

Interior Deanery

Proposed Changes to the By-Laws

Presented at 2022 Deanery Meeting

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Proposed By-Laws Changes:

The executive committee worked on the By-Laws revision, including the Supplemental and have some recommended changes. In the attached By-Laws, including the Supplemental the recommended additions are in **Bold print** and the recommended deletions are ~~striktthrough font~~.

Summary: Change the bylaws and supplemental to reflect the deanery structure, as it is currently operating. In the bylaws combine Article III – Deans & Article IV – Executive Committee into one Article. Renumber the remaining Articles accordingly. In the supplemental combine the Job Descriptions for “Regular Deans” and “Executive Committee Members-At-Large”.

Detail of the Changes to the Bylaws:

Article II – Deanery Meetings page 1

- 5. Change Executive ~~Board~~ to Executive **Committee**; Add “**and who shall be the Dean, presented for appointment by the Bishop**”.

Article III – Deans & Article IV – Executive Committee (Combined as one) pages 1-2

- Article III Title now “Executive Committee”
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- 2. Change “...duties of the ~~Deans...~~” to “...duties of the **Executive Committee...**”
 - a. Delete ~~The Deans~~; Add **Are to be** the Bishop’s...
 - b. Delete ~~The Deans~~; Capitalize **Represent** their regions....
 - f. **Plan the annual Deanery meeting.**
 - g. – i. renumbered a.-c. from Article IV 8.
- 3. The ~~Deans’~~, Add The **Executive Committee members’**
- ~~Article IV – Executive Committee combined with~~ **Article III**
- Article IV ~~1.~~ becomes Article III **4.**, delete: ~~which shall consist of one Dean and one Member at Large from each region.~~
- Delete Article IV 2. & 3., as they have been combined in Article III 1.
- Article IV 4., change a ~~Dean~~ to **the Dean**
- Article IV ~~4-6.~~ become Article III **5.-7.**, numbering change only

Detail of the Changes to the Bylaws Continued:

- Article IV ~~7~~ becomes Article III **8** and change “ who misses two consecutive meetings ~~shall~~ **may** be declared vacant, **by the Executive Committee** and **the vacancy** shall be filled...”
- Article ~~V~~ becomes Article **IV** page 3
- Article ~~VI~~ becomes Article **V** page 3

Detail of the Changes to the Supplemental to the By-Laws:

- JOB DESCRIPTION FOR ~~REGULAR DEANS~~ **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS** page 4
- 4. Add “.... goals and **ensure sacraments are provided.**
- ~~JOB DESCRIPTION FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS-AT-LARGE~~
- 1-4 renumber to 9 – 12.
- Add **13. Keep the National Committee on Indian Work, the Interior Deanery and Diocesan Staff informed of important happenings in their region.**

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6. A quorum shall consist of representatives from at least six churches including at least one from each region.
7. Alternates and other visitors may be given seat and voice only, by a majority vote of the delegates present at the meeting.
8. Business of the meeting shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order, unless otherwise specified here.
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2. The duties of the ~~Deans-Executive Committee~~ shall include all of the following:
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 - b. ~~The Deans- R~~epresent their regions to the Bishop and the Diocese.
 - c. Ensure that the following ministries are provided in their congregations: Pastoral visitations, and providing the sacraments.
 - d. Responsible for regular communication with the villages in their regions, challenging, encouraging, and supporting local leadership.
 - e. Encourage church committees and clarify committee member's responsibilities.
 - f. Plan the annual Deanery meeting.
 - g. Inform the Executive Committee about what is happening and what is needed in their region.
 - h. Be responsible for reporting back to the congregations in their region about the actions of the Executive Committee and the Deanery.
 - e.i. Keep the National Committee on Indian Work, the Interior Deanery and Diocesan Staff informed of important happenings in their region.
3. The ~~Deans-Executive Committee members~~' travel expenses shall be provided by the Interior Deanery, if available funding.
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5. Meetings shall be held at least twice a year, (or) when called by a the Dean and another member.
6. A quorum shall consist of any four members.
7. A vacancy in any Executive Committee position shall be filled by the remaining members of the Executive Committee, with a person from the affected region who shall serve until the next annual meeting elects a person to fill out the term.
- ~~3.8.~~The position of any member who misses two consecutive meetings shall may be declared vacant, by the Executive Committee, and the vacancy shall be filled, in the manner provided, at the next meeting of the Executive Committee or annual meeting, whichever occurs first.

ARTICLE IV ~~Executive Committee~~

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1. ~~The business of the Deanery between annual meetings shall be conducted by the Executive Committee which shall consist of one Dean and one Member at Large from each region. (see #4 above)~~
2. ~~The following Member at Large of the Executive Committee will be elected in odd years for a two year term: Tanana Valley. The following Members at Large of the Executive Committee will be elected in even years for a two year term: Yukon Koyukuk and Yukon Flats. (see #1 above)~~
3. ~~The Members at Large from each region shall be elected by a majority of the delegates present at the annual meeting, from that region, voting by secret ballot. (see #1 above)~~
4. ~~Meetings shall be held at least twice a year, (or) when called by a Dean and another member. (see #5 above)~~
5. ~~A quorum shall consist of any four members. (see #6 above)~~
6. 2. ~~A vacancy in any Executive Committee position shall be filled by the remaining members of the Executive Committee, with a person from the affected region who shall serve until the next annual meeting elects a person to fill out the term. (see #7 above)~~
7. 3. ~~The position of any member who misses two consecutive meetings shall be declared vacant and shall be filled, in the manner provided, at the next meeting of the Executive Committee or annual meeting, whichever occurs first. (see #8 above)~~

8. ~~Duties of the Members at Large shall include all of the following: (see #3.g-i above)~~
 - a. ~~Inform the Executive Committee about what is happening and what is needed in their region.~~
 - b. ~~Be responsible for reporting back to the congregations in their region about the actions of the Executive Committee and the Deanery.~~
 - e.a. ~~Keep the National Committee on Indian Work, the Interior Deanery and Diocesan Staff informed of important happenings in their region~~

ARTICLE IV - Assessment/Budget

1. The executive committee is responsible to make the budget and submit budget requests to the Diocesan Finance Committee by their deadline.
2. Each congregation shall be assessed an amount set by the Executive Committee for the operation of the Interior Deanery.

ARTICLE VI - Amendments

1. These Bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the Deanery, without prior notice, by a two-thirds majority of the delegates present, and become effective immediately.

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Supplemental to By-Laws

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GOALS

1. To provide for GBD (Gospel Based Discipleship) circles in every member congregation.

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2. To assist each member congregation in holding regular services of public worship.
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~~JOB DESCRIPTION FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS AT LARGE~~

- ~~1. Regular consistent contact with each congregation to assess ministry and needs/concerns.
(see #9 above)~~
- ~~2. Plan the annual deanery meeting. (see #10 above)~~
- ~~3. Encourage the establishment of Gospel Based Discipleship groups in each congregation.
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4. Assist in the planning of special events/training to equip local lay leaders for ministry.
(see #12 above)

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