

## **2018 Resolution R1: Annual Council Rules of Order Voting Procedures for the Election of General Convention Deputies and Alternates**

### **RESOLVED:**

That Part III, Section 11 of the Annual Council Rules of Order be deleted in its entirety and Section 8c be added, as follows:

### **III—ELECTIONS**

**Section 1.** Thirty days, or more, before the meeting of Council, the Bishop shall appoint a Chairperson of Tellers for the ensuing meeting.

**Section 2.** The duties of the Chairperson of Tellers shall be as follows:

a. With the advice and consent of the Bishop, to appoint eight or more people to serve as Tellers.

b. To supervise the recording of nominations; to be responsible for the preparation of ballots; to supervise the distribution and collection of ballots at the time of voting; to supervise the tabulation of votes; and, as directed by the Bishop, to make report to the Council the results of the balloting.

c. To see that suitable receptacles are provided for the receiving of ballots; and that quarters, tally sheets, and other necessary supplies are available for the work of the tellers.

**Section 3.** All elections shall be by secret ballot, except in cases where the number of nominees equals the number of offices to be filled. Then the election may be by unanimous consent, the Secretary of the Council casting the unanimous ballot of the Council for the nominee or nominees.

**Section 4.** All nominations shall be made as an early item of business (in Council). After the nominations for each office have been closed by vote of Council, no further nominations may be made. However, "write-ins" at the time of balloting will be valid.

**Section 5.** Ballots shall be in printed form. The names of the nominees and any other information concerning the number to be elected for each office and from each category, the requirements for election or such other information as may be needed will be printed on the ballots.

**Section 6.** The Committee on Credentials shall furnish the Chairperson of the Tellers before the time of voting one list of the clerical delegates eligible to vote and one list of the lay delegates eligible to vote. These lists shall be in alphabetical order.

**Section 7.** Elections shall be an order of business as early as possible and shall continue until completed. The Council may proceed with other business while votes are being tabulated, but reports of the Tellers and re-balloting, if necessary, shall take precedence over all other business.

**Section 8.** The procedure of voting shall be as follows:

a. Secret ballots from both clerical and lay delegates shall be received by the Tellers.

b. If voting on the first ballot does not produce the majority needed to elect persons for all the offices to be filled by a majority vote, the number of candidates on the next ballot will be reduced by a number equal to one-half (1/2) of the number of candidates in excess of those needed to be elected. The number of candidates in excess of those needed to be elected is defined as the number of remaining unelected candidates minus the number of offices remaining to be filled (rounding off to the larger rather than the smaller number of candidates for the next ballot). This procedure shall be used on subsequent ballots until such time as each and every person to be elected has received a majority vote.

c. In case of electing Deputies and Alternates to General Convention, the following procedure shall be used:

1. Balloting for Deputies shall continue according to Rule of Order III, Section 8.b until the total number of persons elected by majority vote equals the total number of Deputies required to be elected. The persons elected shall be ranked first by the ballot on which they were elected (the earlier ballot having higher rank) and second, within that ballot by the total votes cast for each candidate (the candidate with the higher number of votes having the higher rank).

2. Balloting for Alternates shall continue according to Rule of Order III, Section 8.b until the total number of persons elected by majority vote equals the total number of Alternates required to be elected. The persons elected shall be ranked first by the ballot on which they were elected (the earlier ballot having higher rank) and second, within that ballot by the total votes cast for each candidate (the candidate with the higher number of votes having the higher rank).

**Section 9.** When the balloting has been concluded, the tellers shall retire and tabulate the votes, reporting the result as outlined above.

**Section 10.** When any re-balloting has been concluded, the tellers shall retire and tabulate the votes, reporting the result as outlined above.

**Section 11.** ~~In any case where delegates and alternates are to be chosen, the following procedure will be used: Balloting will continue according to Rule of Order III Section 8.b until the total number of persons elected by majority vote equals the total number of delegates and alternates required to be elected. The persons elected shall be ranked first by the ballot on which they were elected (the earlier ballot having higher rank) and second, within that ballot by the total votes cast for each candidate (the candidate with the higher number of votes having the higher rank). Delegates shall be those receiving the higher rankings and alternates shall be those receiving the lower rankings. The head of the delegation shall be the person receiving the highest rank.~~

Submitted by the Executive Board