

Vergers' Guild of the Episcopal Church

Amendment to Bylaws

An amendment to Article V Section B.3 of VGEC By Laws was made on October 16, 1992 at the Full Meeting of the Guild at the Church of St. Michael and St. George, Clayton, Missouri. Article V Section B.3 now reads:

Article V – Board of Officers

B. Election of Officers

1. An election of officers shall take place at a full meeting of the Guild. Due provision for mail-in balloting shall be made. **Elected officers shall be elected for three (3) year terms based on *The Lectionary* as defined on page 888 of **The Book of Common Prayer**. The Vice President shall be elected in year “A” as defined by The Lectionary; the President elected in year “B”, and the Secretary and Treasurer elected in year “C”. Prior to the Meeting the names of those on the Nominating Committee shall be communicated to all members, who shall have the opportunity to suggest possible names for the each office. In addition nominations for any office may be made from the floor of the Full Meeting. A candidate shall be elected by a majority vote of those voting in person or by absentee ballot. If no one candidate has a majority, a runoff election shall be held and a candidate shall be elected by a majority vote.**

Insert New Article IX, and renumber present Article IX to Article X.

Article IX – Declaration of Unity

The Vergers' Guild of the Episcopal Church, the Church of England Guild of Vergers, and their respective chapters and branches, being conscious of a common unity of purpose in their endeavor to raise the Office and Ministry of the Verger in the Anglican Communion, by service, prayer, and fellowship, do hereby declare a common Association and alliance.

A. Church of England Guild of Vergers

1. The VGEC and the CEGV declare that membership in one Guild shall include a membership in the other for any VGEC/CEGV member who shall move into the area of the other Guild. Introduction shall be made by the Secretary of the Guild

- to the President/Chairman of the other.
2. As a formal expression of this association, the Chairman, General Secretary, and Chaplain of the CEGV, and the President, Secretary, and Chaplain of the VGEC, during their terms of office, shall be nominated as Honorary Counselors of the other Guild, and the Counselors shall be entitled to attend, without vote, Council or Board meetings of the other, as and when the opportunity permits.
 3. A regular exchange of Reports and Information shall be made between the two Guilds. Members of each Guild may subscribe to the others' various publications for the cost of the publication and postage.
 4. During travels abroad, members of each Guild shall be made welcome and extended hospitality; with advance notice, each Guild may be able to assist in arranging itineraries, and room and board.
 5. Where and when possible, the words "in association with ..." shall be added to the letterhead, and other printed materials of each Guild.

A. Chapters of the VGEC

1. The Vergers' Guild of the Episcopal Church supports and encourages the establishment of chapters of the VGEC.
2. This body recognizes the importance of local custom and organization in structuring such chapters, and further recognizes the need, in some cases, for statements of principles and for bylaws.
3. In no case, however, shall the bylaws of local chapters of vergers supersede or nullify the By-Laws of the Vergers' Guild of the Episcopal Church.
4. Chapters may access local dues in addition to the dues of the VGEC. All dues are received by the Treasurer of the VGEC, and any local dues are remitted to the chapters on a quarterly basis.
5. The Board of Officers of the Vergers' Guild of the Episcopal Church, upon request, may assist any member(s) of the Guild in setting up a local chapter.
6. It shall be the responsibility of a designated member of such a chapter to provide organizational information to the President or Vice President of the Vergers' Guild of the Episcopal Church, and to make a report to the Full Meeting of the VGEC which shall be included in the *Annual Report and Journal of the Vergers' Guild of the Episcopal Church*.