

# The Trompette

Central Iowa Chapter | The American Guild of Organists

April 21, 2016

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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

It has been an honor and a privilege serving as Dean of the Central Iowa Chapter of the A.G.O. I'm very proud of all the hardworking, dedicated members of the executive committee that have worked with me to provide successful programming. I'm also extremely grateful for all members of our chapter for your continued support in making our chapter the best it can be. Next season our chapter will continue to be vibrant with existing and exciting new programs.



In May I will be starting a new chapter in my life. I am pleased to share with you that I have accepted a position as Full-time Director of Music Ministry at Asbury United Methodist Church in Salisbury, MD, approximately 2 hours from D.C. and Baltimore. At Asbury I will be overseeing a large music program with numerous choral, handbell, and instrumental ensembles. The primary instruments used to lead worship include a 4-manual, 72 rank Casavant and a 9-ft Steinway concert grand piano. I welcome each and every one of you to come out and visit sometime if you ever get the opportunity. If you would like to reach me please use my e-mail:

Michael.Stefanek@hotmail.com or 515-468-7805.

All Best,

*Michael Stefanek*

Michael Stefanek,  
Dean of the Central Iowa Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

## Deadline for the next Trompette:

**May 16, 2016**

Please share the musical events that are happening in your church for inclusion in the Trompette and/or website.

Submissions can be e-mailed to:

[ciaago@hotmail.com](mailto:ciaago@hotmail.com)

Submission forms also available on website

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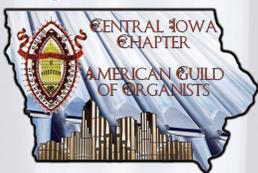
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**Chapter Elections are coming!**  
**Please inform yourself about the candidates and submit any additional nominations via written petition by at least five voting members by May 20!**



# Chapter Calendar



Chapter Event (gray) Community Event (white)

DATE/TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	ADDRESS
05/01/2016 8:30 A.M./11:10 A.M.	Vivaldi Gloria	St. Mark Lutheran Church	1105 Grand Avenue West Des Moines, IA

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## Upcoming Election Biographies



### Dean Nominee: Deanna Snyder

Deanna Snyder began serving as church organist at the age of twelve, on a Hammond organ in Linden Methodist church in Waterloo. Through the years she has studied with Carl Bleyle at ISU, Philip Hahn at UNI, Eleanor Taylor at Coe College, Delores Bruch at U of I, and with Carl Staplin for over twenty years, having completed the Certification in Church Music at Drake in 2005. She has served as organist in twelve churches over nearly 50 years; was college organist at Grinnell College, 1986-87; and was organist for Musica Ecclesia from 1990-1992. She worked most of her life as a Registered Nurse and retired from the ministry in 2013. She currently serves as organist at Grand View Lutheran Church in Des Moines.

### Sub-Dean Nominee: Dave Raymond

David Raymond began study of piano at age five and organ at age thirteen. He continued organ studies at Baker University and the University of Kansas. He has performed on many of the great organs in North America including Grace Cathedral (San Francisco), the Air Force Academy Chapel, the Cathedral of St. John the Divine (New York), the Mormon Tabernacle, and other landmark instruments. Since 1988, Mr. Raymond has been Cathedral Organist at The Cathedral Church of St. Paul (Episcopal), Des Moines, where he presided over the design and installation of the 68 rank Casavant organ. He is a past Dean of the South Central Alaska (Anchorage) and Central Iowa (Des Moines) Chapters of the American Guild of Organists. In 2014 he was made Canon Musician of the Episcopal Church.



### Secretary Nominee: David Blumer

Dave Blumer began playing organ while in high school and was taking lessons from his piano teacher who was also the organist at his church. He moved to Ames in 1983 and began playing at St. Paul Lutheran Church. He also served at the First Evangelical Church for approximately twelve years. He has been the associate organist at Memorial Lutheran Church in Nevada for the past 6 years. He has been a member of the Central Iowa AGO Chapter for 12 years and has served as the chapter secretary for the past four years. He has enjoyed my time serving as secretary and hope to continue in this capacity.

### Member-At-Large Nominee: Mark Shultz

Mark is completing a term as sub-dean of the chapter and is seeking election to the one year remaining on Deanna Snyder's board term as she moves to dean. Mark is organist at Ankeny United Methodist Church.



### Member-At-Large Nominee: Pat Crawford

Pat Crawford, a resident of Slater and Central AGO Chapter member of many years, played organ since high school but did not get a degree until the middle of her life. She earned a BA in Music from Briar Cliff in Sioux City, Iowa. In addition to her duties as organist and choir accompanist at St John's Lutheran church in Madrid, she directs the Heartland Senior Songbirds in Ames and sings with the Whimsical Warblers sextet. They entertain folks at various assisted living and nursing homes in the area during the month. She really hopes that we can get more young people interested in being church organists and believes that they are our future.

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