

Report from the Constitution and Canons Committee for 2024 Convention

The committee met by zoom several times. After consultation with the Judge of Elections, the Committee focused on a proposal to amend the rules of order to use a ranked choice voting system to select Deputies to General Convention. From these deputies also come our representation to Province III meetings. Election requires a majority vote and often requires multiple ballots to set a list of Clergy and Lay deputies and alternates. With a ranked choice voting this would all be done on one ballot. A proposal using ranked choice is being sent forward by the Committee for voting on at the 2024 convention and implementation at the 2025 convention which is the next time the diocesan convention will choose a General Convention deputation. Implementation in 2025 gives time for orientation and testing of the new system. A second item was brought to the attention of the committee late this summer. Our canons did not provide for selection of the single representative needed to serve on the Province III executive Committee. We are sending forward an amendment to Canon XXVI that corrects this oversight.

The committee this year functioned with Joan Gundersen serving as chair, Ian Everhart as vice chair, clergy members. Luke Zerra Julie Smith, and Carter Hawley, and Charles Bell as the third lay member. Both Andy Roman and Bishop Ketlan Solak are ex officio members.

Joan R. Gundersen, chair