

Resolution CC6 – New Canon 42 – Constitution & Canons Committee

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RESOLVED, that a new Canon be instituted to describe the organization and duties of the Committee on Constitution and Canons for the Diocese, as follows:

CANON 42

COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND CANONS

Sec. 42.1. Members. There shall be a Committee on Constitution and Canons consisting of not fewer than six (6) and not more than eighteen (18) members which shall include Lay Persons and Clergy. In addition, the chancellor of the diocese is an *ex officio* member of the Committee, with seat and voice. The Bishop shall appoint the chairman.

Sec. 42.2. Term. One-third (1/3) of the members shall be appointed to a three (3) year term by the Bishop at each Annual Convention. Should vacancies occur on the committee between Annual Conventions, the Bishop shall appoint a member to serve the balance of the term for which appointed. A member who has served two (2) consecutive terms shall not be eligible for re-appointment until the lapse of one (1) year. However, a member who is appointed to fill an unexpired term of less than two (2) years shall be eligible for nomination to two (2) full consecutive terms.

Sec. 42.3. Duties. It shall be the duty of the Committee to:

42.3.1. Receive and review proposed amendments to the Constitution and Canons and Standing Rules of Convention, placing each such proposed amendment in proper constitutional or canonical form including all amendments necessary to effect the proposed change. Except as required in 42.3.4, the Committee shall express its views with respect to the substance of any such proposal only to the proponent thereof; provided, however, that no member of the Committee shall, by reason of membership, be deemed to be disabled from expressing, before any diocesan body, personal views with respect to the substance of any such proposed amendment. Any such proposed amendment to the Constitution and Canons or Standing Rules shall be submitted to the Chair of the Committee at least 45 days prior to the first day of the annual meeting of the Convention.

42.3.2. Conduct a continuing comprehensive review of the Constitution and Canons and the Standing Rules of Convention with respect to their internal consistency and clarity, and on the basis of such a review propose to the annual meeting of the Convention such

a. technical amendments to the Constitution and Canons and Standing Rules as in the opinion of the Committee are necessary or desirable in order to achieve such consistency and clarity and

b. substantive amendments to the Constitution and Canons and Standing Rules as in the opinion of the Committee are technically desirable and involve a substantive alteration of a Constitutional or Canonical provision or to incorporate canonical changes required by action of General Convention.

42.3.3. Correct typographical errors in the Constitution and Canons and report such changes to the Convention.

42.3.4. Report to the annual meeting of Convention on the first day of its meeting, including any minority report, to summarize the work of the Committee, including the various matters studied, the recommendations for action by the Convention, and drafts of Resolutions proposed for adoption to implement the recommendations of the Committee.

42.3.5. Discharge such other duties as shall from time to time be assigned by the Convention.

EXPLANATION

There is a need to provide for a definition and duties of a Committee on Constitution and Canons since presently none exists. The wording of this new Canon is primarily taken from the General Canons for the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons provided in Canon I.1.2.(n)(3).