## VOX SCHOLARIUM

### NEWSLETTER OF THE GUILD OF SCHOLARS OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Report of the 2019 Annual Meeting of the Guild of Scholars, looking forward to the 2020 meeting, and other news!



Group portrait of members who attended the Annual Meeting at the University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee, October 25-27, 2019. Photo taken in All Saints' Chapel after a wonderful Evensong and organ recital.

This jolly group of Episcopalians enjoyed the wonderful annual meeting at the University of the South in Sewanee, TN, this past fall. Local organizer John Gatta went out of his way to create a convenient schedule and incredible support for Guild members who flew into Nashville or drove from home. If you didn't attend, we missed you, but you missed a great experience!



Reception and dinner at the home of John and Bonnie McCardell on Friday, October 25, 2019



### ALL SAINTS' CHAPEL



Designed by Ralph Adams Cram and built in 1904, All Saints' Chapel was the site of our Evensong service. Organist/Choirmaster Geoffrey Ward conducted the 56-voice Chapel Choir, whose rendition of Evening Hymn by H. Balfour Gardiner did much to provide the atmosphere and spirituality associated with the English choral tradition. Following Evensong, Dr. Ward played an elegant recital for the Guild on the Chapel's marvelous Casavant organ.





### Minutes of the Annual Business Meeting of the Guild of Scholars of the Episcopal Church, University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee, October 26, 2019

In attendance: Nicholas Birns, Ben Brabson, Cynthia Brabson, Charles Huttar, Norman Austin, Mary Ellin Bowden, Royce Boyer, Jameela Lares, Rowena McClinton, Robert Benson, David Burton, Marsha Dutton, E. Rozanne Elder, David Middleton, Allyn Reilly, Ed Hansen, Peter Williams, John Gatta, Alec Valentine, Warren Smith.

President Hansen called the meeting to order at 1:00pm, followed by an opening prayer from John Gatta.

The minutes from the 2018 annual meeting were moved (Williams), seconded (Dutton), and approved, with one correction (noted by Huttar) that Tim Graham had in fact been elected to the Guild the previous year.

New members proposed for acceptance at the 2019 meeting:

Michael Adams Alfred Fedak Thomas Willard John McCardell Elizabeth Thompson

All were unanimously approved; and those present (all except McCardell) were called in to join the meeting as members. Prospective members unable to attend will be invited again to the 2020 annual meeting.

Discussion was initiated about where to meet next year. Elder contacted the General Theological Seminary in New York City; and after a period of silence received a glowing letter from the Seminary's Dean, Kurt Dunkle, welcoming us home. However, the Tutu Center (where we stayed on our last time at GTS) is now an expensive hotel and beyond our means. Dunkle sent a list of moderately priced hotels. The Executive Committee settled on Leo House and reserved a block of rooms at one night's tariff. Dunkle also put Elder in touch with the Seminary's Development Director, Anthony Khani, who said that if we met there we would have to use GTS catering services. Elder said the current plan is that we will meet at GTS and stay at Leo House. She also noted that the available meeting rooms at General are \$1600 a day. Khani wrote again later, revising his previous statement about catering, saying that it is not available on weekends, so we would be welcome to order food in.

Huttar moved that we postpone the rest of the discussion, which was listed under the Vice-President's Report, until after the Treasurer's Report.

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Hansen gave the President's Report, noting three issues to be considered: the prospect of formal incorporation of the Guild, the responsibilities of the executive committee, and the deadlines for proposing new members.

Valentine gave the Treasurer's Report. There is a current balance of \$5653 even though a \$5783 check has already cleared (to Leo House as a 2020 reservation fee). When conference expenses of \$4147 are paid, there will be \$1600 left. He noted that the \$707.79 website fee for five years (a cost saving in comparison to paying an annual fee) is not included in the \$4032.27 total of Expenses YTD because Valentine paid that amount on his personal credit card and has yet to be reimbursed. It is reported (in parentheses) simply for members' information. The \$5783 reservation fee at Leo house is refundable.

Huttar moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted; the motion was seconded and approved.

Elder thanked John Gatta for his work on the conference arrangements and for the work of his daughter Mary Gatta, who went out of her way to smooth all aspects of the event.

Huttar moved that the Vice President's report be received and opened for discussion. Benson asked if we have irrevocably committed ourselves to NYC and GTS for next year. Elder replied that it was not set in stone. Huttar asked if we have an inexpensive option for lodging and whether there might also be one for meeting rooms. Lares asked if there is some way we could pay for affordable meeting space.

Cynthia Brabson asked if we should take a straw poll so that the Executive Committee could make a decision knowing the opinion of the membership. Elder noted that Father Wright is living in a nice apartment and we had hoped to have a reception there to thank him for his service. She said if we have less than 20 in attendance, we can have it in his apartment, where there is only room for a small reception with no more than 20 people. She noted that the Dean's offer to give us an opening reception had not been reiterated.

Huttar mentioned that our bank balance is less than it was in the last couple of years, but there is also the possibility of an increased balance with income from membership dues by mid-year. Could that money be dipped into, to subsidize a more costly meeting in New York? Valentine said that we could, but it might not be a large amount. Huttar asked if by August 1 the income was likely to increase significantly due to advance conference contributions.

Elder said she had investigated the retreat house at Trinity Church in Connecticut, but it would require a train ride from downtown NYC.

A motion was made to take a straw poll and a straw poll was taken.

Those in favor of going to NYC: 7

Those opposed: 14.

Elder said she would not rule out meeting at GTS on the basis of this vote if they give a generous offer.

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Discussion turned to program issues. Huttar asked what principles are used in approving Guild programs? Might disciplinary diversity be one of the principles?

Elder said she assigns a deadline by which time she needs abstracts and to see what the received proposals may suggest as a possible theme. She has never been overwhelmed by proposals. Huttar asked at what point the program is approved. Elder replied that the deadline is January 10, and the program is approved shortly afterwards. This closed the Vice-President's Report. Acceptance of the report was moved, seconded, and approved.

Benson gave the Corresponding Secretary's Report. He offered thanks to Charles Huttar for his assistance in the transition. The Guild website has been successfully moved to a new service provider. There will soon be a password-protected section. Benson has also initiated the *Vox Scholarium* newsletter.

With respect to the procedures for the nomination of new members, a new member committee is to be appointed. Dutton mentioned the need for nominators to include the addresses of nominees. Hansen said he will try to solicit email addresses from nominees even though he did not find it onerous to look them up himself.

Acceptance of the Corresponding Secretary's report was moved, seconded, and approved.

The meeting then moved to New Business. With respect to the updating of the 1940 objectives, Williams said any revision would be pointless. Benson urged the writing of a mission statement instead. Elder said it should be short and snappy. Dutton said such a statement should be decided at the 2020 membership meeting but the Executive Committee should bring wording for a mission statement to that meeting. Peter Williams made a formal motion to that effect. Huttar proposed a friendly amendment asking for a somewhat longer explication of what was wanted. Dutton said suggestions from the membership should be sought. Hansen suggested a presentation of the issue in the newsletter, if members have suggestions for mission statement by the beginning of next year. The motion was approved.

Next came discussion of the executive committee's report on its powers, structures, and responsibilities. Hansen went over this report and explained it and the report was accepted.

With respect to incorporation of the Guild, Valentine reported that we had trouble with PayPal and transferring funds to the bank when he tried to open a new bank account, given that a tax ID is now required for a new account. That has been resolved by now, but it would have been easier if we were formally incorporated. The disadvantage of incorporation is that it might be expensive, perhaps as much as \$800. Huttar moved that the Executive Committee be instructed to pursue the matter. The motion was accepted.

Benson said some new-member nominations had arrived after the deadline and wondered if there were a policy about this. Dutton asked if we accept nominations after deadlines, what is the point of deadlines? Huttar suggested that we could revise the existing policy statement.

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Huttar noted that in the first paragraph of the current policy, nominations are to be made by members. The committee had talked about the method of nomination. Hansen was approached by three potential members who would increase our diversity; he is looking for a member willing to sponsor them.

Huttar said that normally candidates for membership are nominated by a current member. Huttar moved that the procedure should be: other interested scholars should contact the president directly. If they are interested in becoming members, the chair of the new-member committee will receive their applications. Approved candidates who are eligible for membership but who cannot attend the next meeting shall remain eligible for three years. Adams moved to table the motion with respect to eligible but nonattending prospective members until next year, and it will be on the agenda at the 2020 business meeting The motion to table passed. Hansen asked if we should deal with late applications in an ad hoc way.

Hansen noted that Birns will resign as Recording Secretary at the beginning of the 2020 calendar year. The Executive Committee will appoint a new Recording Secretary to serve until the final months of 2020 and a new election.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Birns, Recording Secretary



### New members accepted at the 2019 meeting:



**Michael Adams** received his Ph.D. in 1988 from the University of Michigan Department of English Language and Literature and is now Provost Professor of English at Indiana University. A scholar of historical English linguistics and lexicography, he has served as editor of *Dictionaries: Journal of the Society of North America* and as editor of *American Speech*. He is co-editor of *Contours of English and English Language Studies* (2011) honoring Professor Richard W. Bailey, a former president of the Guild of Scholars. His interest in slang and particular sociolects appears in his 2003 book *Slayer Slang: A Buffy the Vampire Slayer Lexicon*. He is currently working on historical dictionaries and restaurant jargon.



Alfred Fedak, BA in Organ Performance, Music History (Hope College), BM in Organ Performance (Montclair State University), Fellow of the American Guild of Organists; Director, National Certification Committee, American Guild of Organists; Visiting Fellow in Church Music, Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest, Austin, TX; Harpsichord study at Eastman School of Music; Organist/Harpsichordist for Capitol Chamber Artists (Albany, NY); widely published, sought-after and celebrated composer of hymns, organ and choral music. He has served on editorial committees of new hymnals (Reformed and Presbyterian); Minister of Music and Arts, Westminster Presbyterian Church on Capitol Hill, Albany, NY.



Thomas Willard University of Arizona English Department, retired. He earned the Ph.D. in English (minor in Drama) from the University of Toronto, after Bachelor's and Master's degrees at George Washington University. His major areas of teaching and research include ancient myth and literature, biblical literature, British literature to 1660, Shake-spearean and other drama, symbolism, modernism, literary analysis and research, and esoteric studies. He co-edited and contributed to *Visionary Poetics: Essays on Northrop Frye's Criticism* (Peter Lang, 1991) and contributed to Jean D'Espagnet's *The Summary of Physics Restored* (Garland, and Routledge 1999), and has contributed chapters to numerous books and monographs spanning a wide range of topics.



**Elizabeth Thompson** has been an Associate Professor of Instruction in the English Dept. at Ohio University since 2008 when she earned the Ph.D. in English Language and Literature at the University of Tulsa. She has a special interest in representations of American Indian women in fiction and non-fiction works from first contact through the 19th century. She teaches a range of writing and literature courses and is writing a book about her Oklahoma ancestors, who won land through the state's land lottery system in the early 20th century. Her chapter "Fantasies and Phobias: De-Mythologizing Contemporary and Historical Depictions of Rural Women" was published last year in *Representing Rural Women* by Lexington Books.

**John McCardell** is the Vice-Chancellor (President) of the University of the South and former President of Middlebury College. His doctorate in History is from Harvard, and as a historian his specialty is Southern culture and the U.S. Civil War. His publications include *The Idea of A Southern Nation* (Norton, winner of the Allan Nevin Prize), In the Cause of Liberty: *How the Civil War Redefined American Ideals* (LSU Press); and "William Gilmore Simms and Antebellum Southern Literature," in the *Oxford Encyclopedia of American Literature*. He has also served as chair of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (NAICU).

### **Presentations at the 2019 Guild Meeting**

**David Middleton** (Professor Emeritus of English and Poet-in-Residence Emeritus, Nicholls State University in Thibodaux, Louisiana) introduced us to *The Life*, *Poetry*, *and Prose of Alabama Poet John Martin Finlay* (1941-1991).

**Norman Austin** (Professor Emeritus of Classics, The University of Arizona) spoke about the expulsion of Christian missionaries after World War II, which included his parents. He described the interdenominational China Inland Mission (begun in mid-19th century Victorian England), under which his parents served from about 1930 until forced to leave in 1951, and about his schooldays there.

**Nick Birns** (NYU), **Ben Brabson** (Indiana University), and **Charles Huttar** (Hope College) constituted a panel surveying "The Guild of Scholars: Past, Present, Future" and facilitated a discussion among members on the role of the Guild and its potential contribution to the Church, eighty years after its foundation.

**Warren Smith** (Professor Emeritus of Classics, The University of New Mexico) countered an early pagan slur that Christians worshipped a donkey by presenting iconographic and textual evidence of *The Ass as a Christian and Muslim Symbol*.

### **Looking Forward to**

### The 2020 Annual Meeting at Virginia Theological Seminary, Arlington, VA

The dates of the VTS 2020 Guild meeting are the weekend of October 23-25. We will be staying at the VTS, 3737 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA 22304. The nearest airport is Reagan National; the Metro System has direct connections on either the yellow or the blue lines from the airport to the King Street Station in Arlington (roughly half an hour). From there, an AT2 DASH bus runs about every twenty minutes to the VTS campus (current cost: \$2.00, \$1.00 for seniors and disabled. Taxis are also available at the station (about \$9.00).

Final information on lodging, meals, local transportation, free time opportunities, costs, schedule and worship will be announced later in the spring.

In addition to the Annual Business meeting there will be the customary four sessions. See following.

### **Presentations and Presenters**

Friday Evening: D. Royce Boyer

Paying for World War I with Music: The Victory Loan Tour

The United States experienced a deficit of \$4.5 billion following World War I, ending in late 1919. A Victory Loan Committee was established to raise funds necessary to defeat the shortfall. On another front, a ceremonial band was formed in Europe at the request of General John Pershing, Commanding Officer, Allied Expeditionary Forces. It was subsequently requested to make a tour of selected U. S. cities to help raise the needed funds. The presentation, including diary and newspaper accounts, will provide details of selected cities, some near where several Guild members reside today. It will also provide an introduction to an Episcopal musician, Lt. Philip James, an outstanding church organist and composer, who became the conductor of the A. E. F. Headquarters Band.

Prof. D. Royce Boyer, a native of Indiana, was educated at Jordan Conservatory of Music/Butler University (B.M.), The Catholic University of America (M.A.), and the University of Texas at Austin (D.M.A). In 1966 he initiated the music discipline at the new campus of the University of Alabama in Huntsville, where he was a faculty member for thirty-two years. A church musician serving several denominations for nearly fifty years--twenty-four of them as Choirmaster of the Episcopal Church of the Nativity in Huntsville--he continues to be active as a choral director. His research interests have been exploring musical mysticism, various choral works, and the life of Philip James (1890-1960), composer, conductor and educator.

Saturday Morning Guest Speaker: Robert W. Prichard (presented at Christ Church, Arlington, preceded by a tour of this historic church)

Anglican Scholars in the Colonial and Early National Church

Since the last quarter of the 20th century American Episcopalians have treated the vocations of priest and scholar as very different from one another. It was not so in the colonial or early national churches. Teaching and preaching were understood as closely related activities. While the ordained did preside at the Eucharist, they did so infrequently and devoted far more of their attention to teaching. They lectured regularly on the catechism, delivered sermons with serious intellectual content, and founded and taught at parson schools, academies, and colleges. Teachers often served as Lay Readers, and lay and ordained missionaries understood education as basic to their strategy of evangelism. In his talk Dr. Prichard will explore the roles played by scholars in the early decades surrounding the establishment of Fairfax Parish (1765), for which Christ Church, Alexandria was an early chapel of ease.

The Rev'd Dr. Robert W. Prichard is Professor Emeritus of Christianity in America at the Virginia Theological Seminary, where he taught church history, liturgy, canon law, and Spanish language ministry from 1983 to 2019. Educated at Princeton (A.B.), Berkeley at Yale (M. Div.), and Emory (Ph.D.), Bob is the author or editor of ten books, (editions in 1991, 1999, and 2014) and Issues in Prayer Book Revision, vol 1.

including *A History of the Episcopal Church* (editions in 1991, 1999, and 2014) and Issues in *Prayer Book Revision*, vol 1. (2018). A former president of the Historical Society of the Episcopal Church (2010-16), he was a participant in the Anglican-Roman Catholic Dialogue in the U.S. A. (2001-7) and is currently a member of the Consultation on Common Texts. A General Convention Deputy from Virginia since 2006, he founded the first Episcopal Spanish-language congregation in Virginia (1975) and has lectured widely in Latin America.

# Saturday Afternoon David G. Burton and Marsha L. Dutton An Afternoon Excursion into Botswanan Anglicanism and Scottish Philosophy Precious Ramotswe: Epitome of Anglican Principles

Precious Ramotswe, the principal character in Alexander McCall Smith's series *The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency*, demonstrates essential Christian qualities in her professional and personal dealings as they develop in the now twenty novels that comprise the series. Mma Ramotswe, apparently reared in the Anglican Church of her native Botswana, reveals traits instilled in her by the church that include an appreciation of tradition, moderation in thought and deed, reliance on rationality, and an unswerving belief in kindness toward her fellow human beings. In this short paper, I will explore these three topics to show McCall Smith's creation of a character who never falters in her beliefs in order to live in a better world.

David G. Burton, Professor Emeritus of Spanish in the Department of Modern Languages at Ohio University (Athens), OH, for over twenty years led quarter-long study abroad programs in Mexico as well as teaching courses in language, Hispanic theater, Medieval Spanish literature, history of the Spanish language, and Don Quijote. His scholarship includes studies on *Conde Lucanor*, the *Celestina*, and the theater of Juan de la Cueva. His publications include the chapter on the early plays of Cervantes in a forthcoming *Oxford Handbook of Cervantes*, and three books: *An Anthology of Medieval Spanish Prose*, an edition of the *Conde Lucanor*, and *A Literary Companion to Don Quijote*. In retirement he has begun learning Portuguese. and, in addition traveling, reading, and serving as senior warden of Good Shepherd Church in Athens, sings in a university chorus and church choir and, when time permits, researches medieval Spanish hagiography, especially the presence of Saint Mary Magdalen in pre-sixteenth-century Spain.

#### Alexander McCall Smith, Isabel Dalhousie, and W. H. Auden: Triangulating Meaning

In Alexander McCall Smith's thirteen books about Isabel Dalhousie of Edinburgh, editor of *The Review of Applied Ethics*, Isabel regularly quotes from the poetry of W. H. Auden (one of the founders of the Guild of Scholars). Isabel is knowledgeable about not just philosophy but also Scottish painters and history, and she has a dangerous tendency to get involved in the lives of other people. She particularly loves Auden's poetry, quoting it as an expansion of her own thoughts. This paper will explore what Isabel particularly loves about Auden, and for that matter what Smith particularly loves—and will consider how Isabel's Auden quotations illuminate the big themes of the series of moral philosophy.

Marsha Dutton earned bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Kansas and a Ph.D. in English (medieval literature) from the University of Michigan, where she focused on the English prose tradition, i.e., religious works, mostly by or for women. After working as a primary editor at the Middle English Dictionary, she taught English at Hanover College (Indiana) and then at Ohio University, retiring in 2015. She has edited Festschriften honoring J. Robert Wright and E. Rozanne Elder and published on Chaucer and Julian of Norwich. The bulk of her scholarly work concerns the sermons and treatises of twelfth-century Cistercian abbots, especially Aelred of Rievaulx (d. 1167) and Gilbert of Hoyland (d. 1172). Since 2014 she has been the Executive Editor of Cistercian Publications, and is also preparing the critical edition of Gilbert's Sermons on the Song of Songs for Corpus Christianorum, Continuatio Mediaevalis, and writing a monograph on twelfth-century Cistercian laments, titled *Recollecting Grief*.

**Sunday Morning** 

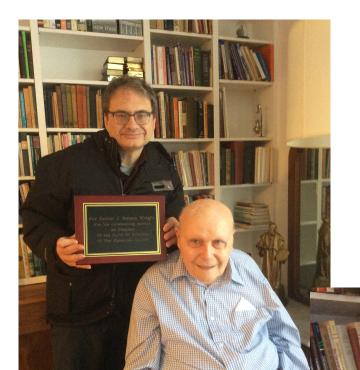
**John Wirenius** 

### The Establishment Experience:

### Lessons from the Anglo-Catholic Movements in the Church of England

As political power shifts in the United States, some religious bodies seek to create partnerships with the federal government, assuming that such partnerships carry with them no risks to ecclesial independence and liberty. By its experience from the 1830s through to the present day, Anglicanism has shown that the price of "establishment" is often government control over Christian political expression, doctrine, and even worship. The experience of Anglo-Catholics in the Church of England led both the conservative and liberal wings of the Church of England to agree on at least one thing: the profound dangers inherent in too close a relationship between Church and State. This paper will sketch some of that experience from the appearance of the Tracts for these Times through the 1920 Anglo-Catholic Conference.

John Wirenius graduated from Columbia Law School in 1990 (Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar), and from Fordham College in 1987 *summa cum laude*, Hons.). A labor lawyer, he has published numerous scholarly articles on topics ranging from law and religion to freedom of speech and labor law. Publications include "The Ethics of Non-Lawyer-Advocacy," *The International Comparative Policy & Ethics Law Review*, 2 (2019) 777-801; "'Command and Coercion': Clerical Immunity, Scandal, and the Sex Abuse Crisis in the Roman Catholic Church, *The Journal of Law and Religion*, 27 (2011) 423-494. John is also the author of two books, *Phineas at Bay* (2014) and *First Amendment, First Principles: Verbal Acts and Freedom of Speech* (2000; Revised 2004). Most recently, he edited and contributed to *The Taylor Law at Fifty* (2019).



# The Guild Recognizes and Thanks Fr. J. Robert Wright for his Service as Chaplain

On December 20, 2019, Nick Birns, then Recording Secretary of the Guild of Scholars, presented Fr. J. Robert Wright with a plaque, in honor of his outstanding service as chaplain to the Guild. In addition to the plaque, Nick transmitted to Fr. Wright numerous well-wishes in the form of greeting cards from Guild members. This took place at the home of Fr. Wright in New York City.

#### **How to Nominate Someone for Guild Membership**

Membership in the Guild of Scholars is by invitation. It is ordinarily initiated by someone who is already a member (although inquiries are always welcome from scholars who have visited our website or otherwise become aware of the Guild; see <a href="https://www.guildofscholars.org/how-to-join/">https://www.guildofscholars.org/how-to-join/</a> for the protocol of dealing with them). All members are encouraged to identify persons, whether in their own discipline or not, and whether or not they know them personally, whose membership believes would enhance the Guild as well as being of benefit to them.

The document "Membership Policy" states the qualifications for membership and outlines in broad fashion the process, from nomination early in the year through to election at an annual business meeting of the Guild. Below are listed the steps a member should take in proposing a new member.

- 1. Identify a good prospective member from among your acquaintances (at church, at your institution, or met at conferences, for example) or a professional colleague not known personally but for whose scholarly contributions you have a high regard.
- 2. Verify that, in your judgment, the person is both an Episcopalian and a scholar.
- 3. Gather material to submit in support of your nomination. A person's CV may be on an institutional or personal web site. A dossier can be put together listing significant publications, creative works, awards, recognitions, offices held in professional societies or consultative bodies. Include contact information.
- 4. Send your nomination, with supporting evidence for both basic qualifications (Episcopalian and scholar), to our Corresponding Secretary Bob Benson at <a href="mailto:bensonra@miamioh.edu">bensonra@miamioh.edu</a>. He will forward the materials to the New-Member Committee and the President. Be sure to do this by the deadline: six months before the year's annual meeting. The earlier the better regarding a timely decision by the committee and the chance that the nominated scholar will have the meeting date open, once invited.

Committee members review the nomination, seek further information from written or oral sources as they deem necessary, discuss the candidate, and determine whether to recommend the person for membership. All nominations are sent to the President with the committee's recommendation pro or con. The President, if in agreement with the Committee, writes a letter inviting the person to attend the next Annual Meeting, for a mutual opportunity to get acquainted. The President also notifies the nominator regarding the decision made —at which point the nominating member may play a role in answering questions and encouraging the candidate to visit.

It is best if the candidate does not know he or she is being nominated to avoid risk of embarrassment. This is not an ironclad rule, however. When it is convenient, you should make the person aware of the Guild by relating your own experience, pointing to our web site, and gauging the potential nominee's degree of interest in joining.

When an invited candidate is unable to attend the next Annual Meeting (as sometimes happens) but does not decline membership, our practice has been to assure them that they are welcome when they can come, and then to stay in touch, ensuring that they are kept informed about the Guild's activities.

### Looking for news of members to publish in Vox Scholarium

What have you been doing that you'd like to share with the rest of the Guild? Have you given lectures outside your institution, done research abroad or in new and interesting ways, had a book published or forthcoming, received honors and awards, participated in a professional meeting, done some exciting work on sabbatical, or personal news? Please write up your activity, send it in digital form (Word is best) along with any images you may have (in .jpg, .gif, .tif or .png format) to the editor: Bob Benson (bensonra@miamioh.edu).

### **Dates to note:**

**April 23:** Deadline for nomination of new members

**July 1:** Due date for annual dues of \$25

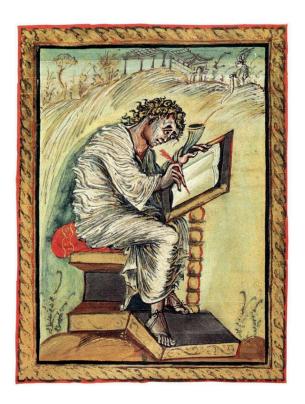
December 1, 2020: Deadline for paper proposals for 2021 Annual Meeting and later

meetings.

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Interpretation of a classical scholar as a scribe or an evangelist in the Ebbo Gospels (816-35).