



Thank you for becoming a member of the American Guild of Organists! The membership year runs from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010. Your dues include a one-year subscription to *The American Organist* Magazine ("TAO," which runs from December 2009 –November 2010, allowing time for Headquarters to update mailing lists after the annual collection of dues). Portions of your dues also support the programs run by the national organization and by the Suffolk Chapter. Contributions beyond dues are encouraged and are tax-deductible.

Code of Ethics

Members of the American Guild of Organists are bound by the Code of Ethics and guided by the Code of Professional Standards.

Adopted by the National Council on October 23, 1933 as revised through April 16, 2007.

Preamble: 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. Voting members are entitled to enjoy the privileges and are expected to accept the responsibilities of membership in the Guild. Members shall be considered equally for Guild offices and participation in Guild activities. These are the rules that shall be considered binding upon all voting members in good standing.

RULE 1. Members shall promote good working relationships within the American Guild of Organists and shall respect the employment of colleagues. Members shall address differences between themselves and other members by following the procedures outlined in the *Discipline*.

RULE 2. Members shall not seek or appear to be seeking employment for themselves, a student, or a colleague, in a position held by someone else. Members shall apply for employment only for a position which the employer, with the knowledge of the incumbent musician, has officially and publicly declared vacant by announcement of the vacancy.

RULE 3. In cases pending under the *Procedures* or in cases where the National Council has determined that a position has been made vacant by wrongful termination of a member of the American Guild of Organists, members shall not seek or accept regular or permanent employment for themselves, a student, or colleague at that Institution until the National Council is satisfied that differences between the Guild and the Institution have been resolved. Interim services may be provided for a period of 90 days.

RULE 4. Members shall obtain the approval of the incumbent musician before accepting an engagement for a wedding, funeral, or other service requested by a third party. In such cases, the incumbent should receive his/her customary fee, and the third party is expected to provide it. It is the responsibility of the guest member to inform the third party of this rule. Members are advised to protect themselves as incumbents in this regard by negotiating employment contracts which secure these fees and which provide some responsibility, oversight, and control as to choice of music, etc.

RULE 5. Members shall conduct professional activities with truthfulness, honesty and integrity, and shall maintain sensitivity in matters of a personal or confidential nature.

RULE 6. Members shall not discriminate against others on the basis of race, national origin, age, religious affiliation, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, disability, or medical condition (including, but not limited to, Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome).

I agree to abide by the Code of Ethics:

Signature _____ Date _____

Membership Category (check one)	Amount
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Regular voting member	\$ 92	\$ _____
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Special Voting member (65 or over, under 21, or Disabled)	\$ 67	_____
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Student voting member (full-time w/valid school ID)	\$ 37	_____
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Partner voting member (only 1 TAO per household)	\$ 67	_____
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Dual voting member (primary chapter _____)	\$ 36	_____
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Student dual member (primary chapter _____)	\$ 15	_____
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Chapter friend (non-voting) (no TAO, chapter participation and newsletter only. For non-organist/non-conductor only)	\$35	_____
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Total Membership Dues:		_____
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Other Contributions

Contribution to Chapter		_____
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Contribution to Organ Scholarship		_____
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TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED:	\$	_____
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Please send a check payable to *Suffolk Chapter, AGO* along with this form, by June 30, 2009 to:

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437 Ralph Avenue
Central Islip, NY 11722-1831

Phone: (631) 234-3342
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Please complete both sides of this form. Thank you!

Directory Information (please print)

Title _____ Name (first/last) _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ E-mail _____

Cell Phone _____ Church phone _____

Highest Academic Degree _____ AGO Certifications _____

Position/Title (see codes at right) _____

Church/Temple/School _____

Location (City/State) _____

POSITION CODES

O Organist
C Choir Director
D Director
DM Director of Music
M Minister of Music
H Handbell Director

Substitute List

Do you want to be included on the substitute list? (published in the newsletter) YES NO

If yes, check any that apply: Sunday morning Sunday afternoon Sunday evening
 Weddings & Funerals

Denominations: Baptist Christian Science Episcopal Lutheran
 Methodist Presbyterian Roman Catholic Ref'd Temple

Helping Our Chapter

I'll receive the newsletter by e-mail (This saves volunteer time and chapter funds) YES NO

I want to keep the Suffolk Chapter strong and active and I'll help by (check all that apply)

Hosting a program at my church/temple Mailings (folding & stuffing flyers 1-2 X/year)

Ushering/Greeting at a program Proctoring Certification Exams (SPC, CAGO)

Hospitality (set up/clean up of refreshments) Miscellaneous—Call me when you need an extra hand.

Please share any ideas you have for chapter events (concerts, workshops, social events, etc.):

Do you know someone who might like to join the Suffolk Chapter? If you can provide their name and home address or church/temple employer address we'll send them an information package:

THANK YOU!