

D. Rules of Order at the Election of a Bishop, Bishop-Coadjutor, or Suffragan Bishop

The election of a Bishop for this Diocese shall be made in Convention in the following manner:

1. At such times as the Nominating Committee for the election of a Bishop has determined the final slate of nominees, it shall give Deputies to Diocesan Convention opportunity to submit to it questions to be answered by such nominees and it shall communicate their responses.
2. Pursuant to Article II, Section 3 of the Constitution of this Diocese, the Secretary of the Convention shall send to each Deputy and Alternate Deputy, as well as to every member of the clergy entitled to vote, the following sections of our Constitution and Canons:
 - a. Article II of the Constitution of the Episcopal Church, (national)
 - b. Canons 22 and 25, Title III, (national)
 - c. Article XIV of the Constitution of the Diocese, and
 - d. Section D, Rules of Order of the Diocese.
3. The President of the Convention shall, in the hearing of the Convention, read Sections 1 and 2 of Article II of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, and Section D of its Rules of Order, that all may prepare themselves for the duty about to be performed. Then the President shall read the form of testimonials which are to be signed in behalf of the Bishop-elect and shall then announce that nominations will be next in order.
4. For the purpose of discussing the nominations, the Convention shall go into Committee of the Whole, and shall sit with closed doors. The purpose of the Committee of the Whole is not to legislate but to deliberate matters and nominations to be presented to the Convention. Only certified deputies, lay and clerical, sit in the Committee of the Whole. These persons specified in paragraph B1 of the Rules of Order shall be entitled to seats, but not to voice.
 - a. The nominating Committee shall present its list of candidates for nomination, permitting discussion on its report.
 - b. Any nominations intended to be made from the floor of the Convention shall be offered at this time in order that opportunity for discussion and information is afforded the deputies. All nominations from the floor shall be permitted, provided:
 - they be made in writing, signed by ten members of Convention representing five churches,
 - consent has been given, in writing, by the nominee,
 - that certified clearances, as used by the Nominating Committee, accompany the nomination, and
 - that copies are laid before the Chair of the Committee of the Whole and the Secretary of Convention.

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- c. No word of comment as to any nomination, or in praise or censure of any person nominated shall be in order except in Committee of the Whole. If during the election process a candidate withdraws or is withdrawn from the ballot, no endorsement of another candidate will be in order.
 - d. When the Committee of the Whole has risen, the Chair of that Committee shall report its work to the President of the Convention, who shall then call upon the Nominating Committee to present its slate of nominees. Opportunity shall be given to any member of convention to make a nomination from the floor, providing all requirements of 4b of these rules have been met. All nominations are to be made without comment or discussion.
 - e. The Convention may return to the Committee of the Whole at any time upon consent of the majority of the Convention.
5. The order of names of nominees on the ballot shall be chosen by lot.
 6. When all things are ready, all present shall be called to prayer, the Veni Creator shall be said, and other supplications added by the President of the Convention, followed by silent prayer and The Lord's Prayer.
 7. Then, with the Tellers having taken their places, the names of Clergy and Deputies shall be called, all other voices being suppressed. Ballots shall be given to those who respond. If a Deputy does not answer to a roll call, the name of an elected and certified Alternate may be announced by the deputation, and such Alternate may receive a ballot after his or her name has been verified and announced by the Secretary of the Convention. The Tellers shall count the ballots aloud in open Convention, the Clergy votes being counted first. Silence shall be maintained by the assembly while this is done. The ballots being counted, the Tellers shall report, and the President shall declare the result.
 8. If there be no election by concurrent majority of both Orders, new balloting must be made with all solemnity as before, until, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, a Bishop is duly chosen and elected.
 9. When an election has taken place, appropriate prayers and praises shall be offered. The Bishop or President of the Convention shall appoint a committee to notify the Bishop-elect and to seek consent of the same.
 10. All deputies, clerical and lay, shall then sign the required form of testimonials certifying the election.