

PROCEDURAL RESOLUTIONS
FOR THE 101st ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE EPISCOPAL
DIOCESE OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA
NOVEMBER 10-11, 2023

1. Resolution on Seat and Voice

It is moved that seat and voice in this Convention be granted to the following individuals if not otherwise members of or delegates to Convention:

- A. the Parliamentarian;
- B. all persons officially representing organizations of the Diocese;
- C. all persons officially representing institutions affiliated with the Diocese;
- D. all lay persons employed by the Diocese;
- E. all members of the Youth Council of the Diocese;
- F. all lay members of the Standing Committee; and,
- G. all lay members of Fiscal Ministries.

2. Resolution on the Agenda

It is moved that Convention adopt the agenda which has been distributed to the members of Convention as its official agenda.

3. Consideration of Late Resolutions

It is moved that any resolution that was not submitted to the Diocese in a preliminary or final form for publication prior to November 1, 2023 is not eligible for consideration at Convention unless such resolution is accompanied by a motion for consideration of such resolution and such motion for consideration is approved by two-thirds of the members of Convention present and voting on the matter. This provision shall not apply to resolutions proffered at an earlier Convention that were then submitted to a committee for study and recommendation and are to be acted on at this Convention; subsidiary or incidental resolutions or motions; the procedural resolutions by which Convention is organized; or courtesy resolutions.

4. Resolution on Legislative Committees

It is moved as follows in respect to legislative committees:

- A. The Convention's presiding officer, in his discretion, may refer each main or principal resolution and each discussion paper to an appropriate legislative committee, and he shall appoint the members and a chairperson of the legislative committee, except that members of the Committee on Constitution and Canons shall be nominated and elected by Convention as provided by the Constitution. This provision shall not apply to resolutions coming from or presented by any legislative committee, subsidiary or incidental resolutions or motions, the procedural resolutions by which Convention is organized, or courtesy resolutions. The legislative committee to which a resolution is referred shall consider the resolution and report on it to Convention in one of the following forms:

- (1) Recommends adoption, with or without amendment, in which case the question for Convention shall be on the adoption of the resolution in the form presented by the reporting committee. Recommends rejection, with or without reasons, in which case the question for Convention shall be on the adoption of the resolution, notwithstanding the recommendation of the committee for rejection.
- (2) Moves that the resolution be tabled or that the committee be discharged from further consideration of the resolution because:
 - (a) The matter is not within the scope of the committee's function;
 - (b) The matter has already been dealt with by action of Convention; or
 - (c) For other reasons.

B. It shall be presumed that a resolution, if timely submitted to Convention and considered by a legislative committee, has been moved and seconded. When a legislative committee reports on a resolution, it shall not be necessary for the resolution again to be moved and seconded.

5. Resolution on Elections and Ballots

It is moved that all elections, except as otherwise provided by the Constitution or the Canons of the Diocese, shall be decided by a plurality of votes and that instructions concerning voting procedures shall be provided by the Dispatch of Business.

6. Discussion Papers

It is moved that an issue or subject with regard to a public issue not touching exclusively the routine, internal business of the Diocese may be submitted to Convention for discussion only. Such an issue or subject shall be plainly stated in writing and shall be identified by its proponent as "A Discussion Paper." Convention may consider a discussion paper but shall take no action on it.

7. Resolution on Debate of Public Issues

It is moved that consideration of each main or principal resolution or each discussion paper presented to Convention with regard to public issues not touching exclusively the routine internal business of the Diocese shall be subject to a time limit of ten minutes for proponents of each of the affirmative and negative sides of the issue, unless a longer time for debate or other terms for debate are authorized, without debate, by a two-thirds majority of the members of Convention voting on the matter.

8. Resolution on Parliamentary Procedure.

It is moved that in circumstances not covered by these procedural rules or the Constitution or Canons of the Diocese, the rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised* shall apply as reasonably interpreted by the Parliamentarian.