

– *Austin PTG News* –
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May Chapter Meeting Report

We got together online via zoom on May 24th. We nominated the following candidates for our chapter officer positions:

Nathan Cook – president

Nick Litterski – vice president

Charles Ball – secretary/treasurer

We chose Greg Caparis to be our chapter delegate for the PTG Council at our annual convention in Florida in August. Thank you, Greg, for taking this on!

Call For Additional Candidates

Anyone willing and able to serve as a chapter officer, please step forward (contact our current officers listed below by phone or email). Willingness to serve is the prime qualification. Any member of our Austin PTG chapter, RPT or not, is encouraged to serve.

Stephen Cinti Announcement

At our May meeting Stephen Cinti, RPT, and chapter president, announced he will be leaving us. Stephen writes:

Dear friends and colleagues,

It is met with both sadness and joy that I will be stepping down as Austin chapter president. My wife and I will be relocating to Alaska soon where I will continue to work in this wonderful trade of piano technology. Over the past few years, I have some troubles with my health that have been heightened by the long hot Texas summers as well as the stress of the busy lifestyle that continues to grow as the city gets larger. This has made things difficult to give the Austin PTG chapter the attention that it deserves, and I am excited for someone to take over that will hopefully be able to help the chapter grow and offer its members the benefits that I know are available. As for myself, I have been offered a wonderful opportunity to work in an environment that will be better suited for my health and the lifestyle that both my wife and myself have been drawn to. It does, however, make me sad to leave all the wonderful people in the Austin area, and I can't thank everyone enough for all your support in this wonderful field of piano technology. Although I'm not from Austin, it was the birthplace of my career with pianos and I'll always look at it as a "career hometown". Also, since all of my wife's family lives in the Austin area, I'm sure I'll be around from time to time in order to make visits (hopefully only in the winter ;-) and would love to get together and say hi to everyone.

**Thanks again for all the warm friendship and connection and I wish everyone the best in your careers and personal lives
Sincerely, Stephen Cinti**

We wish Stephen the very best in his new life adventure and thank him for his excellent service to the guild and loyal friendship to us all. Stephen, Please keep us up to date with your new contact info. Maybe we can zoom with you in the future.

Chapter Meeting Wednesday July 30 at 7:30 pm Via Zoom

After lengthy discussions, the PTG home office has blessed our desire to hold official online meetings.

Stephen Cinti, our chapter president, says he will delegate Nathan Cook, our chapter vice president, to preside at the meeting if he, Stephen, is unavailable.

The main agenda item is to elect our chapter officers.

Additional discussion items:

- Instruct our council delegate to vote for Ricki Klos or Doug Garmin for RVP
- Update chapter bylaws
- Let's start planning a major seminar/workshop for the fall

A zoom meeting link will be emailed to our chapter members by Tuesday, June 29th.

Free Piano

We usually don't advertise pianos for sale here, but Stephen has an 1887 Steinway upright in partially restored/destroyed condition. He says he recapped the bridge, which needs a do-over. He also started refinishing the case—also more work necessary. Anyway it's in Pflugerville and is available to anyone willing to pay the freight.

Al Ammon Call for Trainee

Our chapter member Al Ammon is a very experienced technician and rebuilder. He offers to take on a trainee at his shop in Thorndale if anyone is interested. You can contact him at 512-430-0298.

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