

Anglican Church of Australia Diocese of Sydney

Special Session of the 49th Synod Business Paper: Tuesday 6 August 2013

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 attend to certain preliminaries.

Description: The preliminary business is set by clause 13.

- 1.1 Prayers will be read by or at the request of the President
- 1.2 Minutes of Monday 5 August 2013
- 1.3 Petitions
- 1.4 Notices of Questions
- 1.5 Notices of Motions

Mr Mark Payne proposes seeking the leave of Synod to move the following motion without notice –

“Synod suspends so many of the business rules as would prevent –

- (a) Canon Stephen Gibson formally moving motion 3.1, and
- (b) Canon Rick Smith speaking to motion 3.1 after it has been formally moved.”

2. Select List

On Monday 5 August 2013, the President announced that the motion that the name of Glenn Naunton Davies be placed on the Select List had been carried in both the house of laity and the house of clergy, the results of the ballot being reported as follows –

	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Informal</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Lait</i>	437	100	1	538
<i>Clergy</i>	165	104	2	271

On Monday 5 August 2013, the President announced that the motion that the name of Richard James Smith be placed on the Select List had been carried in the house of laity but not in the house of clergy, the results of the ballot being reported as follows –

	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Informal</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Laity</i>	302	131	3	436
<i>Clergy</i>	130	140	1	271

On Monday 5 August 2013, based on the preceding reported results, the President announced under clause 15(8) of the Archbishop of Sydney Election Ordinance 1982 that the names of Glenn Naunton Davies and Richard James Smith had been placed on the Select List.

On Monday 5 August 2013, based on the preceding reported results, the President announced that he had determined, by lot, that the names of Glenn Naunton Davies and Richard James Smith be placed on the Select List in the following order –

Richard James Smith

Glenn Naunton Davies

By reason of the discrepancy in the total number of the lay votes reported to have been cast for Bishop Davies and Canon Smith, a partial recount was undertaken after the closure of the Synod on Monday 5 August, and, as a result, Synod members were advised on Tuesday 6 August that the revised results of the ballot were –

Glenn Naunton Davies –

	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Informal</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Laity</i>	387	100	1	488
<i>Clergy</i>	165	104	2	271

Richard James Smith –

	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Informal</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Laity</i>	352	131	3	486
<i>Clergy</i>	130	140	1	271

However, subsequently, on the morning of Tuesday 6 August the returning officers undertook an exhaustive recount of the votes to determine the reason for the remaining small discrepancy in the total number of the lay votes cast for each of Bishop Davies and Canon Smith. The recount indicates that the results of the ballot were –

Glenn Naunton Davies –

	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Informal</i>	<i>Total</i>
Laity	360	126	1	487
Clergy	165	104	2	271

Accordingly, the recount indicates that the motion that the name of Glenn Naunton Davies be placed on the Select List was carried in both the house of laity and the house of clergy.

Richard James Smith –

	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Informal</i>	<i>Total</i>
Laity	202	282	3	487
Clergy	130	140	1	271

Accordingly, the recount indicates that the motion that the name of Richard James Smith be placed on the Select List was not carried in either the house of laity or the house of clergy.

At the request of the President, a complete recount of the votes was undertaken by Dr Philip Selden and the Rev Dr Hugh Cox. The recount confirms the results of the exhaustive recount undertaken by the returning officers.

The President has also sought the advice of the Deputy Chancellors who have advised that in the circumstances it is appropriate that the President amend the announcement made under clause 15(8) of the Archbishop of Sydney Election Ordinance 1982 so that only the name of Glenn Naunton Davies is placed on the Select List.

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 Glenn Naunton Davies be placed on the Final List.

(Canon Stephen Gibson/Dr Karin Sowada)

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

Hours of Meeting in the Wesley Theatre -

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