

The Council of Advice proposes that the following special rule of order be adopted by Convention:

Special Rule of Order for the Election of the Bishop in Charge of the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe at the Annual Convention in All Saints' Church, Waterloo from October 18 – 20, 2018

1. An identifying badge will be received at registration identifying each person as either a clerical delegate, a lay delegate (including those lay members of the Council of Advice who are not otherwise elected delegates) or as other non-voting attendants. An appropriate portion of the meeting space shall be reserved and designated as the floor of the Convention.
2. Delegates shall be seated on the floor of the Convention. No person shall be admitted to the floor of the Convention without such an identifying badge. All other persons including alternates, guests, etc., shall be seated outside of and shall not enter upon the floor of the Convention during its deliberations except by invitation of the President of the Convention to speak. Tellers and other assistants may come onto the floor to carry out their assigned duties. Tellers will be appointed from non-voting attendants at Convention supervised by the members of the Transition Committee.
3. Each member of the clergy entitled to a seat in the Convention shall register at the registration desk providing proof of identity to be checked against a list of all the Clergy entitled to seat and vote in the Convention prepared by the Ecclesiastical Authority.
4. Each lay delegate shall also register at the registration desk providing their certificate of the appointment (Canon 2 Section 2(2)) to be checked against the list of Lay Delegates provided by the Secretary of Convention.
5. After the Bishop or other presiding officer has declared the Convention duly organized (Canon 2 Section 4 (5)) this Special Rule of Order shall be submitted to the Convention for adoption.
6. When the President of the Convention calls for nominations, the Co-Chairs of the Nominating Committee shall place in nomination the names of the persons chosen by the Committee and those nominated by petition. The Co-Chairs shall certify that all candidates placed in nomination have completed the same application process and background checks. Nominations from the floor are not in order.
7. No campaign or other materials relating to any nominee shall be distributed at or during Convention, except materials provided by the Search and Nominating or Transition Committee. Likewise, no speeches whatsoever shall be made for or against a candidate.
8. The Convention shall vote by ballot and by orders, with the lay and clerical members voting concurrently and separately. To facilitate counting, each order will use different colored ballots. The concurrence of a majority of each Order shall be necessary for an election. Proxy or absentee votes are not allowed. Candidates will be listed alphabetically on the ballots. After each round of voting the ballots papers will be placed in a sealed and labelled envelope and archived.
9. The results of each ballot will be communicated directly to the President. Before the results of each ballot are announced, sufficient time will be allowed for communication of the results to the candidates by the persons appointed. The President may at any time in the President's discretion interrupt the proceedings of the Convention for discussion, prayer, meditation or such other form of Divine Service as the President may deem necessary or appropriate to keep the mood of the Convention oriented to the important spiritual task confronting it.

There will be no use of social media during balloting and no results are to be communicated until after the President has announced the results.

10. A candidate may withdraw his or her name from consideration at any time during the balloting. The withdrawing candidate shall communicate his or her wish to withdraw to the President of the

Convention, either directly or via the person assigned to communicate the results. The President shall report the withdrawal to the Convention and that candidate shall be excluded from subsequent ballots.

11. After the President shall have declared that an election has taken place, the President shall notify the elected person, if the person is not present in the Convention. If the Bishop-elect declines election, there shall be no further balloting and the election proceedings will be adjourned. The President shall direct all Delegates to sign the Canonical Testimonials to the election of a Bishop before leaving the floor of the Convention, and the President shall ask that a motion be made from the floor that the Council of Advice be instructed to forward to the Standing Committees of the several Dioceses the Canonical Testimonials and certificates required by the National Canons evidencing the election, and to do all other things necessary to ensure the Ordination and Consecration of the Bishop-elect.
12. The foregoing Special Rule of Order shall be applicable only to the Annual Convention in All Saints' Church, Waterloo from October 18 – 20, 2018, or any postponement or adjournment thereof.