

Committee on Governance

Canon 16.01(f)

Resolved, That Canon XVI, Section 16.01, paragraph (f), is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 16.01. Standing Committee.

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(f) *Committee on Governance.* The Standing Committee shall organize and supervise a Committee on Governance, which shall regularly monitor the process of governance in the Diocese to ensure that (i) the existing governance process is functioning as described in these Canons and is transparent to the wider Diocesan community, (ii) best practices are being employed based on the specific needs of the Diocese, and (iii) the existing Diocesan structures are providing adequate responses to emerging challenges. The committee shall consist of three (3) members appointed by the Standing Committee and three (3) members appointed by the Executive Council. The Standing Committee shall designate the Chair of the Governance Committee from among its members. Members of the committee shall serve a ~~maximum~~ term of three (3) ~~consecutive~~ years, ~~subject to reappointment annually by the entity that appointed them~~ *arranged so that one appointee from each body shall begin a full term each year. The terms of members shall commence on January 1 next following their appointment, except in the case of any person appointed to serve out the unexpired term of a member who has resigned or been removed, in which case the person so appointed shall begin serving immediately upon his or her appointment.* No person who has served a *full* term ~~of three (3) consecutive years as a member of the Governance Committee~~ shall be eligible for appointment to a new term until at least one (1) year after the expiration of the term served.

Explanation:

- Clarify currently ambiguous language about terms. The current language is ambiguous, and does not fully reflect the original intention for terms when the Committee on Governance was conceived.
- Create universal understanding of the length of a term to serve the Committee on Governance, and how many people to appoint each year.
- Facilitate coordination and planning in recruitment.
- Explain explicitly that terms are staggered, and are that way to maintain continuity in knowledge while inviting new people to service each year.

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Report of the Committee on Canons:

The Committee on Canons finds this amendment suitable in form for adoption.