

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution A-1

Moved by: Mrs. R. Hamilton
Seconded by: Archdeacon J. Boyles

That the minutes of the 35th Session of the General Synod, held in Ottawa, Ontario, June 1-9, 1995, as printed in the Journal and as approved by the Certification of Minutes Committee, be adopted.

Resolution A-2

Moved by: Canon A. Box
Seconded by: Archdeacon J. Boyles

That the draft Agenda #8 be adopted, subject to revision from time to time during the Synod.

Resolution A-3

Moved by: Canon A. Box
Seconded by: Mrs. R. Hamilton

That the reports printed in the Convening Circular and the supplementary material be received.

Resolution A-4

Moved by: Mrs. R. Hamilton
Seconded by: Archdeacon J. Boyles

That all Notices of Motion and Memorials, printed in the Convening Circular and the supplementary material be received.

Resolution A-5

Moved by: Canon A. Box
Seconded by: Archdeacon J. Boyles

That the Nominating Committee be responsible for arranging balloting and appointing scrutineers in any election where such is required.

Resolution A-6

Moved by: Hon. R. Stevenson
Seconded by: Archdeacon J. Boyles

That the following guidelines for the Resolutions Committee be adopted for use at this General Synod:

Task

It is the responsibility of the committee:

to receive, and prepare for debate, resolutions proposed for the consideration of the Synod;
to ensure that proposed resolutions contain clear and concise statements of what is intended by the sponsors.

to consolidate, and, if necessary, reword resolutions which deal with the same subject, after consultation with the sponsors; and

generally to ensure that the resolutions do not contradict the resolutions procedures which form part of these guidelines.

Resolutions Procedures

All resolutions not already printed in the convening circular, except those of a procedural or courtesy nature, or that arise in the course of debate, shall be written on the prescribed form and submitted to the Deputy Prolocutor for consideration by the committee before being put to the Synod.

The committee shall not debate the merits of any proposed resolutions, but will ensure that it contains a clear and concise statement of what is proposed.

Any resolution presented to the committee may be accompanied by an explanatory note setting forth the considerations leading to the proposal. This note *will not form part* of the resolution.

No resolutions shall include any preambles (i.e. "*Whereas*", etc. etc.).

The committee is authorized to consolidate and, if necessary, re-word resolutions which deal with the same subject, with the understanding that, in doing so, the committee will consult with the sponsors of the resolutions.

The sponsors of any resolution which is recommended for change by the committee must be consulted and asked for their agreement to change(s) proposed. If agreement cannot be reached, the committee has authority to present its version, and the sponsors will have the opportunity to propose any amendments they believe desirable.

The committee may reject, or return for amendment, any resolution it considers to be:

outside the jurisdiction of the General Synod;

unclear or ambiguous;

inaccurate;

of a local rather than a national character;

impossible of performance; or

calculated to be a source of embarrassment to the Church.

h) No notice of motion, except one of a procedural or a courtesy nature, will be received beyond the time stated on the agenda for the reception of notices of motion except with the consent of a two-thirds majority of the Synod.

Any resolution which requires the expenditure of funds, the source of which have not been identified prior to the Synod session [ROP 15 (b)] must be referred by the sponsors to the Expenditures Committee.

Normally resolutions will be dealt with in an order which is appropriate to the elements of the agenda or in the order in which they are received. However, if time for debate is limited, the Agenda Committee will decide which resolutions will go forward for debate and which should

be recommended for reference to appropriate bodies other than the Synod. [*“Motions with reference to reports from Standing Committees shall take precedence over other motions on the paper.”* ROP 12 (c).]

Resolution A-7

Moved by: Hon. R. Stevenson
Seconded by: Archdeacon J. Boyles

That the following Nominating and Election Procedures be adopted for use at this General Synod.

Procedures for electing the Council of the General Synod

Each diocese is asked to submit to the Nominating Committee, prior to a time designated by the Agenda Committee, three nominations from among its own members, one from each Order. When a diocese has been represented by any Order for the two previous terms, it shall not nominate a member of that Order.

At a time designated in the agenda of the General Synod, the members of the synod shall assemble in groups according to their Ecclesiastical Provinces.

The Nominating Committee of the General Synod shall assign one of its members to chair each of the provincial assemblies, such member being a resident in that ecclesiastical province. Such person shall have the right to vote.

If, at the time of the members so assembling, any diocese has not submitted its nominations, the members of that diocese may do so; if they do not do so, then the assembly shall nominate for that diocese.

A chart shall be posted showing the diocese, the nominees and their Orders.

The members who have been nominated may be identified for the information of those assembled.

The chairperson shall appoint six scrutineers from among those who have not been nominated.

Ballots shall be distributed and each member shall vote for his or her first choice among the nominees to serve on the Council of the General Synod.

The members receiving the greatest number of votes shall be deemed selected. In the event of a tie where both candidates may be selected, it shall be deemed that both have been selected.

Where only one may be selected, further votes between those so tied shall be taken. After three ballots, if the tie remains the chairperson shall cast a second vote to decide the issue.

If the first selection is made from the Orders of Bishops and Clergy, the second selection shall be made from the Order of Laity and vice-versa. If the first selection results in the nomination of persons from both the Orders of Bishops and Clergy and the Order of Laity, the chairperson shall determine from which group the second selection shall be made. Thereafter, the selections shall alternate between the two groups.

After each selection, the other nominations for the diocese which the selected nominee represents shall be struck from the list of nominations.

When the prescribed number of nominees from the Orders of Bishops and Clergy or from the Order of Laity has been achieved, other nominations from those Orders or that Order shall be struck from the nominations.

When all but one of the prescribed nominations from the Orders of Bishops and Clergy have been made and no nomination has been made from one of those Orders, the remaining nominations from the other of those Orders shall be struck from the list.

When an ecclesiastical province is required to nominate more members than there are dioceses in the province, after one member has been nominated to represent each diocese:

if the additional selection is required from the Order of Laity, the selection shall be made from among those persons whose nominations had earlier been struck from the list;

if the additional selection is required from the Orders of Bishops and Clergy, the selection shall be made from among the bishops and clergy whose nominations had earlier been struck from the list.

o) When the prescribed number of nominations of persons resident in the ecclesiastical province represented has been achieved, the chairperson shall declare that the business for which the members have been assembled is concluded; and shall report to the chairperson of the General Synod Nominating Committee.

p) The chairperson of the General Synod Nominating Committee shall report to the General Synod the names of those who have been nominated for the Council of the General Synod by this process, and move the adoption of the report.

q) Written nominations for those to be elected as members-at-large will be received until a time designated by the Agenda Committee.

Resolution A-8

Moved by: Hon. R. Stevenson

Seconded by: Archdeacon J. Boyles

That the following *No Debate List* be adopted for use at this General Synod.

the Resolutions Committee in consultation with the movers shall identify resolutions likely to be approved without debate. Those resolutions shall be listed, by number and title, on a No Debate List on the Orders of the Day;

the No Debate List shall be read at the beginning of the first session of the day; upon the request of any member of Synod, any resolution shall be removed from the list before the time set by the Resolutions Committee and scheduled for debate at a time arranged by the Agenda Committee;

each resolution remaining on the No Debate List be decided in turn without debate except that the mover of the resolution may speak for not more than three minutes.

2. That the Resolutions Committee be requested to develop specific guidelines.