

Resolution 205.4

On the Conduct of Meetings and Voting by Remote Technology

The 205th Annual Convention enacts:

Canon 33 is amended as follows:

“Canon 33 Conduct of Meetings and Voting by Remote Technology

Section 1. *Parishes, missions, and their vestries; Convocations; the Standing Committee; the Diocesan Council on behalf of itself, its Departments, and the Council Committee on the State of the Church; the Trustees of the Diocese; Commissions and Chartered Committees of the Diocese; the Disciplinary Board, the Fair Share Appeals Board, the Mission Endowment Board, and the Murdoch Memorial Society; and all other commissions and committees of the Diocese (collectively, “Diocesan Entities”)* ~~Parish and mission vestries, the Diocesan Council, the Standing Committee, the Trustees of the Diocese, and all other commissions and committees of the Diocese~~ are authorized to adopt by-laws providing for the conduct of meetings by teleconference, videoconference, or any other technology that allows all persons participating to hear each other at the same time and to participate in discussion. For purposes of determining a quorum, *conducting a parliamentary process*, and ~~for~~ voting, members participating in a meeting by means of remote technology are deemed present in person at the meeting.

Section 2. *Diocesan Entities* ~~Parish and mission vestries, the Diocesan Council, the Standing Committee, the Trustees of the Diocese, and all other commissions and committees of the Diocese~~ are authorized to adopt by-laws providing that actions required or permitted to be taken by the body may be taken without a meeting if (i) all members of the body consent to the action in writing or by authenticated electronic transmission, and (ii) such written or authenticated electronic transmissions are filed with the minutes of the proceedings.

Section 3. By-laws adopted pursuant to this Canon must be consistent with the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of North Carolina and of the General Convention of The Episcopal Church and shall be submitted to the Ecclesiastical Authority for approval.

~~**Section 4.** This Canon does not apply to meetings of an Annual or Special Convention of the Diocese, nor to the Annual Meeting of a parish or mission.”~~

Submitted by the Commission on Constitution and Canons

Comment: This amendment seeks to make clear that all collective bodies of the Diocese and her various mission outposts and ministries may take advantage of Canon 33, Section 1 to adopt bylaws allowing for business to be conducted through live electronic means.