

2016 Board Candidates (4 to be selected)  
American Guild of Organists — Milwaukee Chapter

\* indicates an incumbent running for another term



**Martha Aslaksen\*** began her organ training in high school with Phyllis Stringham. Her formal schooling in music concluded with receiving her Master of Music degree in organ performance from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1990. Her teacher was Dr. John Chappell Stowe.

Martha is the organist and handbell choir director at Wauwatosa Avenue United Methodist Church since 1991. In addition, Martha is a registered nurse with a PhD in nursing. She is combining nursing and music by studying the effects of music therapy on agitation in people with dementia.

**Rhonda Kwiecien** is a highly successful professional musician in the greater Milwaukee area. In addition to her position as organist and accompanist with First Congregational of Wauwatosa, she is the staff accompanist and collaborative pianist for the music department of



Carroll University and the accompanist for the Jubilate Chorale and the choral music department of Muskego High School. In addition to her extensive career in music, Rhonda also enjoys reading, biking, walking, and spending time with family and friends. She and her husband, Paul, live in Waukesha.

**Rev. Thomas Lijewski\***, the current chapter chaplain, was ordained in 1970 and is now retired from parish ministry, having most recently served parishes in Port Washington and Saukville. He



started piano lessons at age eight and organ lessons at age twelve. He completed his music studies at Alverno College with Sr. Mary Hueller OSF in 1983. Since then he was Chair of the Catholic Symphony board of directors and is now Co-Chair of the Wisconsin

Chapter of the Organ Historical Society with Dr. David Bohn. He did the final recital for the OHS in 1990 at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Kenosha on their Skinner Organ.

**Dean Rosko\*** began studies of piano at age six, and private organ and music theory instruction with Dr. Marilyn K. Stulken of Racine, WI at age ten. He got his professional start at age 13 at Rollaero Skate Center in Cudahy, WI, and played every Saturday evening for roller skating for eight years.



in 2003, he was named Official Organist of the Milwaukee Brewers beginning in the 2003 season, a position he currently holds. Since 2004, he has been a staff organist at Greenfield's landmark Organ Piper Music Palace,

He currently serves as Vice-President of the Dairyland Theatre Organ Society, and is a member of the American Guild of Organists, Milwaukee Chapter. In addition to Dr. Stulken, he has studied organ with Michael Batcho, and Tom Koester.

Dean is a noted organist in the world of roller dance skating, having played many local contests, as well as the Great Lakes Regional Championships. He currently has ten CD recordings to his credit, all arranged and recorded for roller skating. In February of 2013, Dean assumed the post of Principal Organist at Milwaukee's Church of the Gesu.

**Richard C. Ewert** is head organist at Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church, Elm Grove, WI. He studied under Phyllis Stringham at Carroll College, Waukesha, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Applied Music - Organ

Performance. During his college years he was a finalist in the Bach-a-thon scholarship competition (receiving the Keyboard award) and played for a number of Master Classes at the University of Wisconsin and Regional

Conventions of the American Guild of Organists. He has been a member of the Milwaukee Chapter of the AGO since 1976 and served as Treasurer in the mid-1980's. He serves as guest organist on festival occasions in the Milwaukee area. In 1990 and 1992 he co-hosted hymn heritage



tours to Germany, Austria, and Scandinavia which included devotional services utilizing many of the historic organs of Europe. "If elected, I would work toward hosting events that would help the chapter fulfill the AGO's mission and purpose as described on the National AGO website"

## OFFICER CANDIDATES

**Running Unopposed:  
(Write-ins are permissible)**

### For Dean: (Unopposed)



**Sheri Masialkowski** is currently Sub-Dean of the Milwaukee Chapter, music director of the Permanent Diaconate Formation Program of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and music director at Greenfield Presbyterian Church. Sheri chairs the Archdiocesan Liturgical Musicians Association (Roman Catholic) and serves on the Board of the MacDowell Club of Milwaukee. She holds a Master of

Music in organ from Westminster Choir College (Princeton, New Jersey) and a Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies (liturgical music specialization) from St. Francis Seminary (St. Francis, Wisconsin). Her teachers include Sr. Mary Jane Wagner, Dr. Donald McDonald and John Chappell Stowe. Sheri has served on the AGO Board in the past and looks forward to working with her respected colleagues in the Milwaukee AGO once again.

### For Sub-Dean:

**John Schubring** is former Dean and Sub-Dean of the Milwaukee Chapter and currently serves as PipeNotes Editor. He has served several parishes in Wisconsin and Iowa as Director of Music and organist. John is currently Director of Music at Our Shepherd Lutheran Church in Greendale. At Our Shepherd Lutheran he directs two adult handbell choirs, a children's handbell choir and the senior choir.



He is also responsible for playing the organ for church services. John holds the Bachelor of Arts degree from Carthage College in Church Music and Organ Performance, studying with Susan Klotzbach and Gary Verkade, and a Master of Arts degree from the University of Iowa in Organ Performance, where he studied with Delbert Disselhorst.

**Audrey Rhinehart**, CAGO, is currently an AGO board member with a strong interest in continuing her service to bring continuity to the educational endeavors of the Milwaukee Chapter AGO including the successful Pedals, Pipes and Pizza Program which she chaired for the last 3 years. She also served as a faculty member for the AGO Pipe Organ Encounter at Carroll University in 2010. As Organist/Director of Music at St. Kilian Congregation in Hartford she leads a comprehensive music program involving a wide range of ages and musical gifts. Audrey holds a Bachelor of Music Education degree from Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa, and a Piano Pedagogy Certificate from Carroll University in Waukesha. Organ studies have been with Dr. Warren Schmidt, Dr. Vincent Benitez, Phyllis Stringham and Sr. Mary Jane Wagner. Audrey is passionate about her ministry as a music educator and looks forward to the opportunity to continue to serve and support the Chapter.



### Treasurer



**Steven Jensen\***

### Registrar



**David Beyer\***

### Secretary



**Nicole Moritz\***

**Special: Chapter Confirmation  
of proposed Chair for  
2019 North Central Regional Convention**



**Larry Wheelock**