



**JULY 2013**

## **Chapter Meeting - June 10th 2013**

The meeting at Az Piano was begun just past 7 PM by Eliot Lee. A guest was introduced by Dave Higgins—a new tuner named Russ Williams. Welcome! A mention of the unlikelihood of an ice cream social in August concluded chapter business and the floor was given to Peg Browne. Peg will be our delegate at the PTG convention, so she took us through the proposals on the table in order to carry our vote to Chicago. After some discussion, the consensus was to agree with the proposed amendment to the bylaws that would allow Associates to hold higher office within individual chapters. On the matter of amending the Disciplinary Code; to allow the Ethics Committee the power to forgo a hearing for any member convicted of a crime of ‘moral turpitude’, we voted for defeat, based on the ambiguous meaning of the proposed language. Larry Messerly also moved to allow the Committee to handle other ‘housekeeping’ issues as they saw fit, Rick Florence seconded the motion, and the ayes had it. Finally, there was discussion (mostly amongst our more experienced, better connected and politically astute members) about the slate of PTG Officers up for election. It seems that the traditional progression of advancement through the ranks is off-kilter this time around, as the normal term of each office is two years before moving up to the next level of leadership. The current VP has been at his post for one year, as has the Secretary, and for that reason, and equally as unusual, the current President, Jim Coleman Jr. has offered to serve a third term. Apparently, there is some controversy over this situation. Peg had been trying to gather all the data, yet at the time of this discussion there are many opinions and statements pending from those at higher levels. We have the greatest respect for Jim Jr.—he’s one of our own—but we give Peg our trust to vote her conscience as the time draws nearer and more information is available. You are encouraged to log on to the PTG-L forum on [my.ptg.org](http://my.ptg.org) for those who are interested. She will post comments after the convention. Regional VP Larry Messerly also mentioned some talk going around about certain standards of the International Association for Continuing Education and Training possibly being applied to the credential process for CAUT. Admittedly, some of us looked at each other and shrugged our shoulders in ignorance!

**The technical presentation** was given by Rick Florence as he shared some excellent tips on improving the tone and clarity of vertical pianos. Rick defined some goals, specifically to try to achieve the development of tonal ‘color’ throughout the dynamic range, and he played various notes on a small Kawai to exemplify the differences that could be heard. With concise

**Next Meeting- TBA**

**NO MEETINGS UNTIL SEPTEMBER**

**HAPPY 4th of JULY!**

**Chicago Convention Goers:  
Have Fun — Be Safe**

**Enjoy Your Summer-**

**Stay Tuned & We'll  
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explanation and incredible efficiency, he ran through some procedures that involved fitting hammers and leveling strings with the aid of some simple, yet very cool tools. He made the point of remembering the importance of doing all the prerequisite work — pitch raise and tune, regulate, travel/burn shanks, space hammers, etc..

Several techniques of needling were demonstrated with regard to particular octaves and the desired effects being sought after. There was discussion through questions and answers about such things as

false beats, string terminations, bridge problems and a variety of maladies and symptoms in general.

Other ideas were mentioned as possible alternatives to voicing— fabric softeners and similar solutions *or* steaming & ironing. Fair warning was given to ***be careful!*** A big thanks goes out to Rick Florence for sharing his time and expertise with us and for being a very willing participant when time permits. As busy as he is, time is a precious commodity, and we appreciate every minute he can spare!



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