

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

RESOLUTION NO.: 2009-A115
TITLE: Amend Canon I.4.3(g): Committees of Executive Council
PROPOSER: Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church
COMMITTEE: Structure

Directly Related: (attached)

1997-A189 Amend Canon I.4.3 [Officers of the Executive Council]

Indirectly Related:

None

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Resolution Number: 1997-A189
Title: Amend Canon I.4.3 [Officers of the Executive Council]
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred As Substituted and Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That Canon I.4.3 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 3(a). ~~The Presiding Bishop shall be ex officio the Chair and President. The President of the House of Deputies shall be ex officio the Vice Chair. The Secretary of the General Convention shall be ex officio the Secretary. The Executive Council shall elect a Vice-President and a Treasurer, such elections to be upon nomination of the Chair. The Chair and President shall be the chief executive officer of the Executive Council and as such the Chair and President shall have ultimate responsibility for the oversight of the work of the Executive Council in the implementation of the ministry and mission of the Church as may be committed to the Executive Council by the General Convention.~~

~~(b) The Chair and President shall preside at meetings of the Council, shall perform such other duties as are usual and customary for such offices, without limitation, the appointment of all members of Committees of the Council, and shall perform such other duties as may be conferred by Canon and by the By-laws of the Council. In the absence or at the request of the Chair, the Vice-Chair shall preside at meetings of the Council and shall perform such other duties as may be conferred by Canon and by the By-laws of the Council or as the Chair or the Council may from time to time designate.~~
~~(b) The President of the House of Deputies shall be ex officio the Vice Chair.~~

~~(c) The Secretary of the General Convention shall be the Secretary of the Executive Council ex officio.~~

~~(d) The Presiding Bishop shall appoint, with the advice and consent of a majority of the Executive Council, an executive director, who shall be an adult confirmed communicant in good standing or a member of the clergy of this Church in good standing who shall be the chief operating officer and who shall serve at the pleasure of the Presiding Bishop and be accountable to the Presiding Bishop. If a vacancy should occur in the office of the executive director, a successor shall be appointed in like manner.~~

~~(e) Upon joint nomination of the Chair and Vice Chair, the Executive Council shall appoint a Financial Officer of the Executive Council, who may, but need not, be the same person as the Treasurer of the General Convention and who shall report and be accountable to the Chair of Executive Council and shall serve at the pleasure of the Chair of the Executive Council. If a vacancy should occur in that office, a successor shall be appointed in like manner.~~

~~(f) The Chair shall preside at meetings of the Council, shall perform such other duties as are customary for such office and shall perform such other duties as may be conferred by Canon and the By-laws of the Council. In the absence or at the request of the Chair, the Vice-Chair shall preside at meetings of the Council and shall perform such other duties as may be conferred by Canon and by the By-laws of the Council.~~

(g) *The Executive Council shall establish by its By-laws such committees of the Executive Council as shall be deemed appropriate and necessary by the Executive Council for the discharge of its duties, the members of which are to be nominated jointly by the Chair and Vice Chair and appointed by the Council.*

(h) *The additional officers, agents and employees of the Council shall be such and shall perform such duties as the Council, upon the recommendation and under the authority and direction of the Chair and President, may from time to time designate.*

This Resolution shall be effective as from the date of adoption.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Philadelphia, 1997* (New York: General Convention, 1998), pp. 193-194.

TOPIC/TITLE: Canons: Amend Canon I.4.3(g): Committees of Executive Council
 PROPOSER: Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church
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1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That Canon I.4.3(g) is hereby amended to read
 2 as follows:
 3 **Sec. 3(g)** The Executive Council shall establish by its By-laws such *Standing* Committees
 4 of the Executive Council, *consisting of its own members*, as shall be deemed appropriate
 5 and necessary by the Executive Council for the discharge of its duties, the members of
 6 which are to be nominated jointly by the Chair and Vice-Chair and appointed by the
 7 Council. *The Council may also establish by its By-laws such other Committees, which may*
 8 *include or consist of non-members, to be nominated jointly by the Chair and Vice-Chair*
 9 *and appointed by the Council, as may be necessary to fulfill its fiduciary responsibility to*
 10 *The Episcopal Church.*
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EXPLANATION:
 Addition of these phrases eliminates an ambiguity regarding which "Committees of Executive Council" are to be established by the By-laws of Council. The practice has been for the Executive Council to divide itself into Standing Committees responsible for particular areas of ministry or administration. The By-laws have also created other Committees that have included non-members of Executive Council. These Committees address issues central to the responsibilities of Executive Council, but the canonical authority for their creation has not been clear.