

MINUTES

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

July 21, 2015

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

Diane Sammons called the meeting to order at 4:06 pm and called upon Dorsey Henderson to open the meeting with prayer. The agenda was reviewed and accepted as submitted.

Minutes: The minutes of the meetings of April 8, 2015 and June 9, 2015 were approved unanimously on motion by Tom Little, second by Larry Hitt.

Commentary 2009: Diane reported on her conversation with Steve about his report dated July 20, giving his update on his working outline. He plans to follow the model that Sally has set for her part of the commentary. There was agreement that updates from GC2015 should be included as the materials will be readily available. Bill offered to assist Steve with the 2015 materials as he chaired the 2015 Legislative Committee on Constitution and Canons.

Case Law: Diane continues her work on a combined topic outline from the topic listings received from Dorsey, Steve and Larry. Once the topic headings are defined, canon references and descriptive paragraphs will be added to the outline.

Diane reported on her meeting with Frank Helminski on July 17 when she received from him a treasure trove of publications regarding trials of Episcopal bishops going back to the 1800s. The materials include books, pamphlets and copies of materials from about a dozen or so trials and copies of about an inch worth of material from the Archives. Diane will inventory the materials and will circulate any opinions found to the Case Law working group for preparation of summaries before the next meeting. Frank plans to send the materials to the Archives.

Bill has added detail to his case summary model which he will circulate to Diane and Larry for further editing before posting to the full Subcommittee for review. Bill will coordinate with Mark and Dorsey to reach out to Chancellors of dioceses that have not yet responded to the request for trial materials.

Joan reported on her brief conversation with Mark at General Convention about contacting Bob Royce to secure his completed work. Mark would like to initiate this

contact and Joan will monitor with him. The previously completed work on the Constitution and Titles I, II and V needs SCCC approval so that Mark can publish them. There is no record of previous approval of the work, necessary for publication.

Next Meetings: Diane reviewed the dates for the face to face meeting, October 25-27, and suggested adding an additional day, October 28, to accommodate Steve who cannot arrive until October 26 due to his Diocesan Convention. In light of concerns of some member about being gone so long as the meeting is piggy-backed on the Province IV Bishops and Chancellors meeting, two alternatives were discussed: either holding over only Bill and Tom to work with Steve, or changing the dates to November 2-4. Larry will check the November dates with Steve and Sally and advise Diane.

Next videoconference will take place on August 18 at 4:00 pm EDT. Diane will draft and post a draft agenda for the face to face meeting for discussion on August 18.

The meeting adjourned at 4:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan C. Geiszler-Ludlum
Secretary