

**Resolution #7 – Update to Canon 15, Section 2 of the Diocesan Council**

**Resolution Title: Update to Canon 15, Section 2 Of the Diocesan Council**

- 1 RESOLVED that Canon 15, Section 2 be amended by adding The Secretary of the Diocese to the
- 2 Diocesan Council member list.

**Brief Explanation:**

The Secretary of the Diocese is an elected Officer of the Episcopal Diocese of Maine with all the attendant responsibilities and liabilities, and as such, should have voice and vote on the Diocesan Council.

**Supporting website links (if any):** NA

**Submitting individual or organization:** Julian Sheffield, Treasurer of the Diocese

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## **Submission Questionnaire**

Do you have an individual or organization co-sponsoring this resolution? No

Does this resolution have any budgetary impacts to the Episcopal Diocese of Maine (EDOM) Annual Budget? No

Apart from financial impact to the diocese, would implementing this resolution have any financial impact to our congregations? No

Does the action proposed by this resolution fall under the charge of an established diocesan committee, commission, council, or ministry? Yes

Please name the committee: The Diocesan Council

Have you communicated your proposed resolution to that group? Yes

Please tell us whom you have consulted within the applicable governing group: I consulted with the Diocesan Council.

Does the group support this resolution? Yes

Who will be responsible to present and address questions regarding the resolution at town halls and at the convention? Bishop Thomas Brown

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Assuming passage, who is responsible for completing the action being resolved by this resolution? Bishop's Staff

If the resolution is adopted, how long do you plan on the action(s) being in effect? This is a permanent change.

Reporting on an adopted resolution's progress is required at the 2026 Convention. Who will be responsible for performing this task: N/A

If you have documents that support your resolution, please attach them here: NA

**Current Pertinent Canon Excerpt for Delegate Reference**

**CANON 15 Of the Diocesan Council (Current View)**

*Section 2:* There shall be a Diocesan Council composed of the following members:

The Bishop(s);

Two members, one lay and one clergy, representing each of the Areas of the Diocese;

The Chairperson of the Finance Committee;

The Treasurer of the Diocese;

and no more than two members appointed by the Bishop.

**Proposed Canon 15 Change (Noted in Bold Italics)**

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***The Secretary of the Diocese;***

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Note: Resolution 6, if approved, would address the Finance Committee Chair language and this change is not reflected in the above proposed view.