# Report of the Standing Committee to the 130th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Colorado - October 13 - 14, 2017

**Purpose:** The Standing Committee serves two primary purposes: 1) It functions as a canonical body of the Episcopal Church; and 2) It functions as the legal Board of Directors of the non-profit Colorado corporation known as "The Bishop and Diocese of Colorado".

In it's canonical capacity, the Standing Committee serves as a Council of Advice to the Bishop and as an arm of the Episcopal Church charged with consenting to the election of Bishops. In advising the Bishop, the Standing Committee participates in both strategic planning and ongoing review of policy and finance for the Episcopal Church in Colorado, approves the annual budget, and interviews every candidate for ordination as part of its responsibility to certify to the Bishop their completion of the requirements for ordination.

In it's corporate capacity, the Standing Committee approves the annual budget, approves Diocesan policies and compliance, approves requests for property alienation and encumbrance, approves board appointments to Diocesan Institutions, and communicates with congregations as needed.

## Current Membership:

| Name | Region | Clergy | Lay | Parish | Position |
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| Robert Morse | Front Range | | X | St. John's, Boulder | President |
| Terry McGugan | High Plains | X | | Christ Church, Denver | Vice-President |
| Jim Wolfe | High Plains | | X | Church of the Good Shepherd, Centennial | Secretary |
| Charlie Brumbaugh | Northwest | X | | St. John the Baptist, Breckenridge | Member |
| Jan Johnson | Northwest | | X | St. Peter's of the Valley, Basalt | Member |
| Nature Johnston | Southwest | X | | Church of the Nativity, Grand Junction | Member |
| Erin Smith | Southwest | | X | St. Thomas, Alamosa | Member |
| Peter Floyd | Sangre de Cristo | X | | St. Michael the Archangel, Colorado Springs | Member |
| Harry Tournay | Sangre de Cristo | | X | Ascension, Pueblo | Member |
| Michael McManus | Front Range | X | | Church of the Transfiguration, Evergreen | Member |

**Structure:** Each of the five regions of the diocese elect two members, one clergy and one lay, to serve a term of three years, with the possibility of re-election to one additional term. After a second consecutive term, a member must serve a year's hiatus before being eligible to run for any additional terms.

In addition to the ten elected members, The Standing Committee includes three ex-officio members: the Bishop, the Diocesan Treasurer, and the President of the Episcopal Church Women. The Diocesan Chancellor, the Director of the Colorado Episcopal Foundation, and members of the Bishop's Office attend meetings as their expertise and experience are needed.

The Standing Committee each year elects a President, Vice-President, and Secretary from among its members, who serve, along with the Bishop and the Diocesan treasurer, as an Executive committee to respond to corporate needs and undertake delegated duties between regular meetings.

The Standing Committee typically meets five times a year for a day and a half, usually in January, March, May, August, and November. In addition, we participate in the Annual Convention in October and conduct an annual two-day planning and visioning Retreat during the Spring. Meetings include time spent in spiritual formation as inspiration and guidance for the deliberations that follow.

**Primary Strategic Issue:** Since the last Convention, the most important strategic issue to which the Standing Committee has devoted considerable time, both in its Retreat and its regular meetings, has been its work with the Bishop to create and begin to give form to a Development function for the Episcopal Church in Colorado. Such a function, properly staffed and funded, will be a crucial element in assisting congregations and the Bishop to garner the resources each needs to carry out the mission of the Episcopal Church in Colorado.

**Close:** Each member of the Standing Committee feels privileged to serve and to exercise with the Bishop, the Regions, and Congregations the responsibility for the continuing health of the Episcopal Church in Colorado.


Robert M. Morse, President of the Standing Committee