

## 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.

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)
POE-A	Pipe Organ Encounter (Advanced)
POE-Tech	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
ACC	American Conference of Cantors (formerly Guild of Temple 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
BCMC	Baptist Church Music Conference (formerly Southern Baptist Church Music Conference)
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
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
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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