

**BY-LAWS OF THE PRESBYTERAL COUNCIL
DIOCESE OF DULUTH**
(Approved: November 9, 2017)

ELECTION OF AT-LARGE MEMBERS

1. The election of at-large members is conducted by the Elections Committee consisting of three members of the outgoing group.
2. The regular term of office for elected members shall be four (4) years. Members of the Council may not serve more than two terms consecutively.
 - a) Terms of elected at-large members will be staggered with appointed members (Deans), so that every two years there will a change in the council - either new elected members or new appointed members.
3. The following priests are eligible to vote:
 - a) Those priests incardinated in the diocese;
 - b) Non-incardinated secular priests and religious priests who live in the diocese and hold some office for the good of the diocese.
4. Those eligible to be nominated and elected:
 - a) Same qualifications as those priests who are eligible to vote.
 - b) Must live in the boundaries of the diocese.
 - c) Cannot already be on the council in virtue of being a Dean or the Vicar General.
5. At-large Members
Five (5) members shall be elected in a diocesan-wide process conducted by the Elections Committee.
 - a) Each voting member of the Presbyterate is entitled to nominate up to two candidates-at-large. Any ballot nominating more than two will be discarded.
 - b) The nominations must be submitted to the Elections Committee by May 30 in an election year. These nominations shall be certified by the Committee and be kept confidential.
 - c) The Committee shall prepare a ballot listing all of the properly nominated candidates and send it to each member of the Presbyterate by June 15.
 - d) If there are fewer than five (5) nominations by the filing date, the Elections Committee shall supply a full slate, clearly indicating on the ballot the candidates so nominated.

- e) All the votes are to be returned to the Committee by June 30. The committee will see that the votes are tallied, and the five (5) candidates receiving the largest vote shall be elected. Ties shall be resolved by lot.
 - f) The Committee will notify those elected and publicize the results.
 - g) In the event of a vacancy in any member-at-large position arising from any cause, the Council shall appoint a replacement.
6. Disputed cases concerning eligibility to vote and to be nominated and elected shall be decided by the Elections Committee.