

Standing Committee Rules

of the Provincial Synod of New South Wales

1. At every ordinary session of the Synod a Standing Committee shall be appointed, the members of which shall continue in office until the appointment of their successors.

¹ 2. The Standing Committee shall consist of:

(a) *Members Ex-Officio*

The Metropolitan of the Province including any Bishop exercising the authorities, powers, rights and duties of the Metropolitan as provided in the Constitution;

The Provincial Registrar;

The Diocesan Bishops (or if the See is vacant the Administrator of the diocese) of the Province.

(b) *Members Elected*

Five members of the House of Clergy elected by the House of Clergy of which no more than two are elected from any one diocese;

Five members of the House of Laity elected by the House of Laity of which no more than two are elected from any one diocese.

² 3. If between sessions of Synod a vacancy should happen among the elected members, that is to say by death, resignation in writing to the Metropolitan, ceasing to be a member of Synod, or in the case of a member elected, election to the House of Bishops, the vacancy shall be filled by election by the Standing Committee.

4. The Metropolitan shall summon meetings of the Standing Committee at such places as he may determine by giving one month's notice to the members and at such times as follows:

³ (a) Within six months of the close of an ordinary session of Synod, or at an appropriate time determined by the Metropolitan.

(b) At least one such meeting every twelve months from the date fixed pursuant to (a) above.

(c) Upon receiving a written request from not less than seven members of the Standing Committee.

(d) At such times in addition to the above as he may deem advisable.

5. It shall be the duty of the Standing Committee:

(a) To act as advisers to the Metropolitan in all such matters as he may refer to them arising out of the Rules and Ordinances of Synod or affecting the general welfare of the Anglican Church of Australia within the Province of New South Wales.

(b) To make arrangements for the sessions of the Synod, and to prepare the business to be brought before the Synod.

(c) To propose such business as may appear to the Committee to be necessary or desirable to be brought before the Synod.

(d) To print a Report of the proceedings of the Synod from time to time, and all documents ordered by the Synod to be printed.

(e) To apportion among the Dioceses on an equitable basis the necessary working expenses of the Synod and of the Standing Committee and other expenses specially authorised by the Synod; to collect such apportionments, and therewith to defray the expenses aforesaid.

(f) To make elections to vacant offices as the Synod shall from time to time determine.

(g) To consider and report upon any matter which the Synod may from time to time refer to it and to carry out or assist in carrying out the resolutions passed by the Synod.

(h) To communicate the Ordinances of the Synod to the Dioceses, and conduct such correspondence as may be necessary for the forwarding of the work of the Synod.

(i) To procure and have in custody all requisite documents and funds in connection with the proceedings of the Synod.

(j) To attend to all such other business as the Synod may from time to time refer to it.

- (k) To present a report of its proceedings including an audited statement of receipts and expenditure to the Synod at every ordinary session thereof and an interim report of its proceedings annually to all members of Synod through the diocesan bishops.
6. The Standing Committee is hereby authorised:
- (a) To appoint a Secretary and a Treasurer who need not be members of the Committee and an Auditor who shall not be a member of the Committee.
 - (b) To delegate any portion of its powers and duties to Committees with obligation to report to the Standing Committee, but the powers so delegated shall be strictly defined and be revocable by the Standing Committee at pleasure.
 - (c) To deliberate and confer upon all matters affecting the interests of the Anglican Church of Australia within the Province of New South Wales and cognisable by the Synod.
 - (d) To obtain such expert opinion as it may deem desirable upon the legal and constitutional validity of Rules and Ordinances made by or proposed to be brought before the Synod.

Notes:

Passed with amendments on 13 April 1970, and subsequently amended on 6 March 1979.

References to the Church of England in Australia have been amended to read as the Anglican Church of Australia.

Endnotes

- ¹ Clause 2 amended by rule in 2018.
- ² Clause 3 amended by rule in 2018.
- ³ Clause 4(a) amended by rule in 2018.