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## Directory of Officials 2016 - 2017

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## 2017 January Jubilee Events

### POE

January 28	Fox Valley/Southwest Suburban (La Grange, IL)	GL
January 28	Wichita (Wichita, KS)	NC
February 3-4	Tallahassee (Tallahassee, FL)	SE

## 2017 Pipe Organ Encounters

### POE

June 11-16	South Dakota (Dordt College, Sioux Center, IA)	NC
July 16-22	San Diego, CA (Univ. of San Diego)	WE
July 16-21	Hartford, CT (Trinity College)	NE
July 23-27	Winchester, VA (Braddock St. United Methodist)	MA

### POE-Advanced

June 25-30	Birmingham, AL (The Univ. of Ala., Tuscaloosa, AL)	SE
July 23-28	Seattle, WA (Seattle Pacific Univ.)	WE

### POE-Plus

June 25-30	San Antonio, TX (Trinity University)	SW
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### POE-Tech

July 9-14	Berkeley Lake, GA (Atlanta Chapter/Parkey Organbuilders)	SE
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## The 2017 National AGO Pedagogy Conference

October 18-21	Lawrence, Kansas (The University of Kansas)	NC
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### *Regional Abbreviations:*

GL = Great Lakes / MA=Mid-Atlantic / NC=North Central / NE=Northeast / WE=West  
SW = Southwest / SE = Southeast

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*\*The new CONO appointments were made mid-term on July 25, 2016*

## RESPONSIBILITIES OF AGO STANDING COMMITTEES

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**Responsibilities.** Each national committee of the American Guild of Organists is assigned by the National Council to enable a specific part of the mission of the Guild. The National Council assigns each committee to the oversight of one of the National Councillors, or may determine that a committee shall report to a National Officer, or directly to the National Council.

**Terms and Nominations.** Members and directors of national committees are appointed to two-year terms, in most cases beginning on July 1 of odd-numbered years. Members of the National Nominating Committee, the Competitions Committee, and the Personnel Committee begin their terms in even-numbered years. The terms for National Convention Coordinator members of the Committee for Conventions begin on July 1 of even-numbered years, while terms for former Regional Convention Coordinators begin on July 1 of odd-numbered years. Appointment is made by the National Council, usually at its spring meeting prior to the beginning of the committee term. Appointment to Committee membership is determined by approval by the Council of a list of names submitted by the appropriate councilor or officer in charge of the respective Committee. Full discussions are allowed with potential nominees for appointed positions in order to determine their availability and willingness to serve before presenting names to the Council.

**Membership rotation.** To ensure a continuous rotation of qualified volunteers while providing continuity of leadership, no committee member or director may serve more than three consecutive full terms on the same committee. Committee members who are eligible to serve another term are not automatically reappointed; they must be nominated anew for each term. In the event of special projects or extenuating circumstances where it would appear prudent for a term or terms to be extended, the appropriate Officer or Councillor may request such extensions through the National Council. In the case of newly formed committees the number of allowable consecutive terms for original committee members shall be determined by lot; the same process applies to any special committee or task force without determined lengths of terms.



**Composition.** Except for specific committees designated by the National Council no committee shall have more than four members, including the Director. Committee membership should reflect the objectives and agenda of the particular committee and should be balanced as much as possible by gender, age, Guild certification, and geographic area. All committee members must be Voting Members of the American Guild of Organists.

**Vacancies.** Vacancies on committees may be filled at any time by the appointment of the National Council, upon nomination by the appropriate Councillor or Officer. The term of a committee member or director appointed to fill a vacancy expires on the next June 30 in the committee's normal term.

**Budget.** Each committee is subject to an annual budget as approved by the National Council, usually at its spring meeting. The committee director is responsible for keeping the committee within its budget and for submitting the annual budget proposal or any requests for augmenting the budget to the appropriate Councillor or Officer in a timely manner. The Councillor or Officer is responsible for keeping committee directors informed of the status of their budgets. Any committee meeting or telephone conference must be approved in advance by the appropriate Councillor or Officer. Requests for any funds for special projects or prizes for competitions must be approved by the appropriate Councillor or Officer, the Development Committee, the National Council and the Executive Director.

**Publications.** Committees intending to print material in a publication sponsored by the national AGO must submit such material to the appropriate Councillor or Officer for approval prior to publication. In particular, educational materials prepared by AGO committees must be reviewed and approved by the Committee on Continuing Professional Education prior to publication.

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## **NATIONAL CONVENTIONS**

**2018**

Kansas City, Missouri: July 2 – July 6

**2020**

Atlanta, Georgia: July 5 – July 10

**2022**

Seattle, Washington: (Dates TBD)



## **2017 REGIONAL CONVENTIONS**

**NORTHEAST REGION with FESTIVAL D'ORGUE A MONTREAL**

Montreal, Quebec: July 2 – July 6

**MID-ATLANTIC REGION**

Richmond, Virginia: June 25 – June 28

**SOUTHEAST REGION**

Jacksonville, Florida: June 11 – June 14

**GREAT LAKES REGION**

Youngstown, Ohio: July 3 – July 5

**NORTH CENTRAL REGION**

Iowa City, Iowa: June 19 – June 22

**SOUTHWEST REGION**

Dallas, Texas: June 12 – 15

**WEST REGION**

Salt Lake City, Utah: June 11 – 15

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