

Resolution – amendment of Council election provision in our church by-law (June 2010)

(Our church by-law provides that our Council members are to be elected by a ballot. Since about 2005, we have been “electing” our Council members by way of drawing lots. The purpose of the Amendments is to bring our practice and our by-law in agreement with each other.)

Resolution:

That the process of election set out in the Church’s by-law be replaced by the following procedure:

1 Council will in the regular Sunday church bulletin, invite members to make nominations for the offices of elder and deacon, to replace those whose terms are about to be completed. Members will be allowed not less than 2 weeks to make nominations.

2 After the final date for submission of nominations, Council will compile and review the list of nominees so as to ensure that the nominees meet its standards of eligibility. At the time of this review, council members will be permitted to nominate additional candidates to those submitted by the membership.

3 After confirming that the nominees agree to ‘stand’ for the office, the list of nominees is reviewed, finalized, and Council will submit that list to the membership of the congregation by way of publication in the regular Sunday church bulletins

This list will appear in the bulletin for not less than 2 weeks prior to “Affirmation Sunday”, being the date upon which the membership will be asked, by secret ballot, to approve the list of nominees submitted to it by Council. The ballot will bear two spaces after the name of each candidate – “approve” and “not approved” and the members will be asked to indicate their position, with reference to each candidate.

4 The ballots will then be tabulated and all candidates appearing on Council’s list of nominees who receive the approval of at least 75% of the members shall be considered to have been approved by the membership.

5 The selection of Council members will then proceed by way of casting of lots. Not less than one week before this takes place, Council will advise the membership, both orally and by way of announcement in the regular Sunday church bulletin, the date on which the casting of lots will take place.

6 On the date specified, the name of each candidate approved by the membership will be written on a ballot and each ballot will then be placed in a sealed canister.

7 The offices of elder and deacon will be dealt with separately. An elder will draw as many canisters as are necessary to fill the office of elder and a deacon will draw as many canisters as are necessary to fill the office of deacon. After the drawing of the canisters, the names found in the canisters will be announced to the membership.

8 The candidates so selected shall be deemed to have been duly appointed to their respective offices and shall, for the term in office act as the directors of the corporation.

Their formal installation in their respective offices will take place in the course of a subsequent Sunday worship service.

Resolution – Revision of the number of directors (February 2018)

The Corporations Act, which is the legislation governing our Church, requires that the Church have a “fixed” number of directors. A resolution was passed in November 1998 whereby the number of directors (office bearers) was set at 26. The number of directors has actually been 22 for some time. The purpose of this resolution is that our by-law be amended so that the number of directors mentioned is in conformity with our practice.)

Resolution:

That the by-law of the Church be amended so as to specify that the Church Council (board of directors) be made up of 22 members, being 9 Deacons and 13 Elders and that each member of Council shall be, from the time of his/her appointment and throughout his/her term of office, a member in good standing of the Church.