm excited about this upcoming year as it will be our Centennial Celebration for our chapter. 100 years and counting! Not very many chapters have achieved this milestone so we want to make 2022 a truly wonderful year in our chapter history.

Thank you to all our members for remaining faithful! Please remember to renew your membership when it comes due so that you can be a part of the upcoming celebration!

Best,  
Mark Andersen  
Dean, CNCCAGO

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We gratefully acknowledge **Marilyn and David Lynch's** generous donation to the Cooper-Miller Scholarship Fund as well as new member **Susan Petura's** contribution to the Scholarship and the Chapter Operating Fund.



## CHAPTER COMMUNICATIONS

*Newsletter* published monthly by the Central North Carolina Chapter, American Guild of Organists. Submission Deadline: 24<sup>th</sup> of preceding month. Submit items by email (preferred), phone, or mail to the Newsletter Editor.

You can also find us on Facebook, thanks to Lyn Francisco's administration:

<https://www.facebook.com/cnccago/>

**Central NC Chapter AGO  
American Guild of Organists  
May 5, 2021**

Fellow Members of the Central NC Chapter AGO:

The Executive Board has agreed to serve the chapter as your officers for another term with the exception of 2 resignations. Nominations for these positions are listed on the ballot below. All Executive Board members are elected for a 1 year term with the exception of the Dean, who is to serve a 3 year term.

Please respond to the Chapter Treasurer, Lee Harris (pichpipe45@gmail.com), with your vote and in doing so, please consider serving on a committee by marking your interest on the ballot. All responses will be destroyed after tabulation. Should you wish to respond via snail mail, the address is: 210 West Boulevard, Laurinburg, NC 28352. **Response is requested by June 25, 2021.**

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**CNCCAGO Official Ballot  
May 2021**

<b>Dean</b>	<b>Mark Andersen</b>
<b>Sub Dean</b>	<b>John Massenburg</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Elizabeth Goldstein-Epstein</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Lee Harris</b>
<b>Historian</b>	<b>Noel Hamm</b>
<b>Member at Large</b>	<b>Joshua Sobel</b>
<b>Member at Large</b>	<b>Stephen Aber</b>

*I will offer to serve on the following committee: (check one)*

*Membership* \_\_\_\_\_

*Program* \_\_\_\_\_

*Scholarship* \_\_\_\_\_

*Newsletter* \_\_\_\_\_

*Technology* \_\_\_\_\_

*Signature* \_\_\_\_\_

Please respond by June 25, 2021

## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

JACOB MONTGOMERY, ONE OF OUR EARLY COOPER-MILLER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS, IS STUDYING AT EASTMAN SCHOOL OF MUSIC, UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER



Jacob Montgomery, a native of Raleigh, NC, is a second year master's degree candidate in the studio of David Higgs at the Eastman School of Music. Graduating from East Carolina University with degrees in both chemistry and music, Jacob received recognition as both a chemist and musician, receiving the Franklin Ritter Award for Young Chemists, The Thomas Jones Scholarship for Chemists, the Olive G. Long Memorial Scholarship for Pianists, the Clay J.H. Organ Scholar Endowed Fund, and East Carolina's Outstanding Senior award. In 2014, he was awarded his Colleague certification from the American Guild of Organists (AGO). The previous organ scholar at Duke Chapel in Durham, NC, Montgomery worked vigorously at this epicenter of musical output, which held weekly Vespers, Evensong, and communion services. Jacob now serves as Director of Music and Organist at Bethany Presbyterian Church in Rochester, NY.

Recently awarded first prize in the 19th Annual International Organ Competition of West Chester, PA, Jacob maintains an active performance calendar, appearing in recital across North Carolina, Virginia, and New York. During his undergraduate degrees, Jacob studied under Andrew Scanlon, FAGO, Christopher Jacobson, FRCO, Dr. John O'Brien (harpsichord), and Dr. Keiko Sekino (piano), performing in masterclasses with Dorothy Papadakos, Dr. Janette Fishell, Dr. John Walker, Dr. Ann Labounsky, Dr. Kola Olowabi, and Chris Lane. Additionally, Jacob served in the lab of Dr. Anne Spuches, studying the correlation of pesticide usage with Type II diabetes, using inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry techniques to analyze the composition of various mediums, including swine liver, kidney, and fat, as well as human plasma.

<https://www.esm.rochester.edu/organ/students/>



**Something for everyone!**  
**AGOYO virtual program year 20-21**

# **FRIDAYS AT NOON EST**

videos will be premiered at:  
<https://www.youtube.com/user/GuildofOrganists>

**August 14-** Organ crawl: West Point Chapel

**September 11-** Workshop:

Church musicians and technology

**September 25-** Panel: Organists of colors

**October 9-** Panel: The Global Organist

**November 13-** Organ crawl: Longwood Gardens

**December 11-** Organ factory tour: Austin Organ Co.

**January 8-** Webinar:

Young conductors/organists guide to church music

**February 12-** Organ crawl: Wanamaker

**March 12-** Panel:

Board positions in the guild/serving in leadership roles

**April 9-** Organ factory tour: Taylor & Boody

**May 7, 14, 21, 28-** Young organist recitals

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**Central NC Chapter AGO**  
**Treasurer's Report for April 2021**  
(bank balance as of March 31, 2021)

Balance forward	<b>\$15,637.86</b>
Operating Fund balance	<b>\$11,889.56</b>
Previous	11,914.47
Interest	.09
Transfer from Scholarship Fund	3,000.00
Gift (deposit)	1,000.00
Transfer to Scholarhip	-1,000.00
Checks 138, 139 (Scholarship winners)	- 3,000.00
PayPal	-25.00
Cooper-Miller Scholarship Fund balance	<b>\$1,723.42</b>
Previous	3,723.39
Transfer from Operating Fund	1,000.00
Interest	.03
Transfer to Operating for scholarships	-3,000.00
<b>Total both accounts</b>	<b>\$13,612.98</b>

## AVAILABLE POSITIONS

The American Guild of Organists (AGO) provides a professional opportunities service to its members by sharing information about Positions Available. This includes both permanent “open benches” and also one-time “substitute dates.” The Guild cannot endorse or recommend any person for a job or substitute date. Membership in the AGO is open to all who pay dues, regardless of education, experience, ability and/or skills. The AGO Professional Relations Director passes along information, which may include salaries offered by institutions and specifics about jobs/dates, as information is received from an institution. AGO members are encouraged to negotiate salaries and explore options with each offered position. The Central North Carolina Chapter, AGO does not accept responsibility for the accuracy of material provided for these listings, nor does inclusion of information in the listings imply endorsement by the chapter.

It has come to the attention of the Professional Relations Director that we have churches that do not understand that resumes are for the purview of the appropriate search committee. If confidentiality is critical to you, please make it clear in your cover letter that this is a requirement for you, at least in the initial stages of inquiry and dialogue.

If you are seeking a supply organist, the fastest method is to contact the Professional Relations Director with all the pertinent information. When sent to all members by email, many requests are filled within one hour. This method has saved a lot of time otherwise spent in calling an ever-changing list of names. Contact information is listed below.

If you are aware that a church/synagogue position is becoming available, (i.e., you are making a change), please advise the Professional Relations Director as soon as possible for listing and distribution. Contact:

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The Professional Relations Director will neither recommend anyone for a position nor serve as an agent for any member. The Professional Relations Director is always available to members and to hiring institutions for the purpose of answering questions.