

RESOLUTION

THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

DIOCESAN CONVENTION

NOVEMBER 3-5, 2016

TITLE: Combining Constitutional Offices of Secretary and Registrar

PROPOSED BY: John Miller, Secretary of the Board of Trustees, on behalf of that Board

NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE: Same as above

REPRESENTATIVE AT CONVENTION: Same as above

DATE: September 11, 2015

RESOLVED, That Article XI of the Constitution of the Diocese be amended as follows:

1) Section 1 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 1. At each annual meeting the Convention, the Bishop shall nominate and the Convention shall elect a Secretary (who shall serve ex-officio as Registrar), a Treasurer, ~~a Registrar~~, a Chancellor, and may elect Vice-Chancellors. The Convention shall elect such other Officers as may be required by Canon. The election of officers designated in this section shall be by voice vote, notwithstanding the provisions of Article X, Section 2, of this Constitution. Officers designated in this section shall perform the duties prescribed in this Constitution, Diocesan Canons and the Resolutions of the Diocesan Convention. They shall remain in office until their successors are elected and assume office.

2) Section 4, which reads as follows, is hereby repealed.

~~**Section 2.** The Registrar shall be elected from among the Clerical members of the Convention.~~

EXPLANATION OF RESOLUTION:

Adoption of this amendment to the Constitution will combine the elected office of Registrar with the elected constitutional office of Secretary, commonly referred to as Secretary of Convention. The combined office of Secretary and Registrar must still be elected from the Clerical members of Convention.

The Constitution creates the office of Registrar and the Canons specify its duties. The Registrar is custodian of all Journals and records of the Diocese and must keep and certify records of consecrations of bishops, ordinations of clergy, and receipt and transfer of clergy.

The duties of the Registrar are purely ministerial and are performed on a daily basis by staff of the Office of the Bishop on behalf of the office. In fact the office is vacant and no interest has been show by any prospective nominee. Combining the offices streamlines the diocesan organization and harmonizes it with current practice.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The revision concerns formalities only and will result in no fiscal impact.

RELATION TO DIOCESAN STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

This revision builds upon the 2011 restructuring designed to empower parishes and mission in relationship to Deaneries and Deaneries in relationship to the Diocese, all in furtherance of the Diocesan strategic priorities for improved communication and evangelism and congregational development.