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# **VGEC Annual Meeting**

Atlanta, Georgia  
October 14, 2017

Call to order

Scott Smith

President Scott Smith called the meeting to order at 8:45 am. Scott then reviewed the agenda and asked Rev. Walt Kindergan to offer a prayer and a few thoughts.

Opening Prayer/Thoughts

Rev. Walt Kindergan

Walt started by telling the story of an Episcopal priest who ministered in China for 15 years and was elected Bishop in 1877. He was paralyzed at an early age but was able to type out the Bible into Mandarin with one finger. Walt then prayed the collect for the day.

Establish a Quorum

Vyonne Carter-Johnson

Vyonne established that a quorum was present for the meeting.

Board Election

Darin Herndon

Darin presented those who agreed to run for the Board of Directors. They are as follows:

- Michael Sanchez, Portland, OR
- Scott Smith, New York, New York
- John Whitaker, Nashville, TN
- John Townsend, New Hampshire

Each candidate was asked to speak for two minutes to introduce themselves and give a reason for why they wanted to be on the Board of Directors. The committee handed out ballots as Darin gave voting instructions.

Greetings and Introductions

Scott Smith

Scott then introduces the Board Members and the Committee Chairs. They are as follows:

## **Board of Directors**

- Scott Smith - President
- Cheryl Cantrall - Vice President
- Richard Parker - Secretary
- Duke DuTeil - Treasurer
- Terry Hughes
- Darin Herndon
- Michael Sanchez
- Barry Norris
- Vyonne Carter-Johnson

## **Ex-Officio Members**

- Margaret McLarty - Immediate Past President
- The Rev. Matthew Corkern - Chaplain
- The Rev. Walt Kindergan - Associate Chaplain

## **Committee Chairs**

- Annual Conference - Terry Hughes
- Communications & Technologies - Michael Sanchez & Eileen Hicks
- Chapter Development - Richard Parker
- Episcopal Relations - Margaret McLarty
- General Convention - Duke Duteil
- Governance - Vyonne Carter-Johnson
- Guild Shop - Barry Norris
- Finance Committee - Duke DuTeil
- Membership - Cheryl Cantrall
- Nomination Committee - Darin Herndon
- Training - Duke DuTeil

## **Approval of 2016 Minutes**

Richard Parker

Richard then reviewed the 2016 minutes from Spokane, WA. After the minutes were read, a motion was made to approve them. After a second, the minutes were approved.

## **Chaplain's Report**

Rev. Matthew Corkern

Our Chaplain began with a prayer then offered a brief meditation about the ministry of the Verger and his role as our Chaplain. He then reviewed his upcoming pilgrimages. He then read the Pilgrim's prayer. He then offered a prayer for all who have died since our last conference.

## **2017 Committees Reports**

### **Annual Conference - Terry Hughes**

Terry reported that the next conference would be in Denver, CO. He then stressed the need for good communication between the Host committee and the Conference Committee.

### **Communication and Technology - Michael Sanchez and Eileen Hicks**

Michael reported that the blog is continuing along with several email blasts. He asked that others who would like to help out on this committee. Scott reported that Darin was doing a great job with the cloud management.

### **Chapter Development - Richard Parker**

Richard reported a new chapter in Eastern Maryland.

### **Governance Committee - Vyonne Carter-Johnson**

Vyonne reported that she has an audit committee who have reviewed our finances. She also said that Governance is responsible for keeping the Committee Chairs on task as the year goes by. She also acts as Sergeant at arms, Parliamentarian, and bylaws research for the Board.

### **Finance - Duke DuTeil**

Duke reported that there was \$116,000 in the bank. He felt we were in good shape at this time. He said that Conference registrations were up in 2017 much more than the 2016 Conference. He explained some unexpected expenses such as shipping costs for the Guild shop from Southern Company in Tennessee. He did say that membership dues are on the rise.

### **Training - Duke DuTeil**

Duke said that he has been approached by a seminary to provide our training course for new students. There are now 462 Fellows in the Guild who have completed the training course. There were 71 people who completed the course this past year, 30 who will receive their certificates at the Saturday banquet.

### **General Convention - Duke Duteil**

Duke reported that it will be in Austin, Texas in 2018. He will be forming a committee soon to man the booth. The convention starts on July 5 and runs for 9 days.

### **Episcopal Relations - Margaret McLarty**

Margaret reported that she was the liaison between the Vergers Guild and the organised church. She told of her work at General Convention and her relationships with the Presiding Bishops, the New York office, and the Seminaries.

### **Guild Shop - Barry Norris**

The Guild shop is working to break even.

### **Membership - Cheryl Cantrall**

Cheryl reported that there were now over 3000 members of the Guild. She was proud of the work during the past year to get the membership cards finalized.

### **Denver CO Host Committee - Steve Tillison**

Steve introduced his committee and then showed a video about the upcoming conference in Denver. The conference will start on September 20th and end on Sunday, September 23rd.

### **What's next for the VGEC? - Scott Smith**

Scott outlined our future projects and the need for new members who are willing to step forward and help shoulder the work of the VGEC.

## **Board Nominations - Darin Herndon**

Darin announced the results of the election. The winners were:

- Scott Smith
- Michael Sanchez
- John T. Whitaker

## **Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjourn which was seconded. All voted in favor.

Submitted by,

Richard Parker  
Secretary to the Board