
The Voicing Tool

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of the

Wichita Chapter - Piano Technicians Guild, Inc. -

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MAY MEETING TONIGHT

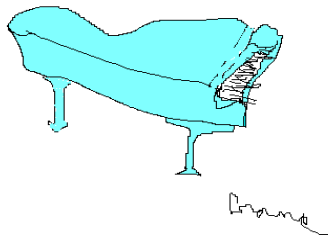
The May Chapter meeting will be **May 14th**
(the second **Thursday**, as usual), **7:00 pm**, at
Alan Crane's shop in Duerksen Fine Arts
Center on the WSU campus.

(Maps and directions are available)

The Technical Session is to be announced.

TENTATIVE AGENDA:

1. **Call To Order**
 - _ welcome, introductions, & additions to the agenda (if any)
2. **Minutes**
 - _ April meeting
3. **Officers' Reports**
 - _ president
 - _ vice-president
 - _ secretary
 - _ treasurer
 - _ newsletter editor
4. **Unfinished Business**
5. **New Business**
 - _ Nominating committee report
 - _ Chapter officer election
6. **Announcements**
7. **Next Meeting Date & Location**
8. **Adjournment**
9. **Technical Session and Q&A**
10. **Social Time**



PREVIOUS CHAPTER MEETING (synopsis)

The April meeting took place on (Friday) the 13th at the WSU piano tech shop.

*This was the second month in succession that the Chapter met on "Friday the 13th."

Present at the meeting were:

Marty Hess, RPT

David Norman, Associate Member

Gene Somer, RPT

Ron Johnson, RPT

Ron Nossaman, RPT

Kevin Gruetter, visitor

Ann Fell, RPT

Jane Thronson, Associate Member

Roy Howard, Associate Member

Joe Wisner, RPT

Alan Crane, RPT

The business meeting covered final reports from the treasurer and other officers and committee members on the Central-West Regional Seminar which the Chapter hosted in Wichita's 'Old Town' district.

Also shared by several Chapter members were reports of feedback from Seminar attendees, overwhelmingly positive in nature!

The membership should take a great deal of pride in having produced a great Seminar fully in keeping with the tradition of such events here in Wichita over the years.

Other business included the announcement of upcoming Chapter officer elections and the appointment of a nominating committee charged with presenting a slate of candidates for office at the May meeting..

Roy Howard reported on a new directory of professional service providers which he is developing for use as a resource by others in the field. Listed will be the areas in which a technician or allied tradesperson specializes in order that technicians might confidently sell their clients needed work even in areas in which they do not specialize.

The remainder of the meeting took the form of a discussion of the business practices of the AT&T Yellow Pages directory in south and central Kansas. One member reported some rather questionable behavior on the part of representatives of that company regarding unauthorized changes to a contracted advertisement and subsequent threats and demands for payment in full as if nothing was amiss. The general consensus among those present was that advertising in this type of publication is often not cost effective for our profession in this part of the country and might be better viewed as an option in particular circumstances rather than a necessity for a solid business plan. This is assuming above board business practices and solid customer service on the part of the company. Anything less than that was agreed to be less than acceptable for professional use. This account of the discussion is the recollection of the editor and does not reflect the meeting minutes or other sources.

CHAPTER OFFICER ELECTIONS

ELECTIONS OF CHAPTER OFFICERS FOR THE NEXT TWELVE MONTHS WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE MAY CHAPTER MEETING.

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN RUNNING FOR OFFICE, LET THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE KNOW

(or just show up).

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN NOT BEING ELECTED, IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO BE PRESENT TO "NIP" ANY WRITE-IN CAMPAIGN ON YOUR BEHALF "IN THE BUD".

FINE PRINT:

THE OFFICES OF PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT ARE OPEN ONLY TO RPT MEMBERS. RPT AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS ARE ELEGIBLE FOR ELECTION TO THE OFFICES OF SECRETARY, TREASURER, AND NEWSLETTER EDITOR.

~ The PTG Bylaws: ~ A Grand Tour ~ part 36

ARTICLE XVII – Finance

Section A – Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of PTG shall be from January 1 through December 31.

Section B – Budget

1. A proposed budget for PTG shall be prepared by the Executive Director and submitted to the Executive Board as directed by the Board.
2. The Executive Board shall review and may amend the proposed budget before approving the document for presentation to the membership.
3. The budget, as approved by the Executive Board shall be distributed by the Home Office no later than April 15 to all chapter presidents and shall be included in the *May Journal*.
4. The PTG Council shall review and may amend the proposed budget before approving the document.
5. All monetary figures mentioned in Bylaws, Regulations or Codes are in US dollars.



* TOOLS FOR SALE *

JOE WISNER IS HANDLING THE "OFFER FOR SALE" OF A FAIRLY COMPLETE SET OF QUALITY TOOLS, INCLUDING A PETERSON MODEL-450 ETD.

THE TOOLS ARE BEING SOLD IN ONE LOT AND WILL BE DISPLAYED BY JOE AT THE MAY CHAPTER MEETING.

ANYONE INTERESTED MAY ALSO CONTACT JOE BY PHONE: (316) 683-3037

... The Literary Corner...

Piano Letters

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You never touch me, sit with me, play me, anymore.
A cappella? Baby, you never could hold a pitch.

And what no one ever told you about Billie, about Trane,
there's a limit to sound: Billie birthed it, Trane
breathed it, you simply beat it, out of me.

But you should know, baby, these keys still hum,
with or without you.

And I am the drug, the addiction.
I am your dying.

A music, a voice, a sound so dissonant,
so possessible, you forget your own,
you forget how to speak.

I am the rival, the life-giver, the one you turn to
to know you.

Your forget yourself, I learn you so well.

And I would cut out your tongue,
if it meant you would not leave me.

But you have already cut off your thumbs.

And would that I could bleed, I should. After all you bled
on me.

Your blood fed me. Led me to song.

It was your heartache you gave me.

And I devoured it, came to your heart, so worn and gnawed,
so close to ache, I ate that, too.

Emily Bobo, who calls herself a "recovering musician" studied piano for 16 years and then left it in the midst of a graduate Piano Performance degree program at WSU, finishing with a Masters in creative writing. She now teaches and writes in Indiana.

This poem and others of hers may be found in [New Poets | Short Books | Volume III](#), edited by Marvin Bell and published by Lost Horse Press.

From **"The Art Of Money Getting"** by P. T. Barnum

Preserve Your Integrity

It is more precious than diamonds or rubies. The old miser said to his sons: "Get money; get it honestly, if you can, but get money." This advice was not only atrociously wicked, but it was the very essence of stupidity. It was as much as to say, "if you find it difficult to obtain money honestly, you can easily get it dishonestly. Get it in that way." Poor fool! Not to know that the most difficult thing in life is to make money dishonestly! Not to know that our prisons are full of men who attempted to follow this advice; not to understand that no man can be dishonest, without soon being found out, and that when his lack of principle is discovered, nearly every avenue to success is closed against him forever. The public very properly shun all whose integrity is doubted. No matter how polite and pleasant and accommodating a man may be, none of us dare to deal with him if we suspect "false weights and measures." Strict honesty, not only lies at the foundation of all success in life (financially), but in every other respect. Uncompromising integrity of character is invaluable. It secures to its possessor a peace and joy which cannot be attained without it--which no amount of money, or houses and lands can purchase. A man who is known to be strictly honest, may be ever so poor, but he has the purses of all the community at his disposal--for all know that if he promises to return what he borrows, he will never disappoint them. As a mere matter of selfishness, therefore, if a man had no higher motive for being honest, all will find that the maxim of Dr. Franklin can never fail to be true, that "honesty is the best policy."



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