

**GENERAL CONVENTION OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH 2018
ARCHIVES' RESEARCH REPORT**

RESOLUTION NO.: 2018-A128
TITLE: Amend Canon IV.2 - Composition of a Conference Panel
PROPOSER: Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons
TOPIC: Canons

Directly Related: (Attached)

2012-A033 Amend Canons IV.2, 5, 6, 11

Indirectly Related: (Available in the [Acts of Convention](#) database, searchable by resolution number)

2009-A185 Amend Title IV [Ecclesiastical Discipline]

Supplemental Documents: (Linked)

(Blue Book) Report to General Convention, [Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons](#), see page 443.

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That Canon IV.2 be amended as follows:
- 2 Conference Panel shall mean a panel of ~~one~~ *two (2)* or more members of the Disciplinary Board selected by the president of the board, unless some other manner of selection is provided by Diocesan Canon, to serve as the body before which an informal conference is held as provided in Canon IV.12, provided, however, that no such member of the Conference Panel may serve as a member of the Hearing Panel in the same case. The president of the Disciplinary Board shall be ineligible to serve on the Conference Panel. ~~If it~~ *The Conference Panel consists of more than one member, it shall include both clergy and lay members in equal proportions.*

EXPLANATION

There needs to be a minimum of two (2) people from the Disciplinary Board in order to ensure that it is possible to include a clergy and a lay person on the Conference Panel.



Resolution Number: 2012-A033
Title: Amend Canons IV.2, 5, 6, 11
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended
Final Text:

[Resolved, that Canon IV.2 is amended to read as follows:]

Hearing Panel shall mean a panel of three *or more* members of the Disciplinary Board and shall include both clergy and lay members selected by the president of the Board, unless some other manner of selection is provided by Diocesan Canon, to serve as the body before which a hearing is held as provided in Canon IV.13, provided, however, that no such member *of the Hearing Panel* may serve as a member of the Conference Panel in the same case. *The president of the Disciplinary Board shall be ineligible to serve on the Hearing Panel.*

Citation: Canon IV.2 is excerpted from the Final Text of resolution 2012-A033, which revised Canons IV.2, 5-9, 11-14, 19 and I.9. See General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Indianapolis, 2012* (New York: General Convention, 2012), pp. 292-298.