

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

RESOLUTION NO.: 2009-A192
TITLE: Amend Canon I.4.3
PROPOSER: Executive Council Audit Committee
COMMITTEE: Structure

Directly Related: (attached)

2006-A003 Amend Joint Rule 11 [Audit Committee]

Indirectly Related:

1997-A189 Amend Canon I.4.3 [Officers of the Executive Council]
1997-D078 Make Changes in Financial Accountability and Access to Reports

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: 2006-A003
Title: Amend Joint Rule 11 [Audit Committee]
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Substituted
Final Text:

Resolved, That the Joint Rules be amended to read as follows:

11. Two members of the Joint Standing Committee shall be appointed by the Chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance to the Audit Committee of the Executive Council. The Audit Committee shall report annually to the Joint Standing Committee, which shall report to the General Convention. ~~is required to report to the General Convention or the Executive Council when the General Convention is not in session, through the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance (PB&F) at each PB&F Executive Committee meeting and each PB&F committee meeting of the whole.~~

~~The Joint Standing Committee~~ PB&F shall present the reports of its actions on audit to the General Convention at each regular meeting thereof.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Columbus, 2006* (New York: General Convention, 2007), p. 413.

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1 *Resolved, the House of _____ concurring, That Canon I.4.3 is hereby amended by*
 2 *adding a new subsection (g), with succeeding subsections to be re-lettered, to read as*
 3 *follows:*
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 5 *Sec. 3(g) Upon joint nomination of the Chair and Vice Chair, the Executive Council shall*
 6 *appoint a Joint Audit Committee of the Council and the Domestic and Foreign*
 7 *Missionary Society. The Committee shall be composed of 6 members, one of whom shall*
 8 *be a member of the Executive Council's Committee on Administration & Finance, one*
 9 *from the membership of the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance,*
 10 *and the remaining four shall be members of the Church-at-large, having experience in*
 11 *general business practices. The members shall serve for a term of three years beginning*
 12 *on January 1 following a regular meeting of the General Convention or immediately*
 13 *following their appointment, whichever comes later, and continue until a successor is*
 14 *appointed, and may serve two terms, after which a full triennium must elapse before*
 15 *being eligible for re-election. The Chair and Vice-Chair of Council shall designate the*
 16 *Chair of the Committee from among its members. The Audit Committee shall regularly*
 17 *review the financial statements relating to all funds under the management or control of*
 18 *the Council and the Society and shall report thereon at least annually to the Council and*
 19 *the Society.*
 20 *Upon recommendation of the Audit Committee, the Executive Council shall employ on*
 21 *behalf of the Council and the Society an independent Certified Public Accountant firm to*
 22 *audit annually all accounts under the management or control of the Council and Society.*
 23 *After receipt of the annual audit, the Audit Committee shall recommend to the Council*
 24 *and Society what action to take as to any matters identified in the annual audit and*
 25 *accompanying management letter. The operations of the Audit Committee shall be set out*
 26 *in an Audit Committee Charter. The Audit Committee shall review, at least annually, the*
 27 *Committee's Charter and recommend any changes to the Executive Council for approval.*
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EXPLANATION:
 The substance of this canonical amendment has already been put forward as Resolution 2009-A116 proposed by the Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church. The Audit Committee supports the canonical amendment, but believes the question of terms needs to be clarified so as to assure the continued functioning of the Audit Committee and accordingly proposes the above clarification.

Review Status: Not Yet Reviewed for Canonical Form