

The Episcopal Diocese of Western Louisiana

40th Annual Diocesan Convention

*Holiday Inn Downtown, Alexandria, LA*

March 9, 2019

**COMMITTEES OF CONVENTION**

***Dispatch of Business:***

The Rev. Frances “Boo” Kay, Chair

***Credentials and Privileges:***

The Rev. Dr. Wayne Carter, Chair

The Very Rev. Dawnell Stodghill

***Courtesy:***

The Very Rev. Jaime Flowers, Chair

The Rev. Madge McLain

Matthew Snow

***Nominations:***

The Rev. Seth Donald, Chair

The Rev. Wayne Fletcher

Jane Sistrunk

***Resolutions:***

The Rev. Mary Richard, Chair

The Rev. Canon John Bedingfield

Andrew Texada

***Elections:***

The Very Rev. Matthew Woollett, Chair

The Rev. R Christopher Heying

The Very Rev. Rich Snow

Debora Colvin

Kevin Bordelon

Ivania Vallejo

Martha Whelan

***Necrology:***

The Rev. Whit Stodghill

## DESCRIPTION OF COMMITTEE WORK

**DISPATCH OF BUSINESS:** This Committee is responsible for presenting the Agenda for Convention to the assembled body for approval; and for coordinating any subsequent revisions with the Bishop during Convention.

**CREDENTIALS AND PRIVILEGES:** Members of this committee should be at the registration area on Saturday ready to certify to the Chair of Convention, the number present in each order (lay and ordained). Very early on the Convention Agenda, the Chair of the Committee will be called upon to report the presence of a quorum. Seat and voice are given to the Treasurer, Chancellor, Chair of the Diocesan Committee on Conventions, and others whom may be deemed necessary by the Bishop.

**NOMINATIONS:** This Committee meets, confers, and places in nomination a name or names for each of the elective offices being considered. Those to be elected are listed in the information given the Elections Committee. The Committee needs to meet before the first business session of Convention. Remember, the election of the Secretary is the first item of business of the Convention and most other elections come early on the Agenda. The Convocations submit nominees for Standing Committee vacancies within their Convocations. However, all Standing Committee members are elected at large and represent the entire Diocese.

**ELECTIONS:** This Committee handles the elections and the Chair provides Convention with instructions for the balloting process. To be elected this year: one cleric for Disciplinary Board; one Standing Committee member from the Acadiana Convocation (laity) and one Standing Committee member from the Lake Charles Convocation (clergy); one Trustee for the University of the South (laity). The Elections Committee does not make the nominations as they come through the Nominations Committee. The Elections Committee does oversee the balloting process, and the Chair reports the results to Convention when recognized by the Bishop.

**RESOLUTIONS:** This Committee considers all resolutions that would not routinely be referred to some other Committee of Convention. All Resolutions of Substance (thus excluding Resolutions of Courtesy) must be submitted to the Secretary of Convention no later than 1:00 p.m. on the first regular day of business. Such resolutions must be submitted in writing and accompanied by 200 printed copies of the resolution and any necessary supporting materials for distribution to all voting delegates.

**COURTESY:** This Committee prepares the Courtesy Resolutions for a late order of business on the Agenda, thanking and honoring those for whom special recognition and remembrance are felt to be important to the gathered Convention.

**NECROLOGY:** This Committee receives the names for the Necrology Report and makes their report on the faithful departed within the context of the opening Eucharist of Convention. Clergy and select Wardens of parishes and missions were sent forms for submission of the names to be included, with the request that lists be sent directly to Diocesan House.