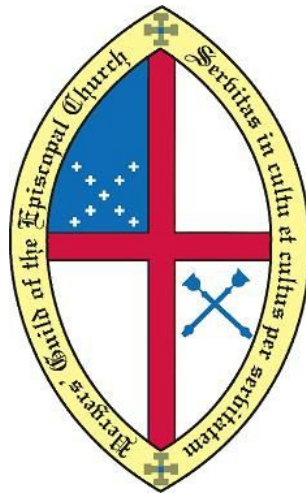


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## The Vergers Guild of the Episcopal Church Online Board Meeting Minutes Thursday July 24, 2014 7:00pm EDT

**Call to Order: 7:00**

### **2014-07-24 Attendance**

Scott Smith,, Kate Pendzuk, Duke DuTeil, Bill White, Cheryl Cantrall, Rich Lammlin, Richard Parker, Barry Norris, Margaret McLarty, Ken Holloway

**Opening Prayer**

Scott

**Review/Update/Amend 2014 Goals**

Scott

1. Active working committees
2. Chapter Development (Major push)
3. Expand Membership (Clean up list, contact all parishes, work with Dioceses/Chapters, increase membership income)
4. Training Course Improvement (long term)
5. Guild Shop mission and plan (long term)
6. Finance/Audit Committee and budget (long term, planning)

**Approval of prior meeting Minutes**

Bill

Motion to approve by Barry Norris and seconded by Cheryl - motion passed

**Chaplain's Report**

Matthew

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The vergers pilgrimage to England was unbelievable with about 17 guild members present.

Scott and Margaret made several contacts with members of the English Guild and reinforced the understanding that we have endorsed. The friendship between us and the English guild has been expanded. It has been suggested that in order to get the English guild members access to our blogs we are enrolling them as trial members. We need a new membership category of associate member

## Financial Report

Duke

- Budget for 2015 adopted at Burlington board meeting
  - Deferred until next meeting

## Nominations

Duke/Pat

Posted in V happenings with the closeout date of August 1, 2014  
Nominations published August 25, 2014

## Guild Shop

Barry

- Contract with Southern Trophies approved
- There will be no merchandise sold at the conference in Burlington this year. There will be, however, a computer set up for people to place orders.
- Working with Amazon to incorporate shipping into the cost
- The goal of the Guild Shop is to break even - not make money

## Training

Bill/Duke

**Motion (This motion was made on June 11, 2014 by William White and seconded by Barry Norris. Discussion and vote on the motion was via electronic mail - the motion passed.)**

## **VGEC Training Advisor Job Description**

The Training Advisor performs the following duties:

- Serves as a member of the Training Committee
- Serves as an advisor to individuals currently enrolled in the VGEC Training Course
- Serves as a consultant to clergy mentors of individuals currently enrolled in the VGEC training course
- Serves as a resource for training questions from the guild membership
- Edits the VGEC training course for improved content
  - Routinely reviews the VGEC training course for potential content revisions
  - Reviews proposed edits to the VGEC training course provided by other individuals

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- Maintains current VGEC training course and proposed edits in Google Docs
- Prepares VGEC training course revisions for training committee and board approval prior to publishing
- Develops a "Mentor" or "Clergy" handbook for the course
- Helps to introduce, coordinate, and advises Parish and Diocesan level group training efforts
- Works with the Training Course Committee as they explore the next generation  
verger.training, i.e. online, subcontracted, virtual, etc.
- Works with the Training Course Registrar to make sure all data for the Training Course students is maintained and is up to date

**Motion (This motion was made on June 11, 2014 by William White and seconded by Barry Norris. Discussion and vote on the motion was via electronic mail- the motion passed.)**

Move that Duke DuTeil be appointed as Training Advisor.

We have kicked off and incorporated the new \$65 version of the training course that is being run through the Guild Shop. Anyone can purchase the course but must send in the forms in order to be registered.

The 2014/2015 version will be ready by the Burlington conference.

There is interest at University of the South Theology Program Center in working with us pertaining to their involvement in the implementation of the training course. This is the entity that supports EfM.

Kate is in the process of scanning training course documents to google docs to which will also be added all of the new registration information.

Virges will not be taken to Burlington.

## Chapter Development

Rich/Richard

- North Carolina is very interested in forming a chapter and it is starting to come together with support from the Suffragan Bishop and the clergy.
- Chapter development is also ongoing in Connecticut
- There will be a table set up at the conference pertaining to how to form a chapter.
- Please let Scott know if there are any graphics materials needed and the communications committee can help with that.
- The Atlanta chapter has gone through a major transformation with an emphasis on verger fellowship as a major focus

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## Annual Conference

Pat

- 2014 Burlington, Ritchard and Terry
- 2015 St. Louis, Shug
- 2016 Spokane, WA - Dallas Hawkins
- 2017 ?

## Membership

Cheryl

Trial memberships are converting to active memberships.

## General Convention

Margaret/Kate

We have been registered and have received our first choice as to boothing

## Communication and Technology

Scott

Nothing new to report. The blog is going quite well.

## New Business

All

- Update from Scott and Margaret on meetings with CEGV/Pilgrimage
- World-Wide Data (WWD) project proposal
  - Part of our mission should be to get as much information out to all Anglican churches world wide as we can possibly get out. This is not a partnership but making data available world wide. There will be more information about this forthcoming in Burlington

## Important Upcoming Events and Notes

- **Annual Conference Board Meeting:** Thursday September 25, 2014 9am to noon.
- **Conference Committee Meetings:** Plan for committee meetings of 2014 conference on Thursday afternoon, September 25, 2014 from 1pm until 3pm - reports to be made at Business Meeting on Saturday, September 27, 2014 at 8:30am.
- Like [facebook.com/vergerguild](https://www.facebook.com/vergerguild)

Adjourned 8:45