

BYLAWS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN
of the
DIOCESE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

ARTICLE I
Name

The name of the organization shall be Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of South Dakota, also known as ECW.

ARTICLE II
Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be to assist the women of the Diocese of South Dakota to carry on Christ's work of reconciliation, mission, and ministry in the state, nation, and world and to take their places in the life, mission, and worship of the diocese.

ARTICLE III
Members

The Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of South Dakota shall be comprised of all women members of the diocese.

ARTICLE IV
Officers

Section 1. Officers and Duties

The officers of this organization shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these Bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by this organization.

Section 2. Nomination Procedure and Elections

There shall be a nominating committee of three members elected by the membership at its spring meeting. The Nominating Committee will present a slate of officers at the fall meeting of the election years. This meeting shall be known as the Annual Meeting.

Section 3. Ballot Election

The officers shall be elected by ballot to serve two years and their terms of office shall begin at the end of the current calendar year. President and Secretary are to be elected on odd years, and Vice-President and Treasurer on even years.

Section 4. Term Limits

No member shall be eligible to hold the same office more than two consecutive terms.

Section 5. Vacancies

If the President is unable to fulfill her term of office, the Vice-President will finish out that term. All other vacancies shall be filled by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE V Meetings

Section 1. Regular

The regular meetings of this organization shall be held two (2) times a year. The meetings shall be held between September and June, with the dates determined by the Executive Board. A quorum shall be twelve (12) members in attendance.

Section 2. Annual

The Annual Meeting shall be held in conjunction with the South Dakota Diocesan Convention, in the fall. At this time elections shall take place, reports of officers and committees shall be received, and other business conducted.

Section 3. SPECIAL

Special meetings may be called by the President or by the Executive Board and may be called upon the written request of ten members of the organization. The purpose of the meeting shall be stated in the call. Except for emergencies, at least two weeks notice shall be given.

ARTICLE VI Executive Board

Section 1. Composition

The officers of the organization shall constitute the Executive Board members.

Section 2. Duties and Authority

The Executive Board shall have general supervision of the organization between its membership meetings; fix the date, hour, and place of meetings; make recommendations to the organization; and perform such other duties as are specified by these Bylaws. The Board shall be subject to the orders of the organization and none of its actions shall conflict with actions taken by the organization.

Section 3. Meetings

Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President and may be called upon the written request of two members of the Board. The quorum for any meeting shall be a majority of the board members.

ARTICLE VII Committees

Section 1. Finance

A Finance Committee comprised of the Treasurer and two other members shall be appointed by the President at the spring meeting. This committee shall prepare a budget for the upcoming fiscal year and submit it to the Executive Board for review prior to the Annual Meeting. The budget shall be presented to members at the Annual Meeting for approval.

Section 2. Special

The President, with the approval of the Executive Board, shall appoint an Audit Committee annually and such other committees as deemed necessary to carry out the work of the organization.

ARTICLE VIII Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws, church canons, and any special rules of order the organization may adopt.

ARTICLE IX Amendment of Bylaws

These Bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the organization by a

two-thirds vote, provided the amendment(s) has/have been submitted in writing to the members at least 30 days prior to the meeting.

These Bylaws were approved September 25, 2015, at the Annual Meeting of the Episcopal Church Women of the Dioces of South Dakota, held at the Ramkota Inn in Pierre, South Dakota. (attested to by Elizabeth Ann Campbell, Secretary)
Article IV, Section 3 was amended at the spring meeting on May 5, 2018 (first sentence). This same section was further amended (second sentence) on June 20, 2020, at the spring meeting, held via Zoom. Section 5 (vacancies) was also amended at this time. (attested to by Holly Moseley, Vice-President)