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DEAN'S LETTER

I hope that everyone has enjoyed the recent penitential and festive religious seasons. I know that they are exhausting, but also exhilarating as we are privileged to lead God's people in worship and in song. With the end of these busy times comes time to renew and refresh. In that regard, there are two things of which I would like to remind you: first of all the end of year picnic. It will be held at Buffalo Presbyterian Church on May 21. Secondly, the National Convention to be held in Nashville Tennessee from July 1–6. More information and registration details can be found at <http://www.ago2012.org/>. We hope you will be able to take part in these opportunities for fellowship and personal growth.

Michael Dougherty
 Director of Music and the Arts
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The purpose of the American Guild of Organists is to promote the organ in its historic and evolving roles, to encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music, and to provide a forum for mutual support, inspiration, education, and certification of Guild members.

A Spring report from our Region IV Councillor

Greetings, all! I hope that everyone has had an invigorating AGO season. I have enjoyed reading all your chapter newsletters, so I know that there have been some exciting events in our region this year. Before we hit the summer months consider these things: if you or your chapter has not donated to the annual fund, please do; if you haven't registered for the National Convention in Nashville . . . what are you waiting for? Let's celebrate our Region!

I recently attended the National Council meeting in Philadelphia on April 19-21, 2012. Here is my "Top Ten" list from my visit:

- 10: Great food (Terminal Market, China Town, Market Street);
- 9: Great sights (during the Philly national convention in 2002 I didn't have much time to explore the city; on Saturday night I was able to take in Penn's Landing and see the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall area);
- 8: The Kimmel Center (you've seen the pictures, need I say more??);
- 7: Honoring John and Marianne Weaver at the Gala Reception held at the Kimmel;
- 6: Approval of Charlotte for the 2015 Regional;
- 5: Hearing about the plans for the Boston 2014 National Convention;
- 4: Being able to proudly report that preparations for the 2013 Region IV convention in Columbia, SC, are going well!;
- 3: Major strides in streamlining National Council . . . watch for a vote to amend the by-laws in Nashville;
- 2: Redrawing the lines for the regions—there will only be 7 regions (rather than 9) and no states will be split. We'll miss them, but our Louisiana friends will soon be joining the region to the west of us;
- 1: Getting even more excited about Nashville in July . . . see you all there!

Don't forget to get abreast of what's going on in Region IV/Southeast by visiting the Region IV blog: <http://agoregionivblog.blogspot.com/>

and please "like" the Region IV Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/AGO-Region-IV/312313912115500>

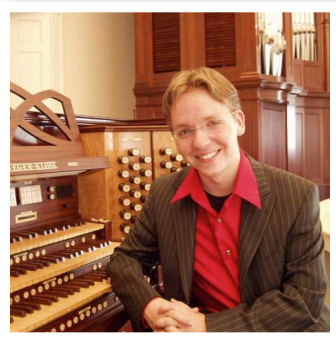
For those that will be in Nashville, please attend the regional meeting – fun and door prizes!

Best wishes,

Laura Ellis

Councillor for Region IV

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Felix Hell (seated at the Rieger-Kloss organ at Independent Presbyterian Church in Savannah, GA)

ORGAN DEDICATION CONCERT

SUNDAY, MAY 13 | St. Paul's UMC, Goldsboro, NC

4:00 PM – Concert

6:00 PM – Reception/meet the artist

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END-OF-YEAR PICNIC

MAY 21, 2012 | 6:30 PM

Our Annual closing program will be held at Buffalo Presbyterian Church where Pam Kane will be our host. As always this will be a covered-dish dinner and all our welcome to attend. Spouses and significant others are also welcome. If you have any questions please contact Pam at (336) 298-4637 or p_Kane@uncg.edu.

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