



The President's Message

The May meeting will be my last as president of the Detroit Windsor Chapter. It's been an honor working with so many wonderful and talented colleagues. I will miss writing these messages, and may even miss presiding over meetings. I would like to thank Vice President Jeff Mossington for helping out whenever needed; Treasurer Bruce Carter for keeping the books and helping out in other ways; Secretary Richard Cromwell for taking over the newsletter and meeting notices; Larry Young for his past work as newsletter editor and continued role as webmaster; Past President Richard Bittner for passing the torch (and convincing me I could

handle the job); Scott Nelson for planning and arranging our technicals; Clark Sprague for representing our chapter as delegate; and anyone who hosted a meeting, gave a presentation or helped out in any other way. It's been a great 2 years for me, and I look forward to remaining involved in our PTG Chapter for many more years..

Clem Fortuna



Featured Presenter for this month's meeting: Jim Reeder, R.P.T. - Soundboard Manufacturing & Installation

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MEETING NOTICE

Monday May 14, 2007

6:30- Dinner
7:15- Business Meeting
7:45- Technicians' Roundtable
8:00-9:30 Main Technical

Main Technical:

Jim Reeder, R.P.T.

Meeting will be hosted at the
Reeder's Piano Inc
5660 W. Grand River Blvd.
Lansing, MI 48906

DIRECTIONS:

Take I-96 W toward LANSING. 74.4 miles

Take I-96 W toward GD RAPIDS. 0.6 miles

Take the GD RIVER AVE exit-EXIT 90. 0.1 miles

Turn RIGHT onto W GRAND RIVER AVE / W GRAND RIVER HWY / I-96 BL.

Continue to follow W GRAND RIVER AVE / I-96 BL. 1.8 miles

Mr. Reeder extended an invitation for anyone to stop buy earlier in the afternoon for a tour of his organization's facilities!!!

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**April 2007 Meeting Minutes**

April 2nd 2007

University of Michigan - School of Music

Attendance Taken

Total: 12 RPT's, 8 Associates and 3 Guests

- Clem called the meeting to order with a quorum present
- Approved minutes from March meeting by general consensus
- Treasurer's Report accepted by general consensus. Bruce said there will be additional updates for next month
- Scott Nelson discussed upcoming programs. Next month our chapter will be visiting Reeder's in Lansing on May 14th. The main technical will be on soundboard construction. We will hold our business meeting in the evening
- Clem announced that we have lost 6 members including 1 RPT (Zen)
- Zen announced that she has extra PTG literature and brochures that she is will to give away (contributions welcome)
- Richard Bittner gave a report from the nominating committee on their recommendations:
 - For president - Jeff Mossington
 - For vice-president - Clem Fortuna
 - For secretary - Jeremy Bielecki
 - For treasurer - Bruce Carter
- Richard called for additional nominations - no additional nominations
- The recommendations will be published in the upcoming newsletter as this is a requirement before the election.
- The election will be held at the May meeting
- Clem called for any other new business
- A guest was introduced - Ed McCoppin from the Violin Makers association
- Cassie Van Gelder was introduced. She is an associate and assistant technician at U of M
- Larry Musil was introduced as a guest. He is a perspective new member
- Clark Sprague mentioned that the last time the meeting was held in Ann Arbor we didn't have a quorum so the group couldn't vote on the chapter by-laws. Clark gave a brief overview of the by-laws changes.
- There was a motion by Bruce Carter to have the by-laws sent to the home office for review. The motion was 2nd by Clark. The motion was carried by group consensus
- Motion to adjourn by Bruce Carter. 2nd by Dale Heikkinen.

Bob Grijalva gave an informative technical on measuring and establishing key balance weight. The presentation was enjoyed by all in attendance.

Treasurer's Report**TREASURERS REPORT FOR MAY 2007**

BALANCE FORWARD FROM APRIL 2007

\$ 7898.06

INCOME:

DUES CHECKS

\$ 3200.00

BANQUET REIMBURSEMENT

\$ 526.00

REPORTING ERROR ON EXPENSES

\$.05

from March 2007 \$79.79 reported

actual \$79.74

BALANCE FORWARD

\$11624.16

EXPENSES

ONLINE 3-07 & 4-07

\$ 17.90

MARCH FOOD

\$ 103.76

REPORTING ERROR MARCH BALANCE FORWARD

\$ 549.80

please note the error was the beginning

balance of March 2007 reported as beginning balance for April 2007. Please accept my apology for making such a dumb error

ENDING BALANCE AS OF APRIL 27 2007

\$10952.65

Respectfully submitted

Bruce D. Carter R.P.T.



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