



Voices

Spokane Chapter, American Guild of Organists

Dean's Notes

Dear Members and Friends of the Spokane Chapter of The American Guild of Organists,

We had a wonderful event last month! I hope everyone that was able to attend our 'Organ Plus' concert at Salem Lutheran had a good time, and enjoyed the show. I know I did! There's been talk about repeating the event next year. Let the board know if you would like to see that happen.

Well, another year has flown by and its time to renew for next year. Please renew soon! Our treasurer Vince Roland tells me that National would like to have renewals done by June 1. That's just a few short weeks away.

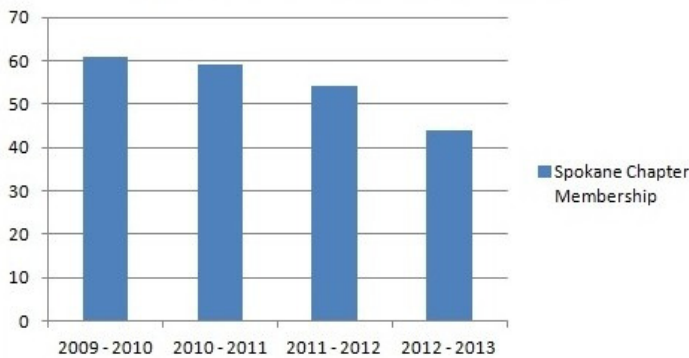
The membership renewal form can be downloaded here:
<http://spokaneago.org/AGO.2013-2014.Renewal.Form.pdf>

Please fill it out, then print it, and mail it with your check to:

Vince Roland, Treasurer
4019 S. Suncrest Dr.
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Last year a lot of members were slow to renew and as you can see by chart below, our total renewal rate was way down.

Spokane Chapter Membership



What can we do to slow this trend? We all need to do our part. If you've been a member in the past but didn't renew last year, please consider "coming back". If you have friends or associates that you feel would

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enjoy our events, and might like to be in the guild, invite them to join.

Perhaps you know a young person who is studying piano, or perhaps is a budding organist at your church. Or, maybe you know of a former member that is on a fixed income, and he or she cannot afford the dues? Let someone on the board know. There may be something that could be done to cover their dues in the form of scholarships or gifts.

On Sunday, June 9th we will have our annual picnic at the Brocklebank's home. I'd like to see everyone there, and prepared to discuss the future of the guild and our chapter. Share your ideas with us!

What events would you like to see happen? Would you like to see more concerts? Should the chapter bring recitalists to Spokane to play (at the chapter's expense). Do we need to have more 'Workshop' type events? Organ crawls? Lectures? More social events? What past events have you deemed to be a success? What are some ideas for successful events in the future?

Please come to the picnic and share your ideas.

Robert Collins

Dean, Spokane Chapter of The American Guild of Organists

Upcoming Spokane Chapter AGO Events

Wednesday, May 15

Musicfest Northwest—St. John's Episcopal Cathedral

The Organ Division of Musicfest 2011 will take place on Tuesday, May 10, 2011 at St. John's Episcopal Cathedral (12th and Grand Aves.)

Luncheon with Mark Brombaugh – Saturday, May 18 at 12:00 p.m. (The home of Frank and Carolyn Payne, 2414 S. Cherry Lane, Spokane)

Please call Carolyn (at 535-7145) to R.S.V.P by Thursday, May 16

Organ Recital by Mark Brombaugh – Sunday, May 19 at 4:00 p.m. (The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, 127 E. 12th Avenue, Spokane)

(co-sponsored with the Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist).

Mark Brombaugh, Organist, Christ Episcopal Church, Tacoma

While his program includes works by Bach, Dupre, de Grigny, Scheidemann and Percy Whitlock, Dr. Brombaugh is featuring the second performance of Tacoma composer, David Dahl's "Festive Prelude" on the Welsh hymn-tune, Cwm Rhondda. Other contemporary work includes American organist and composer Larry Peyton King's Fanfares to the Tongues of Fire. King was music director at Trinity Church, Wall Street, for many years. Commissioned by Riverside Church in 1978, he composed Tongues of Fire, designed to demonstrate a new organ stop known as trumpet-en-chamade. Mark Brombaugh is co-director of Music Ministries at Christ Episcopal Church, Tacoma, a position he shares with his wife, the Rev. Kathryn Nichols.