

## AGO Acronyms in Common Usage

**ac·ro·nym** : a word (as NATO, radar, or laser) formed from the initial letter or letters of each of the successive parts or major parts of a compound term; also an abbreviation (as FBI) formed from initial letters.

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| AAGO      | Associateship Certificate, American Guild of Organists                         |
| AF        | Annual Fund  |
| AGOYO     | AGO Young Organists  |
| BRC       | Board of Regional Councillors  |
| CAGO      | Colleague Certificate, American Guild of Organists                             |
| CC        | Convention Coordinator   |
| CCNM      | Councillor for Competitions and New Music                                      |
| CCON      | Councillor for Conventions   |
| CCPE      | Committee on Continuing Professional Education                                 |
| CD&S      | Committee on Career Development and Support                                    |
| CDS       | Clarence Dickinson Society   |
| CDF       | Council Designated Fund  |
| CFC       | Committee for Conventions  |
| ChM       | Choir Master Certificate, American Guild of Organists                          |
| CNMCC     | Committee on New Music Competitions and Commissions                            |
| COMDACS   | Committee on Membership Development and Chapter Support                        |
| CONO      | Committee on the New Organist  |
| COPOE     | Committee on Pipe Organ Encounters   |
| COSSR     | Committee on Sharing Skills and Resources                                      |
| CPC       | Committee on Professional Certification  |
| CRC       | Convener of the Regional Councillors   |
| DC        | District Convener  |
| ED        | Executive Director   |
| EF        | Endowment Fund   |
| EHB       | Examination Hymn Booklet   |
| ERC       | Editorial Resources Committee  |
| FAGO      | Fellowship Certificate, American Guild of Organists                            |
| IM        | Independent Member   |
| JJ        | January Jubilee  |
| LM        | Lifetime Member  |
| LRPTF     | Long-Range Planning Task Force   |
| NC        | National Council   |
| NCOI      | National Competition in Organ Improvisation                                    |
| NNC       | National Nominating Committee  |
| NOF       | New Organist Fund  |
| NYACOP    | National Young Artists Competition in Organ Performance                        |
| ONCARD    | Online National Collection and Remittal of Dues                                |
| ORF       | Officer Report Form  |
| POE       | Pipe Organ Encounter   |
| POE+      | Pipe Organ Encounter+ (for adults)   |
| POEA      | Pipe Organ Encounter (Advanced)  |
| POET      | Pipe Organ Encounter (Technical)   |
| PPP       | Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza   |
| PY or P-Y | Pogorzelski-Yankee (Annual Competition, Memorial Scholarships, and Pipe Organ) |
| RC        | Regional Councillor  |
| RCC       | Regional Convention Coordinator  |
| RCE       | Regional Coordinator for Education   |
| RCMPC     | Regional Competition Coordinator   |
| RCYO      | Regional Competition for Young Organists                                       |
| RNC       | Regional Nominating Committee  |
| SPC       | Service Playing Certificate, American Guild of Organists                       |
| SC        | Steering Committee   |
| TAO       | THE AMERICAN ORGANIST Magazine   |

## Acronyms Used by Our Organizational Friends

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| AAM     | Association of Anglican Musicians   |
| ACDA    | American Choral Directors Association   |
| ADM     | Association of Disciple Musicians   |
| AIO     | American Institute of Organbuilders   |
| AGEHR   | Handbell Musicians of America (formerly American Guild of English Handbell Ringers)           |
| ALCM    | Association of Lutheran Church Musicians  |
| APOBA   | Associated Pipe Organ Builders of America   |
| ARCCO   | Associateship Diploma, Royal Canadian College of Organists                                    |
| ARCO    | Associateship Diploma, Royal College of Organists   |
| ATOS    | American Theater Organ Society  |
| CCRCM   | Conference of Roman Catholic Cathedral Musicians  |
| CertRCO | Certificate, Royal College of Organists   |
| CG      | Choristers Guild  |
| ChRCCO  | Choral Conducting Diploma, Royal Canadian College of Organists                                |
| CMAA    | Church Music Association of America   |
| CMI     | Church Music Institute  |
| CRCCO   | Colleague Diploma, Royal Canadian College of Organists  |
| DipCHD  | Choral Directing Diploma, Royal College of Organists  |
| FABM    | Fellowship of American Baptist Musicians  |
| FRCCO   | Fellowship Diploma, Royal Canadian College of Organists                                       |
| FRCO    | Fellowship Diploma, Royal College of Organists  |
| FUMWA   | Fellowship of United Methodists in Worship and Art  |
| GCNA    | Guild of Carilloneurs of North America  |
| GTM     | American Conference of Cantors (formerly Guild of Temple Musicians)                           |
| IUP     | Indiana University of Pennsylvania  |
| LTRCO   | Licentiate in Teaching, Royal College of Organists  |
| MMF     | Moravian Music Foundation   |
| NAfME   | National Association for Music Education (Formerly MENC, Music Educators National Conference) |
| NAGCR   | North American Guild of Change Ringers  |
| NPM     | National Association of Pastoral Musicians  |
| MTNA    | Music Teachers National Association   |
| OHS     | Organ Historical Society  |
| PAM     | Presbyterian Association of Musicians   |
| RCO     | Royal College of Organists  |
| RCCO    | Royal Canadian College of Organists   |
| RSCM    | Royal School of Church Music  |
| SBCMC   | Southern Baptist Church Music Conference  |
| THS     | The Hymn Society in the United States and Canada  |
| UCCMA   | United Church of Christ Musicians Association   |
| UUMN    | Unitarian Universalist Musicians Network  |

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