

## **Report of the 2023 Nominating Committee**

This year, barring additional nominations from the floor, we will be adopting a slate of candidates by acclamation.

### **Senior and Junior Warden**

Both our Senior and Junior Wardens have completed two one-year terms in office. Our bylaws permit the Wardens to serve three consecutive one year terms. Our bylaws state that if an incumbent is running for an additional term, the Nominating Committee does not need to seek additional candidates for that position. No one was nominated for Senior or Junior Warden during the period mandated by our bylaws, from August 22, through October 6<sup>th</sup>, so we have one candidate for Senior Warden and one candidate for Junior Warden. If there are nominations from the floor, we will elect those positions by paper ballot. If there are no nominations from the floor, we will elect the Senior and Junior Warden by acclamation. Please see below for instructions for nominating candidates from the floor of the Annual Meeting.

### **Vestry**

The Nominating Committee solicited nominations for Vestry from the congregation from August 22, through October 6<sup>th</sup>, and did not receive any nominations. The Committee reached out to seventeen people, asking them to pray about running for Vestry. That effort netted three candidates to run for the three open seats on the Vestry.

One of those candidates later was informed that their participation in a church board could represent a conflict of interest in their professional life, and was forced to withdraw. After an appeal for additional candidates on October 29, David Johnson stepped forward to run for Vestry. Because he stepped forward after the prescribed deadline for nominations had closed, he will be nominated from the floor at the Annual Meeting. Because he has notified us that he will be nominated from the floor, we have included his responses to the Candidate Questionnaire in the candidate packet of the Annual Meeting materials.

If there are additional nominations from the floor at the Annual Meeting we will vote by paper ballot. If there are no additional nominations we will adopt the slate of three candidates by acclamation.

### **Diocesan Convention Deputy**

At this year's Diocesan Convention, held October 21<sup>st</sup> at the Madison Marriott West in Middleton, the Diocese of Milwaukee adopted a resolution to continue working towards reunification with the Dioceses of Fond du Lac and Eau Claire, reestablishing the historic Episcopal Diocese of Wisconsin. The preparation for the vote to continue this work included in person and online forums, town hall meetings, presentations and reports. Extensive

background material was presented and adjustments and refinements were made along the way.

The adoption of the resolution to continue the work calls for a special convention, to be held on May 5<sup>th</sup> of 2024, where the final documents of reunification will be presented for a final vote. St. Andrew's four deputies to the 2023 Diocesan Convention are all eligible to run for an additional term, and all four expressed an interest in returning to the question of reunification at the upcoming special convention. The nominating committee therefore made the decision not to recruit additional candidates for Diocesan Convention Deputy. No one was nominated for Diocesan Convention Deputy during the period mandated by our bylaws, from August 22, through October 6<sup>th</sup>, so we have four candidates to fill the four open seats as Diocesan Convention Deputy. If there are no nominations from the floor, we will elect our Diocesan Convention Deputies by acclamation. These Deputies will serve at both the special convention on May 5<sup>th</sup>, and at the regular Diocesan Convention in October of 2024. We will vote twice, once to elect them for the special convention, and a second time to elect for the regular Diocesan Convention. Please see below for instructions for nominating candidates from the floor of the Annual Meeting.

### **St. Andrew's Endowment Committee**

This, a member of the Endowment Committee who was part of the committee that established the St. Andrew's Endowments reached out to Fr. Andy to express the opinion that the Endowment Committee had become superfluous to the function and management of the Endowments. At a subsequent meeting of the Endowment Committee, that body seconded that opinion.

At this year's Annual Meeting we will be considering a set of revisions to our bylaws, written by an attorney engaged by the St. Andrew's Vestry. Our bylaws were last revised in 2018, but have not undergone a serious review in at least the last 17 years. These revisions, described in materials presented for the Annual Meeting, bring our bylaws up to date with Diocesan and Episcopal Church bylaws, and make some adjustments to that they reflect current practice.

Among those changes is a shift in the makeup of the Endowment Committee, moving responsibility for function and management of the endowments to the Executive Committee of the Vestry: Rector, Senior and Junior Wardens, and the Treasurer. The change in the bylaws regarding the endowments also make provisions for the ad hoc appointment of additional members of the committee should additional help be required.

It made little sense to the Nominating Committee to recruit candidates to run for the one open seat on the Endowment Committee and to then vote to abolish that position in the revisions of the bylaws. Therefore, we are not presenting candidates for the Endowment Committee. If the revisions to the bylaws moving responsibility for the work of the Endowment Committee to the Executive Committee are not adopted, we will seek an additional out an additional member

of the Endowment Committee and the Vestry will, in accordance with our current bylaws, appoint them to fill the open seat on the committee.

We will open the floor for nominations to the Endowment Committee and if there are nominations we will vote by paper ballot. If there is a single nomination we will adopt the slate of candidates by acclamation.

### **The Nominating Committee**

The Nominating Committee is composed of the three members of the Vestry serving the second year of their three-year term, the Rector, the Senior Warden, and the Clerk of the Vestry:

Stephanie Elkins  
Andy Porter  
Julia Stanley  
Fr. Andy Jones  
Casey Reiser  
Jeff Ocwieja

## **2023 Slate of Candidates**

### **Senior Warden**

Casey Reiser

### **Junior Warden**

David Polet

### **Vestry**

Ryan Brown  
David Johnson (announced nomination from the floor)  
Keller

### **Convention Deputy**

Carloyn Chadderdon  
Stephanie Elkins  
Casey Reiser  
Karen Evans-Romaine

### **Nominations from the Floor**

Nominations from the floor are provided for in our bylaws. Here are the instructions for such nominations:

9.7 Seconded nominations from the floor at the Annual Parish Meeting are permitted provided that the candidate supplies sufficient copies of the completed written questionnaire described in Section 9.5, to be supplied at no cost to the Parish to all Members present at the Annual Meeting before balloting for the first vote begins. The occurrence of nominations from the floor of the Annual Meeting shall not limit the prerogative of the Vestry as described in Section 9.10 below. Those Members submitting Absentee Ballots for any election may include the names of eligible Members as write-in candidates without satisfying the terms of this section 9.7 related to written questionnaires.

The candidate questionnaire can be found on our web site at: <https://www.standrews-madison.org/2023-annual-meeting.html>