

Boston AGO Biennial Election of Officers 2022

Slate of Candidates

Below is the slate of Candidates and their biographies proposed by the Nominating Committee and approved by the Executive Committee on January 31, 2022 for consideration by the Chapter Membership. Proposed comments on candidates or offers of other nominees for elected positions is open until March 15, 2022. Any comments or additions of nominees should be sent to Claire DeCusati, Election Coordinator, no later than close of the comment period. If additional candidates wish to be added, they must submit their information and include contact information of five other Chapter Members who support their candidacy. Claire DeCusati's contact information is: 41 Deacons Path, Duxbury, MA 02332. Phone: 781-291-9188. Email: bostonago@verizon.net

Candidate for Dean: Mitchell Crawford



Mitchell Crawford is Minister of Music at Old South Church in Boston. A native of southwest Virginia, he holds degrees from The Juilliard School and Florida State University, where he was awarded a conducting fellowship. As a recitalist, Mitchell has been fortunate to present concerts in many venues along the east coast, including Harvard and Princeton Universities, Alice Tully Hall at Lincoln Center, New York, and numerous churches.

Though his education has primarily been in performance, he is fascinated by the history of music, and has pursued advanced studies in musicology and music theory. He is executor for the musical estate of the late Calvin Hampton, whose music he champions. He served previously on the boards of the Tallahassee, Florida and Fort Worth, Texas chapters of the AGO, where in 2017 he coordinated the region-level RCYO.

Candidate for Sub-Dean: Cathy Meyer



Cathy Meyer is originally from Seattle, where she was raised in a very musical family; by the time she was 16, not only did she have her first church music position but also played trumpet in a professional big band. She earned her BM in Organ Performance from the University of North Texas (studying with Lenora McCroskey and Dale Peters) and MSM from Boston University (studying organ and pedagogy with Peter Sykes and Nancy Granert).

Cathy is the Minister of Music for South Church (UCC) in Andover and maintains an organ studio. She was recently a featured recitalist at the Methuen Memorial Music Hall and on Pipedreams, and has upcoming performances on both coasts. She is also trained in Orff-Schulwerk and serves as the Musical Director for the interfaith One Spirit Foundation, conducting their jazz ensemble.

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Cathy currently serves the BAGO on the Executive Committee and is a teacher with the YOI. She is honored to be considered for the position of Sub-Dean and is interested in helping the BAGO be as inclusive as possible, championing music from diverse composers and performers and seeking out new sources of inspiration.

Candidate for Secretary: Joshua T. Lawton



A native of Worcester, Massachusetts, Joshua T. Lawton is Music Director of Trinity Parish of Newton Centre and an accomplished organist, pianist, singer and composer living and working in the Boston area. He undertook organ studies with Edwin Lawrence upon graduating with a degree in English from Williams College, and went on to obtain a Master of Music degree in Organ Performance with Distinction from the Longy School of Music as a student of Peter Sykes.

Candidate for Treasurer: Daryl Bichel



Daryl Bichel received the BA degree in music from Augustana University in Sioux Falls, South Dakota and holds MM degrees from the New England Conservatory in performance of early music and in organ performance. He has served on the Board of Directors for Blue Heron Renaissance Choir, Capella Clausura and the Old West Organ Society, and is currently in his fifth year as president of the Board of Directors for The Seraphim Singers. Throughout his career he has been an active member of the Boston Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, having served on the Executive Committee in many capacities, and currently is treasurer. His posts have included Catholic and Lutheran churches, Episcopal parishes, an Episcopal cathedral and an Episcopal monastic community. He is currently Parish Organist at St. Joseph's in Needham and Artistic Director of Night Song at First Church in Cambridge.

Candidate for Registrar: Jeffrey Mills



Jeffrey Mills is a candidate for our Executive Committee in the role of Registrar. Jeffrey has exercised leadership in music ministries at Saint Peter's Church in Cambridge, the Parish of Saint John the Evangelist on Bowdoin Street, Boston, All Saints Ashmont, and at Grace Church, Newton. In addition, is also a trainer and mentor of Eucharistic Visitors for the Diocese of Massachusetts, and a Mentor and Trainer in the Education for Ministry (EfM) program. Jeffrey studied at Indiana University at Bloomington, where he received the B.Mus. in Organ and Church Music. He is also a bivocational music director, serving simultaneously in public service as Assistant Executive Director of the Board of Registration in Dentistry for the Executive Office of Health and Human Services in Massachusetts. He solves crossword puzzles with a pen and enjoys bicycling as well.

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Candidate for Election Coordinator: Don Hodgkins



Don Hodgkins, MM, RMT, has been around organs most of his life, as his father was a Congregational pastor and he thus spent a lot of time in church! After pestering his piano teacher (M. Louise Miller of Connecticut) for a couple of years, she finally let him begin organ lessons the summer before his freshman year at Mt. Hermon School and he has been playing ever since, continuing lessons at Mt. Hermon and through college at Drew University (with music as a minor) and the University of Miami School of Music, where he earned his MM in Music Therapy with organ as his principal instrument. He worked for over 30 years as a Music Therapist/Special Ed. teacher for the Commonwealth of MA, and joined the Boston Chapter of the AGO in the 1970's. He has held organist/choir director positions at several churches

in eastern MA, but has just completed 20 years as Director of Music Ministries at the First Parish Congregational Church in Wakefield.

Candidates for Member-at- Large (3) Class of 2026

Sean Glennon:



Sean Glennon has served as an organist and choir director at churches in the Greater Boston area for over twenty years. First appointed in 1999 at the age of 19 as music director at Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Quincy, MA; he has also served significant tenures at St. Gregory's Catholic Church in Dorchester, MA; St. Bridget's Catholic Church in Abington, MA; and has served as organist and choir master at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Hanover, MA for the past ten years. Sean has also served as an interim/substitute organist at dozens of churches including Methodist, Unitarian, and Congregational houses of worship, and is a member of the Anglican Association of Musicians. In his fulltime career, Sean is employed as the Community Development Director for the City of Quincy, MA,

where he manages millions of dollars of annual federal funding. He serves on the board of directors of the Quincy Lions Club and the National Community Development Association. Sean is also a volunteer Cub Scout den leader. He resides in Quincy with his wife, Erin, and their three children Robert (11), Andrew (8), and Genevieve (5).

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Nigel Potts:



Nigel Potts is Director of Music at the Church of the Redeemer, Chestnut Hill. Born in New Zealand, Nigel studied organ with Jeremy Filsell and the late John Scott, and church music at the RAM in London.

In 2000, Nigel came to the USA for further study with Thomas Murray at Yale University. Nigel has directed music at Christ & St. Stephen's, NYC (where he oversaw the Schoenstein installation) and at Grace Church Cathedral in Charleston, SC.

Nigel has performed recitals across four continents and extensively across the United States, including distinguished venues in London, Cambridge (UK), Paris, New York, San Francisco, Hong Kong, Singapore and Sydney, as well as in Austria, Iceland, New Zealand and the Bahamas. He has been on the Jury for the Asian International Organ Competition, has presented workshops and masterclasses to various AGO Chapters across the USA and in Asia, and has served on the NYC AGO Board.

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Andrew Scanlon:



Andrew Scanlon, FAGO, is the Associate Organist & Choirmaster at the Church of the Advent in Boston. A Methuen native, he recently moved back to greater Boston after having lived in Pittsburgh, New Haven, Buffalo, and Greenville, North Carolina. He was most recently the Organ Professor at East Carolina University and Organist/Choirmaster at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, both in Greenville, a joint position that he held for 12 years. As a concert artist, Scanlon has performed throughout the USA, as well as in Canada, England, France, Germany, Italy, Croatia and Nigeria. He is a member of the AGO National Board of Examiners and was for six years a member of the National Committee on Professional Certification.

Scanlon is a graduate of Duquesne University and Yale University and studied organ with John Skelton, Ann Labounsky, John Walker, David Craighead and Thomas Murray.