

Bylaws of the Diocesan Board of Education

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I. Members to of the Diocesan Board

A. Membership

Membership of the Diocesan Board of Education (hereinafter “Diocesan Board”) consists of the Bishop and up to 13 other members. The Bishop appoints all members. Appointed members take office at the first meeting of the Diocesan Board of Education in June.

Membership shall reflect the makeup of the diocese. All groups should be represented, they should include: our deaneries, clergy, laity and 4 members at-large.

All board members hold office for a term of three (3) years, or as otherwise defined in the constitution. A member may be reappointed or reelected but shall serve no more than two (2) consecutive terms.

B. Method of Selection

1. The Bishop appoints all members. Each appointed member shall serve a term of three (3) years, and shall serve no more than two (2) consecutive terms unless specified in the letter of appointment.

a. Lay Members representing their Deaneries

Up to 8 lay members will be appointed by the Bishop of the Diocese with these suggested maximums for each as follows:

Clinton	1	Davenport	2
Grinnell	1	Iowa City	2
Keokuk	1	Ottumwa	1

Each person who is leaving office may assist the Director of Faith Formation and/or Superintendent of Schools to find a suitable replacement. The name(s) will be presented to the Bishop for his approval. This process should take place no later than April 30.

Vacancies occurring at other times during the year shall be filled for the interim by appointment of the Bishop. The appointee should represent the same deanery left unrepresented by the vacancy.

C. Term of Members

Terms for all members shall begin with the first meeting in June with election of officers at the August meeting.

D. Removal

1. Formal Resignation - A member resigning from the board shall inform the President in writing.
2. Resignation by Absence - Article III, Section 3 of the constitution of the Diocesan Board of Education states :

"Any member of the board, other than an ex officio member, who is absent from two consecutive regular meetings of the board shall, unless excused by President, cease to be a member."

3. Removal by the Bishop - The Bishop may remove any member from membership or remove any officer from his or her position at his discretion.

II. Timing of Diocesan Board Action

Parishes should be notified by November of any Diocesan Board action having budgetary implications on parish budgets.