

**GENERAL CONVENTION OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH 2009  
ARCHIVES' RESEARCH REPORT**

**RESOLUTION NO.:** 2009-A173  
**TITLE:** Amend Canon I.5.3(a) Board of Archives Membership  
**PROPOSER:** Board of the Archives of the Episcopal Church  
**COMMITTEE:** Canons

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**Directly Related:** (attached)

1994-A010 Amend Canon I.5 [Of the Archives of the Episcopal Church]  
1988-A001 Amend Canon I.5.2 [Board of the Archives]  
1985-A076 Amend and Renumber Canons I.5, 1 as follows:

**Indirectly Related:**

*In preparing this report, the Archives researched the resolutions of General Convention for the period 1976 through 2006, selecting "direct" resolutions that have a substantive bearing on the proposed legislation. Committee members who are interested in obtaining copies of "indirectly related" resolutions, legislative history before 1976, or who require other research assistance should contact the Archives at 800-525-9329 before Convention or at Convention in the General Convention Secretariat.*



**Resolution Number:** 1994-A010  
**Title:** Amend Canon I.5 [Of the Archives of the Episcopal Church]  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred As Submitted  
**Final Text:**

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring, **That Canon I.5 be amended to read as follows:**

**CANON 5**

**Of the Archives of the Episcopal Church**

**Sec. 1.** There shall be an Archives of the Episcopal Church, the purpose of which shall be to preserve by safekeeping, to arrange and to make available the records of the General Convention, the Executive Council, *and the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society*, and other important records and memorabilia of the life and work of the Church, *and to carry out a program of records management so as to further the historical dimension of the mission of the Church.*

*Sec. 2. For purposes of this Canon, records are defined as all fixed evidential information regardless of method, media, format or characteristics of the recording process, which have been created, received or gathered by the Church, its officers, agents or employees in pursuance of the legal, business and administrative function and the programmatic mission of the Church. Records include all original materials used to capture information, notwithstanding the place or conditions of creation, or the formality or informality of the characteristics of the record. The records and archives of the Church are not limited by the medium in which they are kept and include such formats as paper records, electronic records, printed records and publications, photo-reproduced images, and machine-readable tapes, film and disks. [Section 2 is new; all subsequent sections are renumbered accordingly.]*

**Sec. 2 3 (a).** There shall be a Board of the Archives which shall consist of the Archivist (ex officio, with vote), the Dean of the Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest (ex officio, with vote), and ~~nine (9) twelve (12) appointed persons~~, three (3) of whom shall be Bishops, ~~and six (6) shall be Clerical or Lay members.~~ *three (3) of whom shall be Clergy, and six (6) of whom shall be Lay Persons.* All appointed Members of the Board shall serve terms beginning with the close of the General Convention at which their appointments are confirmed and ending with the close of the second regular Convention thereafter. [Paragraphs (b) through (h) of Section 3 remain the same.]

**Sec. 3 4.** There shall be an Archivist of the Episcopal Church, whose duty shall be to manage the Archives, *records, and related information resources* of the Church at the direction of the Board. [Section 5--formerly Section 4--remains the same.]

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Indianapolis, 1994* (New York: General Convention, 1995), pp. 253-54.



**Resolution Number:** 1988-A001  
**Title:** Amend Canon I.5.2 [Board of the Archives]  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred As Submitted  
**Final Text:**

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring, **That Title I, Canon 5, Section 2(a) be amended to read as follows:**

**Sec.2(a). There shall be a Board of the Archives which shall consist of the Archivist ( *ex officio*, with vote), the Dean of the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest ( *ex officio*, with vote), and nine (9) appointed persons, three (3) of whom shall be Bishops and six (6) shall be Clerical or Lay Members. All appointed Members of the Board shall serve terms beginning with the close of the General Convention at which their appointments are confirmed and ending with the close of the second regular Convention thereafter.**

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Detroit, 1988* (New York: General Convention, 1989), p. 213.



**Resolution Number:** 1985-A076  
**Title:** Amend and Renumber Canons I.5, 1 as follows: Canon I.5 [Add Canon 5: Of the Archives of the Episcopal Church] Canon I.1.5 [Repeal Sec. 5: Archives of the Episcopal Church]  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred As Amended  
**Final Text:**

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring, **That Title I, Canon 1, Sec. 5 be rescinded, and the ensuing sections of Title I, Canon 1 be renumbered;** and be it further  
*Resolved*, **That the following new Canon, to be numbered Title I, Canon 5 be adopted:**

**CANON 5**  
*Of the Archives of the Episcopal Church*

*Sec. 1. There shall be an Archives of the Episcopal Church, the purpose of which shall be to preserve by safekeeping, to arrange and to make available the records of the General Convention and of the Executive Council, and other important records and memorabilia of the life and work of the Church, so as to further the historical dimension of the mission of the Church.*

*Sec. 2(a). There shall be a Board of the Archives which shall consist of the Archivist (ex officio with vote) and nine (9) appointed persons, three (3) of whom shall be Bishops and six (6) shall be Clerical or Lay Members. All appointed Members of the Board shall serve terms beginning with the close of the General Convention at which their appointments are confirmed and ending with the close of the second regular Convention thereafter.*

*(b). Members shall serve rotating terms for the purpose of continuity on the Board. In the first instance following the adoption of these provisions, one of the Bishops and one half of the Clerical and Lay Appointees shall have terms expiring after the next regular meeting of the General Convention as determined by lot.*

*(c). Bishops shall be appointed by the Presiding Bishop, and other Clerical and all Lay Members shall be appointed by the President of the House of Deputies, all subject to the confirmation of General Convention. Consideration shall be given to assure that Membership includes persons who possess knowledge either of history or archival administration, or are persons skilled in disciplines pertinent to the resolutions of the concerns of the Archives. Positions of Members of the Board which become vacant prior to the normal expiration of such Members' terms shall be filled by appointment by the Presiding Bishop or by the President of the House of Deputies, as appropriate. Such appointments shall be for the remaining unexpired portion of such Members' terms and if a regular meeting of the General Convention intervenes, appointments for terms extending beyond such meeting shall be subject to confirmation of the General Convention. Because of the special skills and knowledge needed by this Board, a member shall be eligible for appointment for two successive terms, after which the member may not be reappointed prior to the next meeting of the General Convention following the meeting at the close of which his second*

*successive term expired. Members appointed to fill vacancies in unexpired terms shall not thereby be disqualified from appointment to two full terms immediately thereafter.*

*(d) . The Board of the Archives shall have the duty to set policy for the Archives, to elect the Archivist of the Episcopal Church, and to set forth the terms and conditions with regard to the work of the Archivist.*

*(e) . The Board of the Archives shall meet annually, or more often as required.*

*(f) . The Board of the Archives shall elect its own officers and have the power to create committees necessary for the carrying on of its work.*

*(g) . The Board of the Archives shall adopt procedures consistent with the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church for its organization and functioning.*

*(h) . The Board of the Archives shall report to the General Convention, and the Executive Council, through the office of the Executive Officer of the General Convention, and to the Church.*

*Sec. 3. There shall be an Archivist of the Episcopal Church whose duty shall be to manage the archives of the Church at the direction of the Board.*

*Sec. 4. The expenses of the Archives of the Episcopal Church shall be shared by the General Convention and the Executive Council.*

and be it further

*Resolved, That the present numbered sections of Title I, Canons 5 through 18, be re-numbered as Title I, Canons 6 through 19.*

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Anaheim, 1985* (New York: General Convention, 1986), p. 270.

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1 *Resolved*, the House of \_\_\_\_\_ concurring, That Canon I.5.3(a) be amended to read as  
 2 follows:  
 3       Sec. 3 (a). There shall be a Board of the Archives which shall consist of the  
 4       Archivist (~~ex officio~~, with vote), ~~the Dean of the Episcopal Seminary of the~~  
 5       ~~Southwest (ex officio, with vote)~~, and twelve (12) appointed persons, three (3) of  
 6       whom shall be Bishops, three (3) of whom shall be Clergy, and six (6) of whom  
 7       shall be Lay Persons. All appointed Members of the Board shall serve terms  
 8       beginning with the close of the General Convention at which their appointments  
 9       are confirmed and ending with the close of the second regular Convention  
 10       thereafter.  
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EXPLANATION:  
 This Resolution was submitted to General Convention in 2006 but was not considered before adjournment. In 2005, the Archives and the Seminary of the Southwest entered into a new landlord-tenant relationship that was no longer based on a covenant under which the Seminary served as the permanent host and repository of the Archives. As there are other channels for communication, the Board of the Archives believes the new relationship calls for an appropriate adjustment in its ex officio membership. For practical reasons the Board also wants to avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest as it deliberates on matters of property and fund raising as part of its future in another Austin location.