

Resolution Number: A-22

Subject: Amendments to Constitution and Canon VI re: Officers

Moved By: (Name) Hon. Ron Stevenson from the Diocese of Fredericton

Seconded By: (Name) Archdeacon Jim Boyles, General Secretary

Note: The mover and the seconder must be members of the General Synod and be present in the House when the resolution is before the synod for debate.

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this General Synod amend Section 12, Part III of the Constitution by reconstituting the Officers of the General Synod as follows:

Primate

Prolocutor

Deputy Prolocutor

General Secretary

Chancellor *provided that, in the absence of the* Chancellor at meetings of
the Council of General Synod, the Vice-Chancellor may attend such meetings

Vice-Chancellor, if appointed

two Officers-at-large (one Clergy, one Lay) elected by the Council of General Synod from its own membership [resident in provinces other than those of the Prolocutor and Deputy Prolocutor]. That Sections 19 and 20 of the Constitution be deleted, and subsequent sections renumbered accordingly;

That Section 35 a) iv) of the Constitution be amended by adding after 'Chancellor',

and that Section 35 c) ii) be deleted and subsequent sections renumbered accordingly

That Section 36 d) v) be deleted (*regarding the Executive Director of Program*).

That Section 1 of Canon VI be deleted and replaced by the following:

1. Role of the Treasurer

The Treasurer shall be appointed by the Council of the General Synod on nomination of the Primate after consultation with the Financial Management and

Development Committee.

The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all monies of the General Synod under the authority of the General Synod, the Council of the General Synod or the Financial Management and Development Committee, and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Constitution, the Canons and resolutions of the General Synod, the Council of the General Synod or the Financial Management and Development Committee.

During sessions of the General Synod the Treasurer shall be entitled to be present and, subject to the Rules of Order and Procedure, to participate in discussion without the right to vote.

EXPLANATORY NOTE/BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

During the last triennium the Officers were reduced in number by the resignation of the Executive Director of Program and the Treasurer. With the Prolocutor from British Columbia, the Chancellor and Vice Chancellor from Saskatchewan, the Deputy Prolocutor from the Arctic and the two Officers remaining resident in Toronto but with roots in the West (Primate and General Secretary) the geographic imbalance was striking.

At present there are four Officers in Church House and four outside. This amendment attempts to work at both regional representation among the Officers and also at striking a new balance between in-house Officers and those from the volunteer part of the Church, so that there would be six outside and two inside.

The work of Executive Director of Program is now assigned to other Directors, and the office is no longer needed in the light of restructuring after the adoption of the strategic plan at the last General Synod.

The Treasurer remains as an important official of the Church, and his role is moved by this resolution from the Constitution to the first section of Canon VI.

Source: Council of General Synod

Submitted by: General Secretary