



Anglican Church Diocese of Sydney

Special Session of the 45th Synod to appoint an Archbishop

Business Paper: Monday 4 June 2001

A service of Holy Communion will be held in St Andrew's Cathedral at 2.00 pm. The Synod will assemble in the Wesley Theatre, 220 Pitt Street, Sydney, 30 minutes after the service or at 4.30 pm, whichever is later.

There will be a public gallery until the end of the Presidential Address.

The comments printed in italics do not have the weight of rubrics: they are intended as helpful prompts.

Occasional clause references are to the Archbishop of Sydney Appointment Ordinance 1982.

1. Preliminary

Purpose: To table lists of members, to hear the Presidential Address, to elect certain officers and committees and attend to other preliminaries.

Description: The preliminary business set by clause 11 for 4 June (clause 13 for subsequent days) must be dealt with and the President must deliver his address.

1.1 Prayers will be read by or at the request of the President.

1.2 The lists of clergy and representatives summoned to the Synod will be tabled by the President.

1.3 The President will deliver his address.

1.4 The President may table a document appointing a Commissary.

1.5 A Chairman of Committees and Deputy Chairmen of Committees will be elected.

(Archdeacon Peter Smart)

1.6 A Committee of Elections and Qualifications will be elected.

(Bishop Ray Smith)

1.7 A Minute Reading Committee will be elected.

(The Rev Chris Moroney)

1.8 The minute book of the Standing Committee will be tabled by the Diocesan Secretary.

1.9 Petitions

1.10 Notices of Questions

1.11 Notices of Motions

1.12 Motions in connection with the formal reception and printing of reports, accounts and other documents.

2. Select List

Purpose: To reduce the List of Nominations to a Select List (clauses 15 and 15A).

Description: Each nominee is proposed and seconded in the order in which his name appears on the List of Nominations. If someone speaks against a nominee after he has been proposed and seconded the proposal can be debated. At the end of the debate the proposer has a right of reply before consideration of the next nominee commences. If no-one wants to speak against a nominee, consideration of the next nominee commences without debate. After consideration of the last nominee has concluded the President, unless the Synod otherwise determines, will put each of the motions.

Voting: On each of the motions simultaneously, by secret ballot and by orders with the laity voting first (clause 15(5)). The procedure for the ballot will be -

- (a) Each member then present will be given a separate ballot paper for each motion (1 colour for the laity and another for the clergy).
- (b) The ballot paper will be printed with the name of the nominee referred to in the motion and be printed with 2 boxes opposite the name of the nominee with the word "Yes" above one box and the word "No" above the other.
- (c) Each member is to record his or her vote by marking the box under the word "Yes" if the member wants the name of the nominee placed on the Select List or by marking the box under the word "No" if the member does not want the name of the nominee placed on the Select List.
- (d) Ballot papers will be collected and counted, and the results reported to the President.

Majority: In either order of the members present and voting (clause 15(6)). The President is to announce the results (clause 14(2)).

Speeches: The proposer has 15 minutes, all others have 5 minutes (clause 26(1)).

- 2.1 That the name of Trevor William Edwards be placed on the Select List.
(TBA)
- 2.2 That the name of Robert Charles Forsyth be placed on the Select List.
(TBA)
- 2.3 That the name of Geoffrey Robert Huard be placed on the Select List.
(TBA)
- 2.4 That the name of Peter Frederick Jensen be placed on the Select List.
(TBA)
- 2.5 That the name of Reginald John Piper be placed on the Select List.
(TBA)

Note:

The order of the names of the nominees on the Select List is to be determined by the President by lot and announced to the Synod (clauses 15(7) and (8)).

3. Final List

Purpose: To reduce the Select List to a Final List of from 1 to 3 names (clauses 16 to 23).

Description: Each nominee is proposed and seconded in the order in which his name appears on the Select List. Each member of the Synod who wishes to speak may do so unless the Synod otherwise determines. At the end of the debate the proposer has a right of reply before consideration of the next nominee commences. If no-one wants to speak in respect of a nominee, consideration of the next nominee commences without debate. After consideration of the last nominee has concluded the President, unless the Synod otherwise determines, will put each of the motions.

Voting: On each of the motions simultaneously, by secret ballot and by orders with the laity voting first (clause 16(4)). The procedure will be -

- (a) Each member then present will be given a separate ballot paper for each motion (1 colour for the laity and another for the clergy).
- (b) The ballot paper will be printed with the name of the nominee referred to in the motion and be printed with 2 boxes opposite the name of the nominee with the word "Yes" above one box and the word "No" above the other.
- (c) Each member is to record his or her vote by marking the box under the word "Yes" if the member wants the name of the nominee placed on the Final List or by marking the box under the word "No" if the member does not want the name of the nominee placed on the Final List.
- (d) Ballot papers will be collected and counted, and the results reported to the President.

Majorities: In each order of the members present and voting (clause 16(5)). The President is to announce the results (clause 14(2)).

Speeches: The proposer has 10 minutes, all others have 5 minutes (clause 26(1)).

- 3.1 That the name of (A.B.) be placed on the Final List.

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Notes:

(a) See clause 17 for supplementary procedures if motions are carried for less than 3 nominees and there were 3 or more nominees on the Select List. There are no speeches. Voting on each nominee is by secret ballot with the laity voting first. If a majority of both orders then present and voting vote in favour of the motion in respect of a nominee, the name of the nominee is placed upon the Final List.

(b) See clauses 18 to 22 for supplementary procedures if motions are carried for more than 3 nominees. There are no speeches. The members present and voting vote together in a series of ballots to reduce the Final List to 3 nominees.

(c) The order of the names of the nominees on the Final List is to be determined by the President by lot and announced to the Synod (clause 23).

4. Final Choice of a Nominee

Purpose: To decide who should be invited to be Archbishop of Sydney.

Description: If there is only 1 name on the Final List, under clause 24 the President is to put without debate, the motion "That (A.B.) be invited to be Archbishop of Sydney".

If there are 2 or 3 names on the Final List, there is 1 debate on all the nominees. Each nominee is to be proposed and seconded (clauses 24, 25 and 27 to 33), each member of the Synod who wishes to speak may do so unless the Synod otherwise determines, and proposers may reply in the order the nominees were proposed. When the debate concludes, the Synod is to adjourn to another day for a ballot.

Voting: For 1 nominee, by show of hands in each order with the laity voting first (clause 24(2)). For 2 or 3 nominees, by preferential ballot in each order. The procedure for the ballot is -

(a) On resumption after the adjournment, each member present will be given a ballot paper in the appropriate form set out in the Schedule to the ordinance (1 colour for the laity and another for the clergy).

(b) Names of the nominees will be printed on the ballot paper in the same order as the Final List and, opposite each name, a box will be printed.

(c) Members record their preferences by writing "1", "2" and "3" (or "1" and "2" if there are 2 nominees) in the boxes printed, according to their preferences.

(d) Ballot papers will be collected, counted and the results will be reported to the President.

Majorities: In both orders, the members present and voting.

Speeches: All speakers have 5 minutes.

4.1 That (A.B.) be invited to become Archbishop of Sydney.

(The President)

Notes:

(a) See clauses 30 to 33 for "circuit breaker" procedures if neither of 2 nominees on the Final List receives the required majorities.

(b) Where there are 3 nominees on the Final List, see clauses 31 to 33 for "circuit breaker" procedures if, on distribution of preferences after eliminating 1 nominee, neither of the remaining 2 nominees has the required majorities.

(c) See clauses 34 to 41 for post-Synod procedures: confirmation of election, refusal or delay in confirmation, failure to accept election, failure for other causes, declaration of election and proceedings after election.

Please Note the Following Arrangements

4 June Service of Holy Communion in St Andrew's Cathedral

2.00 pm Preacher - Bishop Wallace Benn, Bishop of Lewes

Hours of Meeting in the Wesley Theatre -

4 June 4.30 pm to 6.00 pm and 7.30 pm to 10.00 pm

5 June 6.30 pm to 10.00 pm

6 June 6.30 pm to 10.00 pm

7 June 6.30 pm to 10.00 pm

8 June 6.30 pm to 10.00 pm