

Positions to be filled by Election at the 99th Annual Diocesan Convention October 16-17, 2009

Standing Committee

1 clerical and 1 lay member for four-year terms

The Standing Committee serves as a council of advice for the Bishop(s) of our Diocese on all matters, including decisions related to the sale, encumbrance or disposal of real property throughout the Diocese.

Other diocesan responsibilities include interviews and consent or withholding consent of persons seeking ordination to the diaconate or priesthood, as well as identifying a Standing Committee representative to the Commission on Ministry. In addition, the Standing Committee has judicial responsibilities in cases of clergy misconduct including clergy or complainants who do not accept the adjudication of the Bishop.

National and international responsibilities include giving or withholding consent to election of bishops within the wider Episcopal Church.

The Standing Committee meets monthly at Diocesan House, usually on the second Tuesday of each month from 10:30 AM to 3 PM depending upon the agenda. Members are also expected to attend a Committee retreat in December.

The Standing Committee places high value on prayerful deliberation as well as a strong commitment to working in a supportive way with our Bishop(s). If you enjoy working collaboratively on important decisions in the church and have a broad view of what it means to be an Episcopalian, then the Standing Committee might be of interest to you.

Diocesan Council

1 clerical or lay member for a three-year term

Between Diocesan Conventions the Diocesan Council—a body of 19 members plus the Bishop and Bishop Suffragan—oversees the budget and program goals of the Diocese, carrying out the priorities adopted by Convention. The Council develops a proposed budget to be ratified by the next Convention, and monitors income and reviews/recommends changes to the current year budget as needed.

Members assume and accept the role of public relations and good will toward individuals and congregations facilitating connectedness within the Diocese. Members attend the Diocesan Convention as voting members during their terms of office. Members also accept assignments, work on task groups, and attend regional, committee, and commission meetings as necessary.

The meeting schedule for the Council varies from year to year, but generally includes 3-4 meetings on 4th Thursday afternoons and 2-3 meetings on Saturdays. The 2009-2010 meeting schedule will be finalized at the first meeting of the new Council gathered in retreat at Huston Center December 3-5, 2009. New members will be asked to attend an orientation on Thursday, December 3, followed by the Friday-Saturday retreat with the full Council.

St. Mark's Cathedral Vestry

1 clerical or lay member for three-year term

Under the new Cathedral governance model, adopted by Convention in 2002, the membership of the Cathedral Vestry is comprised of representatives of the Diocese and the community in addition to the St. Mark's parish. The Canons of the Diocese of Olympia state:

“The vestry shall aid and support the rector to promote the spiritual welfare and the growth of the parish. The vestry shall transact the temporal affairs of the parish.” [Canon 9, section 8]
Behind this dry statement is the opportunity for service, spiritual growth, and ministry during a very dynamic time at the Cathedral.

The diocesan representative elected at the annual Diocesan Convention will begin serving on the Vestry the month following the St. Mark’s annual meeting each year, joined by a community representative as well as the newly elected and continuing members from the St. Mark’s parish. Vestry members are expected to attend monthly vestry meetings, the meetings of the vestry committee(s) to which they have been assigned, two vestry retreats (fall and spring), special Cathedral liturgies and Cathedral events.

The Vestry meets monthly, usually on the fourth Tuesday of the month, from 6–8:30 PM at Diocesan House. All meetings are open, except when the vestry goes into executive session. For more information on Cathedral activities visit the Cathedral website at www.saintmarks.org.

Officers of the Diocese

Secretary of the Diocese:

The Secretary of the Diocese takes part in planning, preparation and leadership of Convention. The Secretary receives (through the Bishop’s Executive) all resolutions, amendments, and official written business of Convention. He/she is official signatory of Convention correspondence. He/she is an officer of the Diocese and as such serves on the Board of Directors. The time commitment includes attendance at the Convention, meetings as needed to work with the Convention Planning Committee, and attendance at the Board of Directors monthly meetings. This is a volunteer position.

Treasurer of the Diocese:

The Treasurer of the Diocese has oversight of the finances of the Diocese, including investments, cash, and real property. He/she also advises the Bishop on financial matters and serves as one of the officers of the diocesan corporation. He/she is accountable to the Diocesan Convention and serves as a member of the Board of Directors, the Loan and Property Committee, and the James F. Hodges Diocesan Investment Fund Committee. He/she also serves on the Budget and Finance Committee and as a member of the Early Response Team. This is a volunteer position with an approximate time commitment of six hours a week.

The Historiographer:

The Historiographer of the Diocese is responsible for creating, maintaining and continuing a history of the Diocese including its significant leadership and events, reporting annually to the Bishop and Convention. He/she also performs such duties as may be prescribed by the Bishop or by resolution of Convention. This is a volunteer position.

The Archivist and Records Manager:

The Archivist and Records Manager is the custodian of the journals, papers, reports, pamphlets and other records of the Diocese and reports annually to the Bishop and Convention. This is a part-time paid position.

The above positions are one-year terms, clerical or lay.

The Deadline for Nominations is August 31, 2009

- **Clerical nominees** for any office must be clergy persons who are canonically resident in the Diocese of Olympia.
- **Lay nominees** for any office must be adult communicants in good standing in a parish or mission congregation of the Diocese of Olympia.
- *Nominations may be made from the Convention floor in accordance with diocesan canons.*