



**American Guild of Organists
Sarasota-Manatee Chapter
Executive Committee Meeting
March 9, 2026 11 a.m.
On-Line ZOOM Conference**

AGENDA

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

CHAPTER OFFICERS

Michael Bodnyk
Dean

Jason Branham
Sub-Dean

Bryan Cordell
Secretary

Glen Olsen
Treasurer

AT-LARGE MEMBERS

2026

James Guyer
Jim Johnston

2027

Brandon Kouri
Glenn Priest

2028

Sam Nelson
John Behnke

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

1. **Call to Order** – Dean Michael Bodnyk called the Executive Committee (EC) meeting to order at 11:06 a.m.
2. **Roll Call/Quorum** – 5 Members Present
 - a. Michael Bodnyk, Dean (ZOOM-Host)
 - b. Jason Branham, Sub-Dean (ZOOM)
 - c. Bryan Cordell, Secretary (ZOOM)
 - d. Glen Olsen, Treasurer (ZOOM)
 - e. Sam Nelson, At-Large Member (ZOOM)
 - 4 At-Large Members Absent: James Guyer, Brandon Kouri, Jim Johnston, Glenn Priest
 - Meeting quorum established (minimum of 25%)
3. **Approval of Minutes** – Dean Michael Bodnyk noted the minutes to the February 9, 2026 EC session had been distributed for review. Hearing no discussion, a call was made to approve. Treasurer Olsen moved to approve the minutes as presented, Sam Nelson seconded, motion carried
4. **Dean's Report** – Michael Bodnyk
 - a. Provided update on filling the open At-Large vacancy (2028) on the EC. Contacted Fonda Davies, however, no response. Confirmed that John Behnke was still willing to fill this position. Dean Bodnyk made a motion to confirm John Behnke for this position; Bryan Cordell seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried
NOTE: We will reach out to Fonda to fill one of the two At-Large positions (2029) as part of the nomination process for the next chapter year starting July 2026
 - b. Regarding the Nominating Committee for the 2026-27 chapter year, Dean Bodnyk inquired who might lead that. Bob Woody has done so for a number of years. Perhaps he would be willing to support again for the current cycle
ACTION: Michael Bodnyk to contact Bob Woody about leading the Nominating Committee for the 2026-27 chapter year
 - c. Dean Bodnyk noted the open position of chaplain. He would like to ask Rev. Michael Brady, Christ Episcopal Church, Bradenton to assume this position. General consensus from the EC to proceed
ACTION: Michael Bodnyk to contact Rev. Brady about assuming the Chaplain position for the chapter



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5. Sub-Dean's Report – Jason Branham

As the lead for the Program Committee, led the discussion on current and future activities proposed for the remainder of the chapter year:

a. Feb 21 –Organ Crawl

- The following is an e-mail statement to the EC from Nancy Siebecker on behalf of Jim Johnston, summarizing this event:

“Saturday, Feb 21 our chapter held an organ crawl from 10 am - 2 pm at three different churches in the area. Andrew Galuska included a hand out in his presentation of the organ at First Methodist in Bradenton, Bill Holt and Jeremy Filsell presented the Letourneau at Christ Church and Sam Nelson gave a demo of the Hauptwerk organ at Church of the Redeemer after lunch break. There were five attendees with several other chapter members citing schedule conflicts. Program committee member Jim Johnston planned and managed the event for us”*

***NOTE for Clarification: The actual demo product was GrandOrgue ... a similar product to Hauptwerk**

b. Apr 18 - Choral Techniques Workshop with Rebecca Kellerman-Filsell

- Promotional brochure has been updated with additional details for this event; however, location has been changed from Christ Episcopal Church, Bradenton to First Congregational UCC, Sarasota. The Program Committee would like to get this out right away to start promoting this event. Confirmed that Rebecca Kellerman-Filsell had been confirmed to lead this workshop for a fee of \$300
- Several discussion points arose regarding this workshop. Secretary Cordell noted that 1 of 3 of his concerns had already been addressed with a revised location that is more centrally located in the geographic chapter. However, 2 other concerns remain. First, not sure there is enough content value for this workshop that would make it compelling for attendees. Second, it's scheduled at the end of the choral season after Easter when many choirs are winding down going into summer break and snowbird members are heading home. Suggested this event be re-scheduled as an opening workshop in the Fall program at the re-start of choir season with expanded content, perhaps some specific music repertoire packets that attendees can read through at the workshop and take home
- Sub-Dean Branham preferred to press ahead with the event as planned since a financial commitment to Ms. Kellerman-Filsell had already been made to reserve this date/time. To change that would be deemed “unprofessional” on our part



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- More discussion followed that the EC had not authorized any financial commitments yet for this event. The Feb 9th EC session simply asked for additional details about workshop content and confirmation that Ms. Kellerman-Filsell would still be available to support this event
- Secretary Cordell made a motion to defer this event to the Fall program; Sam Nelson seconded. Additional discussion followed about the scope, focus, target audience, relevance to chapter members, etc. After conclusion of discussion motion passed by 4-1 margin (YES: Bodnyk, Cordell, Olsen, Nelson NO: Branham)
- Treasurer Olsen suggested a luncheon with Ms. Kellerman-Filsell to allow chapter members an opportunity to meet and get acquainted with her. Then discuss parameters of a workshop. Pay a stipend for a speaking fee. Discussion followed
- Dean Bodnyk made a motion to offer a \$100 compensation to Ms. Kellerman-Filsell for reserving the April 18 date; Sam Nelson seconded. Hearing no further discussion, motion carried

ACTION: Sub-Dean Branham to contact Ms. Kellerman-Filsell and advise deferral of the workshop until the Fall and \$100 compensation for holding the April 18 date

c. *Annual Banquet (May-June)*

- Secretary Cordell provided an update on The Classical Academy (TCA), Sarasota per actions taken at the last EC session. An Event Reservation was submitted to TCA for Monday evening, June 1, duration of 4 hours (5 p.m. – 9 p.m.) Summary of estimated costs for the facility, supporting personnel, and the host organist would include:

- TCA Facility Charge: \$240
- Other (facility-security, tech support, etc): \$300
- Venue Insurance: TBD (Glen Olsen checking)
- Host Organist Fee: \$500

Total: \$1040

Based on an estimated attendance of 50, that would put these non-catering charges at ~ **\$20/ea**



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- Dean Bodnyk made a motion to approve the event logistics for the Annual Banquet-Business Meeting as follows:
 - **Date:** June 1
 - **Time:** 6 p.m.
 - **Location:** TCA, Sarasota
 - **Host Organist:** Steven Ball
 - **Not-to-Exceed (NTE) \$2k** for the non-catering expenses
 - **FREE** to AGO and ATOS members

Glen Olsen seconded the motion. With no further discussion, motion carried

- Secretary Cordell also contacted the national American Theater Organ Society (ATOS) leadership to obtain a sponsorship donation for this event as it is part of the re-activation of the Wurlitzer organ during the 2026 year. A donation is forthcoming with final amount being finalized (est. between \$500-\$1000)
- Discussions turned to catering support for this event. Dean Bodnyk suggested a caterer he knows within the church; a Publix store is nearby that could provide party trays for appetizers
- **ACTION:** Michael Bodnyk to check with the caterer he knows to determine if they could support this event, both appetizers and meal or perhaps just the meal. Catering costs to be considered at the next EC meeting in April
- **ACTION:** Bryan Cordell to confirm date and program with Steven Ball
- **ACTION:** Glen Olsen to download National AGO Venue Insurance form, complete, and submit for approval

6. Secretary/Webmaster's Report – Bryan Cordell

Report deferred until the next EC meeting due to time constraints.

7. Treasurer's Report – Glen Olsen

- a. Per actions taken at previous EC meetings, completed research into alternate banking and postal arrangements for the chapter's operations. Recommend the chapter move banking operations from Bank of America to TRUIST. Also, recommend opening a U.S. Post Office box in Osprey, FL that would be a near central location
- b. Dean Bodnyk made a motion to move banking operations to TRUIST and open a P.O. Box in Osprey, FL. Sam Nelson seconded. With no further discussion, motion carried
 - **ACTION:** Glen Olsen to research and recommend signatory protocol on checks



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8. Old Business

a. Youth Scholarships

- Further discussion on Youth Scholarships deferred until the next EC meeting due to time constraints

b. GOOGLE Forms

- Further discussion on the use of GOOGLE Forms for newsletters and the chapter website deferred until the next EC meeting due to time constraints

9. New Business

None noted

10. Next Meeting

Date: Monday, April 20, 2026

Time: 11 a.m.

Location: St. Armands Key Lutheran Church, Sarasota + ZOOM

11. Adjournment - Seeing no other agenda items for discussion, Dean Bodnyk called for a motion to adjourn. Dean Bodnyk made the motion, Glen Olsen seconded. Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,
Bryan Cordell, Secretary