

2023 Amendments to the St. Patrick's Episcopal Church Bylaws Adopted in 2014

The Vestry initially wanted to amend the St. Patrick's Episcopal Church Bylaws that were adopted in 2014 to simplify description of the Endowment Committee and move the description of the Endowment Committee operations into a separate Enabling Resolution document for that committee. An *ad hoc* Vestry Bylaws Committee was set up with four members: Bob Endres, chairman, Rev. Wren Blessing, Linda Williams, and Todd Holman to address this issue. It quickly became apparent that additional amendments would be desirable. The following describes changes in each article of the Bylaws that the Vestry approved on November 16, 2023.

ARTICLE I - THE CORPORATION

This article has been expanded by the addition of **Section 2 Fiscal Year** that defines the fiscal year of the corporation which was located in **ARTICLE VII - MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS** in the Bylaws adopted in 2014.

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

This article has been divided into four sections. The first three sections are unchanged from the 2014 Bylaws, and **Section 4 Associate Members** has been added to identify Associate Members and clarify that since these are not full members they are not qualified to vote in elections or on issues that arise in St. Patrick's meetings.

ARTICLE III - MEETINGS OF THE MEMBERS

Sections 1-4 remain unchanged.

Section 5 Quorum and Voting has been divided into four subparagraphs and one sentence (in subparagraph b) has been amended as shown here:

“Each ~~person present~~ adult member participating in the meeting in person or electronically shall have one vote.”

ARTICLE IV - ELECTIONS

This article remains unchanged.

ARTICLE V - VESTRY

Section 1 Who Constitutes has been divided into four subparagraphs. All four subparagraphs are unchanged, but the last two have been moved here from **Section 2 Terms of Office** of this article in the 2014 Bylaws.

The new **Section 2 Rules of Order** in the amended bylaws has been moved unchanged from **ARTICLE VII - MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS** in the 2014 Bylaws.

Section 3 Terms of Office (**Section 2** in the 2014 Bylaws), subparagraph c has been amended as shown here:

“One ~~Summer~~ seasonal Vestry Member shall be elected for a one (1) year term and shall be from the summer residents who live part-time in this community and regularly attend and contribute to this Church. The ~~Summer~~ seasonal Vestry Member shall be nominated by the Rector and elected at the annual parish meeting. The ~~Summer~~ seasonal Vestry Member shall be an associate member of this Church.”

The last two subparagraphs (c & d) of this section have been moved to **Section 1 Who Constitutes** of this article. **Sections 4-8** (**Sections 3-7** in the 2014 Bylaws) remain unchanged.

ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS

Section 1 Rector subparagraph e (subparagraph c in the 2014 Bylaws) was amended as shown here:

“At such times as the Rector may deem proper, the Church buildings, Chapels or houses of worship belonging to the Parish may be opened for all purposes authorized or sanctioned by ECUSA the Episcopal Church or the Ecclesiastical Authority, and for no other purposes.”

Section 2 Senior and Junior Wardens subparagraph b was amended as shown here:

“The Senior Warden shall monitor the financial activities of the parish ~~and shall chair the parish Finance Committee~~”.

Section 3 Clerk and Treasurer remains unchanged.

Section 4 Finance Committee from **ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS** of the 2014 Bylaws has been moved into **ARTICLE VII - COMMITTEES**.

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The title of this article has been amended from “Miscellaneous Matters” to “Committees”.

Section 1 Committees and Commissions has been amended as shown here:

“The Vestry shall establish ad hoc committees and commissions as it deems necessary to carry out the purposes of the parish. The duties and ~~powers~~ scope of such bodies shall be set forth in the minutes of the Vestry. The following sections of this article describe standing committees of the parish.”

Section 2 Finance Committee has been moved from **ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS, Section 4** of the 2014 Bylaws, and amended as shown here:

- a. “The Vestry shall establish a Finance Committee comprised of the Rector, Wardens, Treasurer, ~~Vestry member for Outreach, and a member~~ and other members of the Congregation at large if appointed by the Vestry. The chairman of the Endowment Committee shall be a non-voting ex officio member of the Finance Committee.
- b. The chairman of the Finance Committee is appointed by the Rector or the Senior Warden.
- c. The Finance Committee shall assist the Treasurer and Wardens with financial records and reports, and oversight of the Outreach Ministry finances, and assist by presenting an annual operating accounts budget to the Vestry for review and approval.”

Section 2 Vestry Responsibilities - Liaison Responsibilities of the 2014 Bylaws has been deleted because it no longer describes what the Senior Warden actually does and the *ad hoc* Bylaws Committee agreed that it was no longer relevant.

Section 3 Endowment Committee has been added to describe the Endowment Committee.

Section 3 Convention Delegates of the 2014 Bylaws has been separated from this article and moved into a new **ARTICLE VIII - CONVENTION DELEGATES**.

Section 4 Fiscal Year of the 2014 Bylaws has been moved to **ARTICLE I - THE CORPORATION, Section 2**.

Section 5 Rules of Order of the 2014 Bylaws has been moved to **ARTICLE V - VESTRY, Section 2**.

ARTICLE VIII - CONVENTION DELEGATES

ARTICLE VII - COMMITTEES, Section 3 Convention Delegates of the 2014 Bylaws has been moved and rearranged to create a new **ARTICLE VIII - CONVENTION DELEGATES**.

Section 1 Qualifications first sentence has been amended as shown here:

“Delegates and alternates to the Annual Convention of the Diocese of Colorado and the Diocesan Regional assemblies must be adult communicants of this Church in good standing.”

ARTICLE IX - ADOPTION AND AMENDMENT (ARTICLE VIII of the 2014 Bylaws)

Two sentences in **Section 1 Notice of Proposed Amendment** have been amended as shown here:

- a. “Any proposal to alter, amend or repeal any part or all of these Bylaws must be submitted in writing to the Vestry at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting of the membership and signed by the person or persons submitting the ~~same~~ proposal.”
- b. “A copy of ~~such proposal~~ the amended Bylaws shall be provided to the membership not less than ten (10) days prior to the annual meeting by conspicuously posting a copy of the same within the church building making a digital copy available electronically or a paper copy available in the Church office to all members.”

Section 2 Adoption of Amendment remains unchanged.

ARTICLE IX - ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE of the 2014 Bylaws

This entire article has been deleted and replaced by a much shorter **Section 3** in **ARTICLE VII - COMMITTEES**. A new description of committee operations will be contained in a Vestry-approved Enabling Resolution.

ARTICLE X - CONTRACTS, LOANS, CHECKS AND DEPOSITS

This article remains unchanged.

ARTICLE XI - REPORTS, BOOKS AND RECORDS

This article remains unchanged.

ARTICLE XII - INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE

This article remains unchanged.

ARTICLE XIII - CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND CONFIDENTIALITY

This article remains unchanged.

ARTICLE XIV - ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT

This article only applied to the previous round of amendments and has been deleted.