



**American Guild of Organists  
Sarasota-Manatee Chapter  
Executive Committee Meeting  
November 11, 2025 11 a.m.  
St. Armands Key Lutheran Church, Sarasota**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**CHAPTER OFFICERS**

Michael Bodnyk  
**Dean**

Vacant  
**Sub-Dean**

Bryan Cordell  
**Secretary**

Glen Olsen  
**Treasurer**

**AT-LARGE MEMBERS**

**2026**  
James Guyer  
Jim Johnston

**2027**  
Brandon Kouri  
Glenn Priest

**2028**  
Jason Branham  
Sam Nelson

*Membership –*  
*Historian –*  
*Newsletter – Sam Nelson*  
*Publicity –*  
*Advertising –*  
*Webmaster – Bryan Cordell*  
*Chaplain –*  
*Education –*  
*Placement – John Ferreira*

**AGENDA**

- 1. Call to Order** – Dean Michael Bodnyk called the Executive Committee (EC) meeting to order at 11:10 a.m.
- 2. Installation of Officers and At-Large Members** – Rev. Bill Beljean, St. Armands Key Lutheran Church, administered the installation of the newly elected members of the EC:
  - a. Michael Bodnyk, Dean
  - b. Bryan Cordell, Secretary
  - c. Glen Olsen, Treasurer
  - d. Jim Johnston, At-Large Member (2026)
  - e. Sam Nelson, At-Large Member (2028)
  - f. Jason Branham, At-Large Member (2028)
- 3. Roll Call/Quorum** – 7 Members Present
  - a. Michael Bodnyk, Dean
  - b. Bryan Cordell, Secretary
  - c. Glen Olsen, Treasurer
  - d. Jim Johnston, At-Large Member
  - e. Sam Nelson, At-Large Member
  - f. Brandon Kouri, At-Large Member (via ZOOM)
  - g. Jason Branham, At-Large Member (via ZOOM)
  - 2 Members Absent: James Guyer, Glenn Priest (At-Large Members)
  - Meeting quorum is established (minimum of 25%)
- 4. Approval of Minutes** – Secretary Cordell summarized minutes to 3 previous sessions. These session minutes have been distributed by e-mail and posted to the chapter website:
  - a. January 29, 2025 (Executive Committee)
  - b. June 4, 2025 (Annual Meeting)
  - c. November 5, 2025 (Executive Committee-Virtual)

Secretary Cordell moved to approve the minutes as presented, Sam Nelson seconded. Hearing no further discussion or questions, motion carried



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**5. Dean's Comments – Michael Bodnyk**

- a. Welcomed everyone to this first session of the newly re-constituted EC for the chapter year 2025-26
- b. Thanked outgoing Dean Sam Nelson for his leadership in the past two years and his transition support
- c. Thanked all of the returning and new members of the EC for stepping up to be a part of the EC going forward
- d. Expressed great enthusiasm looking forward to the remainder of this chapter year and beyond

**6. Secretary/Webmaster's Report – Bryan Cordell**

- a. Official Secretary Records for 2025 (to date):
  - i. January 29 (Executive Committee)
  - ii. June 4 (Annual Meeting)
  - iii. November 5 (Executive Committee-Virtual)
- b. Membership Status (2025): **57 CURRENT** Members

**ADDS: +10**

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|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| • Adamski, Rafal            | • Davies, Lew                |
| • Bacacio, Erica            | • Filsell, Jeremy (transfer) |
| • Bowker, Kristene          | • Galuska, Andrew (transfer) |
| • Brady, Rev. Fr. Michael   | • Knoppers, Landon (dual)    |
| • Branham, Jason (transfer) | • Seevers, Donald (dual)     |

**DROPS: -13**

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|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| • Behnke, John    | • Master, Joseph (transfer) |
| • Culver, Jim     | • Murphy, Lorraine          |
| • Guliano, John   | • Shields, Mary             |
| • Hogsed, Jones   | • Stephenson-Moe, Ann       |
| • Hunder, Jane    | • Walton, Jim               |
| • Jensen, Barbara | • Wilson, Rev. Charleston   |
| • Marren, Shawn   |                             |

Discussion followed on several new members who recently joined as well as on those other members who allowed their memberships to lapse (some are late to renew).

Membership Directory Updates for 2025: Jan 8, Jun 30, Oct 10, Nov 1, Dec 1 (pending)



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- c. Website Changes/Updates were summarized as follows:
  - i. Update/refresh all parts of the site
  - ii. Home Page announcements, event promotions, chapter calendar, newsletters
  - iii. Posting chapter governance docs (agendas, minutes, finances, etc.)
  - iv. Membership directory updates
  - v. Placement info: Sub list, Position Descriptions for job openings (with assistance from John Ferreira)
  - vi. Posters/brochures for posting
  - vii. Maintaining gallery photos from chapter events
  - viii. Providing security for sensitive information

**\*IMPORTANT NOTE\***

The website is the “de facto” archive of the chapter’s artifacts from the past several years

**7. Treasurer’ Report – Glen Olsen**

- a. Presented 1<sup>st</sup> quarter financial report for July 1 – September 30, 2025 (*Attachment 1*)
- b. For the record, including the full year report from last chapter year (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025) that adds the two final months of the year that were not available at the time of the annual meeting (*Attachment 2*)
- c. Financially, we’re in pretty good shape with an account balance of **\$14,512.62** as of Sep 30
- d. Summarized recent remits (inflows) and 2 disbursements (outflows)
- e. Most remits from national AGO are in the summer, June - August. Still struggling with the new national AGO system that was recently rolled out and trying to get the status of remits
- f. Discussed the status of the chapter’s non-profit statement with the IRS  
**ACTION:** Glen Olsen to file the non-profit statement with the IRS in December 2025
- g. With no further discussion or questions on the Q1 financial statement, Secretary Cordell moved to accept, Dean Michael Bodnyk seconded. Motion carried



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**8. New Business**

**a. Discussion on Programming Events**

**i. January 11, 2026 – Nancy Siebecker host organ session (Jeremy Filsell)**

- Meeting by chapter members on November 12 to finalize details for this event and inform EC

**ii. January 2026 (latter month) – Progressive brunch/Commissioned work?**

- Suggestion by Glen Olsen whereby chapter members could visit multiple church organs (open console) with each location providing a different menu of lite food and refreshments
- Discussion that perhaps this would work best by having members in north, central, and south chapter start locally ... with all three groups converging in the central Sarasota area for the final venue
- Will explore possible venues for this type of event, however, suggest deferring a Commissioned work to a later date given the time constraint

**iii. February 2026 (latter month) – Kids 'n Pipes/Orgelkids? Young organist?**

- Since the Orgelkids event in January of 2025 was one of the more successful events last chapter year, perhaps host a similar event again. General agreement this would be a possibility  
**ACTION:** Bryan Cordell to contact Jonathan Birnmer (Southwest FL AGO) to see if the Orgelkids kit is available to rent and he is available to provide consultant support. Planning dates would be latter Saturdays in February (21<sup>st</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup>)
- Jim Johnston also suggested sponsoring a young organist to attend an AGO sanctioned Pipe Organ Encounters (POE) event. Estimate would be around \$500. Nearest POE event would be NC in July 2026
- Additional discussions on having a separate youth scholarship for organ studies within the chapter  
**ACTION:** Jason Branham knows of someone who has insight on establishing these types of scholarships and will contact them, report back



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iv. May 2026 (mid-month) – **Annual Banquet/Meeting**

- Discussion focused on establishing a date for the next Annual Banquet/Meeting. Agreed that **May 18, 2026** would be preferred with other details to be discussed at the January EC session

**ACTION:** EC members to consider possible locations and come to the January EC session with some proposals

**b. Discussion on Partnering Events**

**i. Ringling Estate – Aeolian organ restoration**

- Sam Nelson will monitor future activities and report back
- Bryan Cordell is a member of the Ringling and will forward newsletter updates from the Ringling on the organ renovation status

**ii. The Classical Academy (TCA), Sarasota – Wurlitzer theater organ**

- Bryan Cordell is a member of the American Theater Organ Society (ATOS) and is acting as local lead for ATOS on re-activating the Wurlitzer at TCA. Glen Olsen's wife is a teacher at TCA and will assist on coordinating contacts within TCA to help us establish regular access to the Wurlitzer pipe organ

**iii. Church program events, open console sessions, other music venues?**

- Everyone is encouraged to provide calendar dates, brochures, and other promotional material to Bryan Cordell (webmaster) for posting on the chapter website and calendar

**c. Designate Official Chapter Location/Consider Banking Options**

Discussion led by Glen Olsen, Treasurer, regarding our current banking situation. This has been an on-going topic within the EC:

- Our current bank account (Bank of America-BoFA) requires us to keep a \$5,000 minimum balance to avoid fees. We get NO interest on our balance
- Initial research into an alternative account with PNC would suggest a better deal for our chapter (with respect to fees, interest on our balance, etc.)

**ACTION:** Glen Olsen to research further over the next 6 weeks and report back to the EC with a recommendation to vote on

**ACTION:** Dean Michael Bodnyk has a BoFA contact and will follow up with them to see if they can help the chapter get a better deal if we retain BoFA as our financial institution



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- iii. Discussion on a physical chapter location/address. This would allow us to affix an address to all official chapter documentation and records (when appropriate), as well as designate a physical location for storage of hardcopy archives. The EC has considered this before with a suggested option being Church of the Redeemer, Sarasota (centralized, located on the mainland, elevated storage areas available on higher floors)

**ACTION:** Sam Nelson to check with the leadership of Church of the Redeemer, Sarasota to determine if this would be possible and report back at the January EC session

**9. Next Meeting**

Date: Monday, January 5, 2026

Time: 11 a.m.

Location: St. Armand's Key Lutheran Church, Sarasota

- 10. Adjournment** - Seeing no other agenda items for discussion, Dean Michael Bodnyk asked for a motion to adjourn. Glen Olsen made the motion, Bryan Cordell seconded. Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,  
Bryan Cordell, Secretary

**ATTACHMENT 1:** Financial Report (Q1, 2025-2026)

**ATTACHMENT 2:** Financial Report (Annual, 2024-2025)



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