

Proposition 2023-P4

**Amend TITLE III, CANON 1, SECTION V
THE SECRETARY OF THE CONVENTION**

Resolved, that Title III, Canon 1, Section V be amended as follows:

SECTION V. Pre-Convention Meetings

(a) Pre-Convention meetings **and the nature thereof** shall be held at the discretion of the Bishop. Notice in writing **or electronically (at the discretion of the Secretary of Convention)** of the Bishop’s decision **either (i)** to convene one or several pre-convention meeting in each of the counties of the Diocese; **or (ii) one diocese wide electronically conducted meeting** shall be given ~~to~~ **by** the Secretary of Convention not later than ~~May 1st of each year. Each such notice~~ **June 30 prior to the scheduled date of the Convention**, shall contain the date(s) of the pre-convention meeting(s), **the nature and** the location(s) thereof, and the name of the Dean appointed by the Bishop to convene such meeting. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Convention to notify the Dean appointed to convene each Pre-Convention Meeting, and all Clergy and Lay Delegates, of the date, time, **nature**, and location of such Pre-Convention Meetings, or that such meeting or meetings shall not be conducted.

(b) In the absence of the Bishop, the Dean appointed by the preceding section shall preside over the Pre-Convention Meeting.

- (c) The business of the pre-convention meeting shall be:
- (i) To hold discussion on issues to be included in the agenda of Diocesan Convention, including all propositions and resolutions received by the Secretary of Convention by the appropriate filing deadline;
 - (ii) To discuss such issues as may concern the several parishes and/or missions in the Diocese; and
 - (iii) To give notice of and consider the vacancies in the several elected Diocesan Offices, Committees and commissions to be filled at the forthcoming Convention.

Explanation:

The purpose of this change is to provide the Secretary with the option of transmitting notice of the Pre-Convention Meetings to delegates electronically and gives the Secretary two additional months to provide the notice. The date, time, nature, location, and the number of the meetings must also be transmitted.