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White & Dykman Subcommittee Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons Video Conference

June 9, 2015

NOTE: Due to scheduling conflicts, the meeting previously scheduled for May 14, 2015 at 4:00 pm was rescheduled to June 9, 2015 at 4:00 pm.

PRESENT: Diane Sammons (Chair), Joan Geiszler-Ludlum (Secretary), Bill Cathcart, Dorsey Henderson, Larry Hitt, Sally Johnson, Tom Little.

Minutes: April 8 meeting pending.

Work Update: Commentary

No progress to report at this time. Work is suspended due to preparations for General Convention. Both Steve and Sally plan to have drafts on track in advance of an October face to face meeting.

Work Update: Case Law

Diane will provide a summary outline of topics for the next meeting.

Bill will provide a more detailed case law summary.

Diane reported on her conversation with Frank Helminski, a former chancellor of Pennsylvania, who reports having a collection of documents consisting of some opinions and pleadings from about three dozen cases. About a dozen of the cases he obtained from the Archives dating from the 1960s to about 2010. The remainder are much older, dating back to the late 1800s with some lengthy opinions. The documents fill about a banker's box. He has agreed to deliver the box to Diane in early July for scanning and circulation to the case law group to develop summaries in time for the October meeting. These documents will be cross-referenced with Sally's list previously posted. Bill will follow up to obtain additional documents as necessary.

Discussion of a possible canonical amendment for consideration at the upcoming General Convention followed. Possible placements of a requirement to report Title IV case information in Canon I.4.6 (reports) or to the General Convention Office via Title IV were considered. Joan will take the lead with Larry and Bill to develop possible amendments for submission to General Convention and circulate to the Subcommittee.

Follow up with Bob Royce on the status of annotations he has worked on for publication was discussed. Diane will follow up with Mark Duffy on what Archives may have from Bob and what SCCC may have approved for publication.

Next Meetings

Next videoconference will be Tuesday, July 21, 2015 at 4:00 pm EDT.

Face to face meeting: New Orleans, October 25-27. Diane to contact GCO about arrangements.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan C. Geiszler-Ludlum
Secretary