The following members are running on a single slate:

FOR Dean: CURTIS HOLMES, CAGO, is organist at Clarence United Methodist Church. He previously served for 26 years as organist at Clarence Presbyterian Church before moving to Maryland in 1999. He relocated back to Buffalo in 2004. Dr. Holmes has been an active member of the Buffalo Chapter for over 30 years. He has served as a member of the Executive Committee, Program Committee chair, Sub-Dean and Dean of the Buffalo Chapter, and was Convention Coordinator for the Regional Convention held in Buffalo in 1997. He has performed in a members' recital and has presented workshops on Guild Certification. He retired from his position as Chief Technology Officer at Greatbatch, Inc. in 2006 and now serves as a technical consultant. He holds a doctorate in Physical Chemistry from Indiana University where he also studied music.

FOR Sub-Dean: Debi Overton (Accompanist/Conductor) a native of North Carolina, has held positions as coach/accompanist at the University of Texas at Austin and served as Director of the Chamber Music Program at The New School of Music in Philadelphia. For many years, she was active at the Summer Music in Aspen, Colorado. coach/accompanist for the choral department in Aspen, she served as assistant to noted conductor Fiora Contino. She has assisted in preparing choruses and soloists for such conductors as Tamara Brooks, John Nelson, Robert Shaw and Sergei Commissiona. Additionally, she has coached with coach/accompanists David Garvey, John Wustman, Brooks Smith and Dalton Baldwin and, the local master, Livingston Gearhart. Ms. Overton has accompanied Master Classes for Luciano Pavarotti, Phyllis Curtin, Jessye Norman, Leontyne Price and Sylvia McNair. She has accompanied the regional Metropolitan Opera auditions in Greensboro, NC, Philadelphia, PA, Atlanta, GA and New York City. In addition to her duties as Organist and Choir Master at Calvary Episcopal Church in Williamsville, NY. Ms. Overton has enjoyed the position of accompanist for the Buffalo Gay Men's Chorus since its inception in 2001; is a past chair of the Music Commission of the WNY Episcopal Diocese; currently serves as a member of the Buffalo Chapter AGO's Executive Committee and is active in Western New York teaching, guest conducting, accompanying and performing with singers and instrumentalists. In November of 2007 Debi was the musical director and conductor for the WNY premiere performance of Leonard Bernstein's MASS. Currently she is serving as guest conductor for the Freudig Singer's winter and spring concerts.

ABOUT MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Please note that membership renewal forms will be sent first class mail shortly to those who receive the *Bombarde* via e-mail. For those who receive their *Bombarde* via the USPS, the form is enclosed with this newsletter. The deadline for renewing is June 15.

TO THOSE WHO SUBSTITUTE . . .

If you are currently on the chapter's substitute list and want to continue being on that list, you will need to fill out the Substitute Service Information form on the back of the Membership Renewal form. Otherwise, your name will be removed from the list of those available to substitute. This is done every year to keep this list as up-to-date as possible. **PLEASE NOTE** that you will need to **mail this form to Marge Metz**. Please mail the form as soon as possible — especially if you can help by subbing during the summer months.

BUFFALO CHAPTER A.G.O. OFFICIAL BALLOT 2010-2011

SINGLE SLATE OF OFFICERS: **DEAN Curtis Holmes SUB-DEAN** Debi Overton **SECRETARY** Christine Snyder TREASURER Roger Dahl William Fav REGISTRAR Marlene Harrington **LIBRARIAN David Carmer HISTORIAN AUDITORS** Robert Hull Barbara Wagner **CHAPLAIN TBA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** (vote for three): Marlene Harrington Lois Jones Abigail Rockwood Christina Shrewsbury Jeanne Suski **Edward Witul** ELECTION: SUNDAY, MAY 16, 2010 at Kenmore Presbyterian Church 2771 Delaware Avenue Kenmore, New York 14092 POLLS CLOSE at 3:00 PM ______ Those wishing to vote by proxy, please SIGN the ballot and mail it to the Chapter Secretary - Christine Snyder 512 Roycroft Blvd., Cheektowaga, NY 14225 The Secretary will detach this stub before casting the ballot.

[Mail by May 12, 2010]

Signature by proxy vote