



Process for Submitting Resolutions for the 19th All-American Council

In order to encourage wider discussion of issues facing the Orthodox Church in America during the 19th All-American Council, the Preconciliar Commission has appointed a Resolutions Committee per Article III, Section 5 of the *Statute of the Orthodox Church in America*.

This Committee is now prepared to receive proposed resolutions and amendments to the OCA Statute for consideration at the 19th All-American Council. Parishes and other Church bodies—deaneries, dioceses, Stavropegial institutions—may submit proposed resolutions and amendments in advance of the Council to the Resolutions Committee.

Specifically, the Resolutions Committee will review each submission.

- If necessary it will discuss possible editorial changes with the submitting body.
- If substantially identical resolutions are submitted, the Committee will consolidate them into a single resolution, again after consultation with the submitting bodies.
- If, in the estimation of the Committee, a proposed resolution clearly lies outside the competence of the All-American Council, whether on canonical grounds or in conflict with the OCA Statute, the Committee will inform the submitting body of this.
- In case of doubt, a proposed resolution will be submitted to the Holy Synod to determine whether it can be brought before the All-American Council.
- If a proposed resolution is determined to lie outside the competence of the All-American Council, the Committee, in consultation with the Holy Synod and the proposing body, will consider alternative ways of bringing issues underlying the proposed resolution to the attention of the All-American Council. After review of submissions, the Resolutions Committee will turn over proposed resolutions to the Preconciliar Commission for inclusion on the All-American Council agenda. Deliberation on proposed resolutions will take place in plenary sessions throughout the course of the Council.
- Resolutions from parishes normally shall bear the signatures of the parish priest and the president of the parish council; those from deaneries, of the dean and other priests of the deanery; those from dioceses, of the bishop and the diocesan chancellor; those from Stavropegial institutions, of the abbot, dean or rector, and at least one other member of the institution in question.
- Resolutions will be sent to the respective diocesan hierarch, who will sign and forward them to the Resolutions Committee.

To allow sufficient time for consideration, proposed resolutions from parishes and other Church bodies must be submitted to the Resolutions Committee by **April 25, 2018**. These will be published by **May 24, 2018** — 60 days before the Council per **Article III, Section 5**. As with past All-American Councils, resolutions may also be

proposed during the course of the Council itself. Details concerning procedures for submission of such proposals at the AAC itself will be posted at a later time.

As per the OCA Statute, **Article XVII**, amendments to the OCA Statute may be submitted to the Commission on Statutes and Canons prior to the 19th All-American Council. An amendment can be proposed by the Holy Synod, the Metropolitan Council, Diocesan Assemblies, Diocesan Councils, Deaneries, Parish Assemblies, Parish Councils, Monasteries, and Seminaries. A proposed amendment must be submitted to the Commission on Canons and Statutes at least 90 days prior to the date set for the convening of an All-American Council. All proposed amendments must be received by the Commission by **April 25, 2018**. These will be published by **May 24, 2018** — 60 days before the Council per **Article XVII, Section 3**.

The Commission on Canons and Statutes shall consider proposed amendments and may either approve, consolidate, or return proposed amendments. An amendment of the Statute requires a two-thirds majority of the delegates of an All-American Council present and voting and becomes effective immediately upon the final adjournment of the All-American Council unless otherwise noted.

The relevant resolution submissions should be sent via email to resolutions.19aac@oca.org or via mail to the Resolutions Committee, 19th All-American Council, c/o Chancery of the Orthodox Church in America, PO Box 675, Syosset, NY 11791.

The relevant Statute submissions should be sent via email to statute.19aac@oca.org or via mail to the Statute Commission, 19th All-American Council, c/o Chancery of the Orthodox Church in America, PO Box 675, Syosset, NY 11791.

The Resolution Committee is:

- His Grace Bishop Paul, Bishop of Chicago and the Midwest and Chairperson of the Preconciliar Commission of the 19th All-American Council.
- Archpriest Dimitri Cozby
- Michael Strelka
- Judge E.R. Lanier, General Counsel, OCA

The Commission on Statutes and Canons is:

- His Grace Bishop Daniel of Santa Rosa, Chair
- Archpriest Ioan Cozma
- Archpriest John Erickson
- Archpriest Alexander Rentel
- Judge E.R. Lanier, General Counsel, OCA