

DRAFT
Diocese of Western North Carolina
OFFICES TO BE ELECTED
91st Convention, November 8-10, 2012

COMMUNICATION COMMISSION: 1 person from the Foothills Deanery for a 2 year term and 1 person from the Asheville Deanery for a 3 year term. (The Bishop will make 3 appointments)

The Commission shall advise the Ecclesiastical Authority and the Diocese on strategies and means for delivering and receiving communications within the Diocese to ensure that individuals, parishes and institutions of the Diocese are kept abreast of news, information, technologies, venues, content and conversations that will spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the Diocese and in the world. Each Commission member shall be responsible for promoting communication among members of the Deanery from which each is elected or appointed, including individuals and parishes. Members of the Commission must be clergy who are canonically resident in the Diocese or lay persons who are communicants in good standing of the Diocese and resident within the Diocese. The Commission shall meet at least twice yearly.

Except for members serving no more than two years of their initial terms on the Commission, no member shall serve more than two consecutive three year terms on the Commission.

Rotating off: Jane Murray, Asheville Deanery (eligible for re-election)

STANDING COMMITTEE: 1 clergy, 1 layperson for 4 year terms.

The Standing Committee serves as a council of advice for the Bishop and is the Ecclesiastical Authority ("Bishop by Committee") of the Diocese in the absence of a Bishop. It must give its advice and consent for a number of important actions within the life of the Diocese and The Episcopal Church, such as election of Bishops, approval of candidates for ordination, and sale or encumbrance of property of the Diocese. There are four clergy and four lay members, each serving a four year term. The Standing Committee usually meets bi-monthly with called meetings as necessary. There are two overnight meetings with the Commission on Ministry and with those desiring to be ordained.

Any member having served a full term shall be ineligible for reelection for a period of four years.

Rotating Off: The Rev. Walter Bryan, ineligible for re-election until 2017
Sally Spiegel, ineligible for re-election until 2017

THE EPISCOPAL FOUNDATION OF WNC: 1 layperson for a 3-year term. (*Waiting to hear back from Michael Davis, President of the Foundation*)

The Foundation was founded in 1962 to hold funds to be used "to foster, develop and contribute to the support of the religious, educational and charitable work of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Western North Carolina, or elsewhere, by making gifts, grants, loans and advances solely and exclusively for religious, educational and charitable purposes to any individual, organization, institution, agency other body within the Church or associated or affiliated in any way with the Church."

The Board consists of 9 members and the Bishop. Meetings are held no more frequently than quarterly. Members' responsibilities include: making a modest (minimum \$10) contribution to the Foundation; becoming a member of the "Living Stones Society" (leaving money to either the Diocese or Parish), attending all meetings, except in unavoidable conflict, soliciting contributions for endowment, speaking in parish/vestry about Foundation & activities; reading individual grant requests before the meeting; and occasionally visiting applicant site before awarding grant, if site is near Board member. Members must be communicants in good standing in the Episcopal Church.

The Foundation recently made a significant grant to the Diocese to help retire the Lake Logan debt. This is an exciting time for the Foundation to explore new, creative, and exciting ways for it to serve the Church in Western North Carolina.

Rotating off: Vicki Hill

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE DIOCESE: (3 year terms) 1 layperson from the Foothills Deanery. 1 layperson from the Mountain Deanery. 1 layperson from the Asheville Deanery. 1 Clergy from the Asheville Deanery. 1 Clergy from the Western Deanery.

The Executive Council implements the work of the Diocese between Conventions. Up to six meetings are held annually, plus an all day Saturday retreat in January. In addition, each member serves as liaison to one of the dioceses' many working committees.

Elected members having served a full term shall be ineligible for reelection for a period of two years.

Rotating Off: Eligible for Re-Election

Shannon Morris, Foothills Deanery

Tom McDonough, Mountain Deanery

Rotating Off:

The Rev. Pattie Curtis, Western Deanery

ineligible for re-election until 2015

The Rev. Patty Mourer, Asheville Deanery

ineligible for re-election until 2015

Ron Rios, Asheville Deanery

ineligible for re-election until 2015

TRUSTEES OF THE DIOCESE: 1 layperson for 5 year term.

Trustees hold title to and administer all properties not owned by congregations; the Trustees are responsible for the administration of a significant portion of Diocesan trust funds. They meet approximately six times a year at the Bishop Henry Center, Asheville.

Elected members having served a full term shall be ineligible for reelection for a period of one year.

Rotating Off: Eligible for Re-Election Faye Alice Burner

TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH: 1 lay person for a 3 year term.

The Board of Trustees has one principal meeting in Sewanee every October and on occasion Trustees may to return to Sewanee for called meetings. Board members may be asked to participate in sub-committees of the Board. Expenses incurred are the responsibility of the Board members.

Rotating off: Kemper Brown

TREASURER OF THE DIOCESE: 1 person for a 1 year term.

The Treasurer is responsible to the Convention and the Bishop for oversight of all financial dealings of the Diocese. As such, the Treasurer is a member of the Department of Fiscal Ministries and the Trustees.

Rotating Off: Eligible for Re-Election: Harold Cole

SECRETARY OF THE CONVENTION: 1 person for a 1 year term.

The Secretary is responsible for the minutes of the Diocesan Convention and their transcription and collation and producing the Diocesan Journal

Rotating Off: Eligible for Re-Election: The Rev. John Morton

Updated August 21, 2012