

DIOCESE OF THE SOUTH — ORTHODOX CHURCH IN AMERICA

Proposed Amendment to the By-laws of the DOS | Article III, Section 10

Metropolitan Council — Lay and Clergy Representative Nomination, Confirmation, and Terms

Purpose

This Amendment replaces the Assembly-floor election of Metropolitan Council representatives (as permitted by the Statute of the OCA, Article V, Section 2.c) with a deliberate pre-Assembly nomination process where qualified nominees are submitted by each deanery, selected by the DOS Administration, and blessed by the Diocesan Bishop for service.

Article III, Section 10 — Nomination and Confirmation of Metropolitan Council Representatives

Existing Text

None

Proposed Language

10) To ensure the selection of the most qualified lay and clergy members for service on the OCA Metropolitan Council, nominees shall be solicited from each Deanery (up to two nominees for each role). The Dean of each Deanery shall coordinate the identification and selection of qualified candidates from among the clergy and faithful of the Deanery. The Dean shall submit the names of the nominated candidates to the Diocesan Chancellor. Final selection of each representative and alternate shall be granted jointly by the Diocesan Chancellor and the Diocesan Bishop. Selected clergy and lay representatives shall serve on the Metropolitan Council for terms as provided by the Statute of the OCA (per article V.3.c). The selected lay representative and alternate must be members in good standing of a parish within the Diocese and otherwise qualified to serve as delegates to the All American Council.

Transition

Existing Diocesan Metropolitan Council members continue without interruption. At least 60 days prior to the expiration of the terms of office for existing council members, the diocesan chancery will initiate the solicitation of representatives.

Adoption

This Amendment must be approved by the Diocesan Council and shall be submitted to all parishes within the required sixty (60) day notice, and adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Diocesan Assembly. It takes effect upon the approval of the Diocesan Bishop.