

Anglican Church of Australia Diocese of Sydney

Special Session of the 49th Synod Business Paper: Monday 5 August 2013

A service of Holy Communion will be held in St Andrew's Cathedral at 2.30 pm. The Synod will assemble in the Wesley Theatre, 220 Pitt Street, Sydney, 30 minutes after the service concludes 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 a formal status. They are intended as helpful prompts. Occasional clause references are to the Archbishop of Sydney Election 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 5 August (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 Chairman of Committees will be elected.
(Dr Claire Smith)
- 1.6 A Committee of Elections and Qualifications will be elected.
(Dr Philip Selden)
- 1.7 A Minute Reading Committee will be elected.
(Dr Philip Selden)
- 1.8 The minute book of the Standing Committee will be tabled.
- 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
 - 1.12.1 Synod receives the following papers, notes they have been tabled, and resolves that they be printed at the discretion of the Standing Committee –

- (a) Circular to Members of the 49th Synod dated 11 March 2013, including the summons to Synod, and
- (b) Circular to Members of the 49th Synod dated 24 July 2013, including the report concerning the Endowment of the See Expenditure Fund Forecast.

(Mr Robert Wicks)

1.13 Motions by request of the Standing Committee with respect to the proceedings

1.13.1 Synod –

- (i) noting that pursuant to clause 12 of the Archbishop of Sydney Election Ordinance 1982 the public (including the media) will be excluded from the Synod meeting place at the conclusion of the Presidential Address today and will continue to be excluded until the end of the session on a subsequent day, and
- (ii) recognising that such exclusion seeks to create an environment in which Synod members can engage in free and frank discussion for the purpose of electing the next Archbishop,

requests that, unless permission is given by the President, members of the Synod –

- (a) not use social media to convey an account of the proceedings of the Synod to or discuss the proceedings with any member of the public (including the media) during the period between the conclusion of the Presidential Address today and the end of the session on a subsequent day, and
 - (b) not audibly or visually record any part of the proceedings of the session,
- and requests further that Synod members exercise general discretion in what they convey or discuss about the proceedings of the Synod by other means during or subsequent to the session.

(Mr Peter Kell)

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 Glenn Naunton Davies be placed on the Select List.

(Proposer/Second)

2.2 That the name of Richard James Smith be placed on the Select List.

(Proposer/Second)

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)).

If no nominee receives a majority of votes in either order of the members present and voting, the Synod will adjourn and the nomination process will start over again (clauses 15(9) and 33A).

3. Final List

Purpose: To reduce the Select List to a Final List of between 1 and 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) *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).*
- (b) *If no nominee on the Select List receives a majority of votes in both orders of the members present and voting, the Synod will choose either to conduct a further vote by secret ballot in respect to each nominee on the Select List or adjourn and start the nomination process over again (clauses 17(5) and 33A).*

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 names on the Final List, there is 1 debate on all the nominees. Each nominee is to be proposed and seconded (clauses 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 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" and "2" 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, 32 and 33 for "circuit breaker" procedures if neither of 2 nominees on the Final List receives the required majorities.*
- (b) *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

<i>5 August</i>	<i>Service of Holy Communion in St Andrew's Cathedral</i>
2.30 pm	Preacher - Bishop Rennis Ponniah, Bishop of Singapore
<i>Hours of Meeting in the Wesley Theatre -</i>	
5 August	4.30 pm to 6.00 pm and 7.30 pm to 10.00 pm
6 August	6.30 pm to 10.00 pm
7 August	6.30 pm to 10.00 pm
8 August	6.30 pm to 10.00 pm
9 August	6.30 pm to 10.00 pm