

Notes from A Loft

August 2023

The American Guild of Organists

Tampa, Florida Chapter

Celebrating 75 years!

Greetings from your new Dean!

I am excited to take the reins of the Tampa Chapter and look forward to the next two years of serving you! We welcome new members to our board: Michael Dougherty (Secretary) and Andre Botero (Board member)! All others on the board are returning members in various positions – welcome back!

I wanted to let our membership know that the board met in July and discussed and planned exciting programs for 2023-2024. Board members have taken responsibility for each event and are now (even as I type) putting the details of each program together and finalizing dates and times.

Daring and bold ideas were discussed that include our annual Bach Bash and Member's recitals plus occasions to gather and just socialize and get to know one another.

Watch for our next Newsletter for the details of each event! This promises to be a banner year to celebrate our 75th anniversary!

Stephen L. Allen – Dean

Tampa Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

2023 –2024 Officers –Tampa Chapter

Dean

Stephen Allen

Sub-Dean

Steven Ball

Secretary

Michael Dougherty

Treasurer

Van Howard

Members-At-Large

Andre Botero -2026

Sylvia Chai -2026

Thomas Ingui -2025

Tony Sievert -2024

Rebecca Steinke -2025

Edwin Taylor -2024

Rebecca Steinke, Webmaster

John Matthew Cowan, Social Media Coordinator

Please send any newsletter submission by no later than the 25th of the prior month for the next month's newsletter to Michael Dougherty at mdougherty@hydeparkumc.org.

Positions Available

Please send available positions to Michael Dougherty at mdougherty@hydeparkumc.org along with clear contact information for any inquiries

Substitutes Available

(O –Organist, P –Pianist, O/D –Organist/Director, D –Director, V –Vocalist)

Please send updates or corrections to this list to Michael Dougherty at mdougherty@hydeparkumc.org.

Inclusion in this list does not constitute the Chapter's endorsement of skills, and thus it encourages interviews with prospective substitutes. Those listed must be a member of the American Guild of Organists.

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