



Diocese of California Standing Committee  
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**STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES  
JANUARY 12<sup>TH</sup> 2023, 4 PM.**

**ZOOM**

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**Meeting ID: 817 1057 3530  
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**4:02 PM CALL TO ORDER**

*Opening Devotions offered by Jane Stratford.*

**Present:** Robyn Amos, Carolyn Bolton, Todd Bryant, Gretchen Lintner, Jane Stratford, Warren Wong, Mauricio Wilson.

**Absent:** Sean McConnell.

*Rev. Deacon Gary England joined meeting @ 4:28 PM -4:38 PM and again @ 5:30 PM.*

*Rev. Paul Fromberg joined meeting @ 4:48 PM – 5:29 PM.*

*Brenda Paulin joined meeting @ 4:51 PM – 5:29 PM.*

*Bp. Marc Andrus joined the meeting at 5:29 PM.*

*Cn. Debbie Low Skinner joined the meeting at 5:31 PM.*

*Cn. Christopher Hayes joined the meeting at 5:31 PM.*

**4:08 PM CHECK-IN**

**4:17 PM APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*December 8, 2022*

***Moved by Todd; seconded by Carolyn***

***Motion passed***

*Change of agenda to include:*

**4:28 PM DIOCESAN INSTITUTION VISIT:**

***School for Deacons Gary England, Board President***

*Rev. Deacon Gary England joined meeting @ 4:28 PM*

*Revised bylaws. Gary gave update:*

- *New board better reflects the community in terms of diversity – both age and race.*
- *Reflected on how people are raised up for the diaconate.*
- *Rod Dugliss retired.*



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• *SfD entered relationship with Bexley/Seabury in /Chicago.*

- *There are currently 22/23 active deacons in DioCal. but we need 3 times that many. The board is actively working to educate people about diaconal ministry and recruit new deacons. They hope to have about 6 from CA entering school in fall.*
- *Haley McKeefree is director of School for Deacons. She is working with Bexley/Seabury on experiential learning. She is hoping to recruit candidates from across the country.*
- *Association of Episcopal Deacons adopted the standard of formation for deacons also adopted by Bexley/Seabury. The program is now completely online with the*

4:20 PM

## COMMITTEE LAISON REPORTS

- Commission on Ministry (Sean McConnell)  
*No report.*
- Executive Council (Carolyn Bolton)  
*No report.*
- Grace Cathedral Board of Trustees (Warren Wong)  
*Met in December and will meet in Feb. Warren will continue to work with them. Annual meeting end of January.*
- Committee on Governance (Gretchen Lintner)  
*No report.*
- Working Group on Diocesan Institutions (Robyn Amos)
- ECS Board is currently 20% below canonically required Episcopal members on the board. ECS board will consult with diocesan chancellor about best practices.  
**Action item – Warren will follow up with Christopher** (see below under Bishop's time).  
*School for Deacons – see above report.*
- Nominations Committee (Jane Stratford))  
*No report. Have not met yet.*
- Episcopal Elections (Todd Bryant)  
*Diocese of Florida – no decision from presiding bishop office.*  
*Diocese of New York – haven't received consent.*  
*Need to complete consent to Ohio but they've already received enough votes*
- Executive Compensation Committee (Mauricio Wilson)  
*Mauricio not present. Warren gave update.*



**4:50 PM BISHOP SEARCH AND TRANSITION**

*Brenda Paulin joined meeting @ 4:51 PM/ Rev. Paul Fromberg joined meeting @ 4:48 PM*

- They are using qualitative data analysis to categorize information from listening sessions and feedback from Bishop's Committees and Vestries. Currently there are 690 comments. 270 comments have not been analyzed. there are also the comments from the Spanish language session, and the online survey.*
- Next meeting on 1/31.*

**5:30 PM BISHOP'S TIME**

*Rt. Rev. Marc Andrus joined meeting at 5:29 PM; Gary England joined 5:30 PM; Cn Debbie Low Skinner joined 5:31 PM; Cn Christopher Hayes joined 5:31 PM.*

*Bp Marc reported:*

- Celebrated Epiphany at DioHause today with lunch and king cakes*
- Bp. Marc has begun ordaining people in senior year of seminary.*
- There are twelve seminarians coming up for the transitional diaconate by December 2023.*

*Cn. Debbie reported:*

- V+T participation is encouraging. Two congregations from the Diocese of El Camino Real joined the 2022 cohort being sponsored by their diocese.*
- Cn. Debbie announced that the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church (DFMS) will meet in San Francisco on the 9-12th February. The Diocese is hosting them on the 9<sup>th</sup> for evensong with a reception after. the Governance of the Diocese are invited to attend the evensong and reception.*
- Absalom Jones celebration will be @ St. Paul's Oakland. Rt. Rev Deon Johnson, Bishop of Missouri, preaching.*
- Diocesan staff were given chance to provide information to Search/Transition.*



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- *Task force formed re. assessment formula. Kirsten Spalding chair. Cn. Michele Racusin and Lane Rigley, treasurer, are gathering information from*

*other dioceses re. assessments. Findings will be presented at Executive Council retreat.*

- *Updated list of congregations with schools and rectories. 32 have some sort of housing – almost half. Most used by clergy of congregation.*
- *2/16/2023 there will be a special evensong recognizing Bishop's Ranch (?).*

*Cn. Hayes:*

- *Question about ECS Board composition. Cn. Hayes explained canonical requirements and process for exceptions, and made recommendations based on past experience.*
- *According to the Canons, the Bishop has the authority to set the date for election of new bishop.*
- *The annual diocesan convention in October will adopt special rules of order for electing convention.*
- *Executive Council visit to Diocese of California – See above.*
- *School of Deacons bylaws – no questions. Motion by Sean, seconded by Todd Passed unanimously. Bishop consents.*
- *Florida election – Still waiting for the result of Court of Review – discussion tabled.*

**6:30 PM CLOSING PRAYER** *Offered by Cn Debbie* **& ADJOURNMENT**  
**Moved by Robin; seconded by Sean**  
**Adjourned 6:34 PM**

***Respectfully submitted***  
***By Jane Stratford, Secretary***