

**The Episcopal Church in Colorado**  
**129<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention**  
**Report of the Committee for the Conduct of Elections**  
**Election of Deputies and Alternates for General Convention 2018**

At this Convention we elected deputies and alternates for General Convention 2018. We elected four lay deputies and four clergy deputies. We then elected four lay alternates and three clergy alternates.

Voting for each election was accomplished using a Single Transferrable Vote (STV) system. Each of the eight lay nominees and each of the seven clergy nominees was listed in alphabetical order on their respective ballots. Each delegate to Diocesan Convention received 2 paper ballots of different colors, with 2 sub-ballots printed on each paper ballot. Delegates were instructed to number each of the lay nominees from "1" to "8" with "1" being their first choice, "2" being their second choice, and so forth. Delegates were instructed to number each of the clergy nominees from "1" to "7" using the same system.

Completed ballots were taken to the counting room, and the individual papers were cut in half. Votes for lay deputies were counted first. The half of each ballot containing the votes for clergy deputies were set aside for the first count.

**Electing Lay Deputies to General Convention**

Because the votes for lay deputies were on two differently colored pieces of paper (one color for Lay Delegates voting for Lay Deputies and one color for Clergy Delegates voting for Lay Deputies) we worked on opposite sides of the same table, with one color being sorted on each side of the table.

We first sorted the ballots by candidate based on the number of "4" votes that candidate received. After counting the number of ballots for each candidate, we then resorted based on the number of "3" votes received, then the number of "2" votes received, and finally the number of "1" votes received.

Although that was a tedious process, it accomplished several goals:

- 1) it had us look at each ballot several times, and allowed us to remove any invalid ballots before we began the actual count.
- 2) It allowed us to obtain a very accurate count of the number of valid ballots cast on each side, so that we could then audit the total number of votes received.
- 3) It allowed us to have some data which could be used down the line as a tie-breaker if needed.

After the final count of these four, we had the total number of (1-4) votes cast in each order as well as having all of the #1 votes sitting in each candidate's pile.

Here are the results of those first counts:

*Lay delegates voting for lay deputies – Total 1-4 votes:*

Name	#4 votes	#3 votes	#2 votes	#1 votes	Total
Zoe Cole	27	33	47	67	174
Dianne Draper	37	31	42	27	137
Larry Hitt	41	31	35	66	173
Erica Hein P	34	39	39	28	140
Scott Pomerenk	35	31	25	9	100
Chuck Theobald	32	24	26	14	96
George Wing	22	32	20	15	89
Jim Wolfe	19	26	13	21	79
Total Votes Cast	247	247	247	247	988
Needed to Elect					50

*Clergy delegates voting for lay deputies – Total 1-4 votes:*

Name	#4 votes	#3 votes	#2 votes	#1 votes	Total
Zoe Cole	12	20	13	22	67
Dianne Draper	18	15	13	23	69
Larry Hitt	11	12	33	37	93
Erica Hein P	14	23	15	7	59
Scott Pomerenk	17	9	9	2	37
Chuck Theobald	17	7	14	7	45
George Wing	11	9	5	10	35
Jim Wolfe	11	16	9	3	39
Total Votes Cast	111	111	111	111	444
Needed to Elect					23

### Calculation of the STV “quota”

Included in the tables above is the STV “quota” value, as the number of votes from each order needed to elect a candidate. Since we were electing 4 people in each election, the quota is 1/5 of the total votes cast, rounded up. If the total number of valid votes cast had been a multiple of 5, we would have added one.

Based on the number of votes cast, the quota was 50 votes for the ballots cast by lay delegates and 23 votes for ballots cast by clergy delegates.

Based on those quotas, we can see that in the ballots cast by lay delegates, both Zoe Cole (67 votes) and Larry Hitt (66 votes) received enough votes to be elected

by the laity, and both Larry Hitt (37 votes) and Dianne Draper (23 votes) received enough votes to be elected by the clergy.

Therefore after round 1, Larry Hitt was the only candidate to receive a quota in both orders, and Larry Hitt was elected.

### **Redistribution of excess votes**

Because Larry Hitt had received 16 votes more lay than the quota in round 1, 16 votes were removed randomly from his pile of votes and redistributed to the candidates who received a "2" vote on those ballots. Similarly, Larry Hitt's 14 excess votes on the clergy side were redistributed, with the new totals working out to be the following:

*Lay delegates voting for lay deputies – round 2:*

Name	#1 votes	#2 votes	Total
Zoe Cole	67	5	72
Dianne Draper	27	2	29
Larry Hitt	66	-16	50
Erica Hein P	28	1	29
Scott Pomerenk	9	5	14
Chuck Theobald	14	3	17
George Wing	15	0	15
Jim Wolfe	21	0	21
Total Votes Cast	247	0	247
Needed to Elect			50

*Clergy delegates voting for lay deputies – round 2:*

Name	#1 votes	#2 votes	Total
Zoe Cole	22	4	26
Dianne Draper	23	5	28
Larry Hitt	37	-14	23
Erica Hein P	7	0	7
Scott Pomerenk	2	0	2
Chuck Theobald	7	0	7
George Wing	10	1	11
Jim Wolfe	3	4	7
Total Votes Cast	111	0	111
Needed to Elect			23

Based on the new vote totals after Round 2, Zoe Cole now has a quota of votes in both orders (72 lay, 26 clergy) , and is thereby elected.

## Second redistribution of votes

Zoe Cole's excess votes were then redistributed. She had 22 excess votes on the lay side, and 3 excess votes on the clergy side. Ballots were removed at random from each of her piles. Her votes went to whoever was marked as #2 on the ballot, unless that person was previously elected, in which case they went to whoever was marked #3, etc.

The results after this second redistribution were as follows:

### *Lay delegates voting for lay deputies – round 3:*

Name	#1 votes	#2 votes	#3 votes	Total
Zoe Cole	67	5	-22	50
Dianne Draper	27	2	9	38
Larry Hitt	66	-16	0	50
Erica Hein P	28	1	3	32
Scott Pomerenk	9	5	1	15
Chuck Theobald	14	3	2	19
George Wing	15	0	2	17
Jim Wolfe	21	0	5	26
Total Votes Cast	247	0	0	247
Needed to Elect				50

### *Clergy delegates voting for lay deputies – round 3:*

Name	#1 votes	#2 votes	#3 votes	Total
Zoe Cole	22	4	-3	23
Dianne Draper	23	5	1	29
Larry Hitt	37	-14	0	23
Erica Hein P	7	0	2	9
Scott Pomerenk	2	0	0	2
Chuck Theobald	7	0	0	7
George Wing	10	1	0	11
Jim Wolfe	3	4	0	7
Total Votes Cast	111	0	0	111
Needed to Elect				23

After this round, there were no more people elected from the lay order, although Dianne Draper remained elected in the clergy order. So now we needed to remove one or two people from the ballot to redistribute their votes. Since Scott-Michael Pomerenk received the fewest number of votes from each order (15 lay,

2 clergy), he was removed from the count and his votes redistributed. The results after this redistribution were as follows:

*Lay delegates voting for lay deputies – round 4:*

Name	#1 votes	#2 votes	#3 votes	#4 votes	Total
Zoe Cole	67	5	-22	0	50
Dianne Draper	27	2	9	2	40
Larry Hitt	66	-16	0	0	50
Erica Hein P	28	1	3	10	42
Scott Pomerenk	9	5	1	-15	0
Chuck Theobald	14	3	2	2	21
George Wing	15	0	2	0	17
Jim Wolfe	21	0	5	1	27
Total Votes Cast	247	0	0	0	247
Needed to Elect					50

*Clergy delegates voting for lay deputies – round 4:*

Name	#1 votes	#2 votes	#3 votes	#4 votes	Total
Zoe Cole	22	4	-3		23
Dianne Draper	23	5	1	0	29
Larry Hitt	37	-14	0		23
Erica Hein P	7	0	2	2	11
Scott Pomerenk	2	0	0	-2	0
Chuck Theobald	7	0	0	0	7
George Wing	10	1	0	0	11
Jim Wolfe	3	4	0	0	7
Total Votes Cast	111	0	0	0	111
Needed to Elect					23

No one received enough new votes in round 4 to be elected, so we look again for the lowest totals. George Wing (17 votes) received the fewest votes on the lay side, and Chuck Theobald and Jim Wolfe (7 votes each) were tied with the fewest votes on the clergy side. George Wing was removed, and based on the total number of 1-4 votes received, Jim Wolfe was also removed. Those ballots were redistributed as before, with the following results:

*Lay delegates voting for lay deputies – round 5:*

Name	#1 votes	#2 votes	#3 votes	#4 votes	#5 votes	Total
Zoe Cole	67	5	-22	0		50
Dianne Draper	27	2	9	2	20	60
Larry Hitt	66	-16	0	0		50
Erica Hein P	28	1	3	10	6	48
Scott Pomerenk	9	5	1	-15		0
Chuck Theobald	14	3	2	2	18	39
George Wing	15	0	2	0	-17	0
Jim Wolfe	21	0	5	1	-27	0
Total Votes Cast	247	0	0	0	0	247
Needed to Elect						50

*Clergy delegates voting for lay deputies – round 5:*

Name	#1 votes	#2 votes	#3 votes	#4 votes	#5 votes	Total
Zoe Cole	22	4	-3			23
Dianne Draper	23	5	1	0	4	33
Larry Hitt	37	-14	0			23
Erica Hein P	7	0	2	2	3	14
Scott Pomerenk	2	0	0	-2		0
Chuck Theobald	7	0	0	0	11	18
George Wing	10	1	0	0	-11	0
Jim Wolfe	3	4	0	0	-7	0
Total Votes Cast	111	0	0	0	0	111
Needed to Elect						23

After Round 5, Dianne Draper has received enough votes to be elected in both orders, and is thereby elected as a Deputy.

Dianne Draper's excess votes (10 from the lay order and 10 from the clergy order) were then redistributed as before, with the following results:



*Lay delegates voting for lay deputies: round 6:*

Name	#1 votes	#2 votes	#3 votes	#4 votes	#5 votes	#6 votes	Total
Zoe Cole	67	5	-22	0			50
Dianne Draper	27	2	9	2	20	-10	50
Larry Hitt	66	-16	0	0			50
Erica Hein P	28	1	3	10	6	3	51
Scott Pomerenk	9	5	1	-15			0
Chuck Theobald	14	3	2	2	18	7	46
George Wing	15	0	2	0	-17		0
Jim Wolfe	21	0	5	1	-27		0
Total Votes Cast	247	0	0	0	0	0	247
Needed to Elect							50

*Clergy delegates voting for lay deputies – round 6:*

Name	#1 votes	#2 votes	#3 votes	#4 votes	#5 votes	#6 votes	Total
Zoe Cole	22	4	-3				23
Dianne Draper	23	5	1	0	4	-10	23
Larry Hitt	37	-14	0				23
Erica Hein P	7	0	2	2	3	8	22
Scott Pomerenk	2	0	0	-2			0
Chuck Theobald	7	0	0	0	11	2	20
George Wing	10	1	0	0	-11		0
Jim Wolfe	3	4	0	0	-7		0
Total Votes Cast	111	0	0	0	0	0	111
Needed to Elect							23

After round 6, Erica Hein had received enough votes to be elected by the lay order, but was 1 vote short from the clergy order. However, since Chuck Theobald was the only other candidate remaining, and because Chuck had received the fewest number of votes on each side to that point, Erica was declared elected. Chuck would have had to be removed and all of his votes redistributed to Erica, so that process was not done.

**Final Results**

Our four lay deputies to GC2018 are:

Zoe Cole  
Dianne Draper

Larry Hitt  
Erica Hein Pomerenk

### Electing Clergy Deputies to General Convention

The same methodology was employed using the two sets of sub-ballots which had been set aside earlier.

*Lay delegates voting for clergy deputies – total 1-4 votes*

Name	#4 votes	#3 votes	#2 votes	#1 votes	Total
Bob Davidson	41	40	29	32	142
Paul Garrett	48	27	27	9	111
Chris Johnson	31	26	27	33	117
Ken Malcolm	22	40	47	40	149
Kim Seidman	24	25	48	92	189
Scott Turner	47	50	35	26	158
Brian Winter	33	38	33	14	118
Total Votes Cast	246	246	246	246	984
Needed to Elect					50

*Clergy delegates voting for clergy deputies – total 1-4 votes:*

Name	#4 votes	#3 votes	#2 votes	#1 votes	Total
Bob Davidson	15	12	15	7	49
Paul Garrett	13	15	8	7	43
Chris Johnson	14	18	11	28	71
Ken Malcolm	16	15	23	13	67
Kim Seidman	7	11	25	41	84
Scott Turner	25	24	19	10	78
Brian Winter	21	16	10	5	52
Total Votes Cast	111	111	111	111	444
Needed to Elect					23

Based on the total number of votes received in Round 1, Kim Seidman received enough votes from both orders to be elected (92 lay, 41 clergy). Chris Johnson had received enough votes from the clergy order to be elected, but did not receive enough from the lay order. Kim Seidman's excess votes (42 from the lay order and 18 from the clergy order) were removed from her piles randomly, and those votes were redistributed as before with the following results:

*Lay delegates voting for clergy deputies – round 2:*

Name	#1 votes	#2 votes	Total
Bob Davidson	32	6	38
Paul Garrett	9	4	13
Chris Johnson	33	6	39
Ken Malcolm	40	9	49
Kim Seidman	92	-42	50
Scott Turner	26	3	29
Brian Winter	14	14	28
Total Votes Cast	246	0	246
Needed to Elect			50

*Clergy delegates voting for clergy deputies – round 2:*

Name	#1 votes	#2 votes	Total
Bob Davidson	7	2	9
Paul Garrett	7	4	11
Chris Johnson	28	4	32
Ken Malcolm	13	4	17
Kim Seidman	41	-18	23
Scott Turner	10	3	13
Brian Winter	5	1	6
Total Votes Cast	111	0	111
Needed to Elect			23

No one had received enough votes to be elected from both orders, so the persons with the fewest votes in each order were removed. These were Paul Garrett (13 votes) on the lay order and Brian Winter (6 votes) on the clergy order. Those votes were redistributed with the following results:

*Lay delegates voting for clergy deputies – round 3:*

Name	#1 votes	#2 votes	#3 votes	Total
Bob Davidson	32	6	7	45
Paul Garrett	9	4	-13	0
Chris Johnson	33	6	8	47
Ken Malcolm	40	9	9	58
Kim Seidman	92	-42	0	50
Scott Turner	26	3	17	46
Brian Winter	14	14	-28	0
Total Votes Cast	246	0	0	246
Needed to Elect				50

*Clergy delegates voting for clergy deputies – round 3:*

Name	#1 votes	#2 votes	#3 votes	Total
Bob Davidson	7	2	5	14
Paul Garrett	7	4	-11	0
Chris Johnson	28	4	2	34
Ken Malcolm	13	4	5	22
Kim Seidman	41	-18	0	23
Scott Turner	10	3	5	18
Brian Winter	5	1	-6	0
Total Votes Cast	111	0	0	111
Needed to Elect				23

Still no one had enough votes to be elected in both orders, and so Bob Davidson (45 lay votes, 14 clergy votes) was removed, and his votes redistributed with the following results:

*Lay delegates voting for clergy deputies – round 4:*

Name	#1 votes	#2 votes	#3 votes	#4 votes	Total
Bob Davidson	32	6	7	-45	0
Paul Garrett	9	4	-13	0	0
Chris Johnson	33	6	8	5	52
Ken Malcolm	40	9	9	21	79
Kim Seidman	92	-42	0	0	50
Scott Turner	26	3	17	19	65
Brian Winter	14	14	-28		0
Total Votes Cast	246	0	0	0	246
Needed to Elect					50

*Clergy delegates voting for clergy deputies – round 4:*

Name	#1 votes	#2 votes	#3 votes	#4 votes	Total
Bob Davidson	7	2	5	-14	0
Paul Garrett	7	4	-11	0	0
Chris Johnson	28	4	2	4	38
Ken Malcolm	13	4	5	3	25
Kim Seidman	41	-18	0	0	23
Scott Turner	10	3	5	7	25
Brian Winter	5	1	-6	0	0
Total Votes Cast	111	0	0	0	111
Needed to Elect					23

After doing this final redistribution, we realized that there were only 4 candidates left, which means that they were all elected, but we can see that they all in fact received the required number of votes in this round, and were this elected officially. (*n.b.: had any one of them not received the requisite number of votes on this round, we would have removed excess votes from someone else to get everyone up to the quota*)

## Final Results

Our four clergy deputies to GC2018 are thus:

Chris Johnson  
Ken Malcolm  
Kim Seidman  
Scott Turner

## Election of Alternates for GC2018

We then asked the Convention to cast a second set of ballots, with the 8 persons who had been elected as deputies removed. Thus everyone was to number the remaining lay candidates from “1” to “4” and the three clergy candidates from “1” to “3”.

These ballots were then taken back to the counting room and cut in half as before. Even though everyone was going to be elected as an alternate, we needed to determine an order of election so that each alternate could be assigned a position – Lay Alternate 1 (L1), Clergy Alternate 2 (C2), etc.

## Election of Lay Alternates

After distributing the ballots into four piles based on the #1 votes, we got the following results:

*Lay delegates voting for lay alternates:*

Name	#1 votes	Total
Scott Pomerenk	67	67
Chuck Theobald	57	57
George Wing	43	43
Jim Wolfe	58	58
Total Votes Cast	225	225
Needed to Elect		57

Note that this time we raised the quote threshold to  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the total votes cast, rounded up. This was so we could elect the first 3 and have the 4<sup>th</sup> person be the 4<sup>th</sup> alternate.

*Clergy delegates voting for lay alternates:*

Name	#1 votes	Total
Scott Pomerenk	33	33
Chuck Theobald	24	24
George Wing	11	11
Jim Wolfe	28	28
Total Votes Cast	96	96
Needed to Elect		24

Conveniently, the same three people received the requisite number of votes from both orders, and they were in the same relative order. Therefore, the election was over, with the following results:

- L1: Scott-Michael Pomerenk
- L2: Jim Wolfe
- L3: Chuck Theobald
- L4: George Wing

### **Election of Clergy Alternates to GC2018**

The ballots for clergy alternates were counted, with the results of the first count as follows:

*Lay delegates voting for clergy alternates:*

Name	#1 votes	Total
Bob Davidson	83	83
Paul Garrett	47	47
Brian Winter	94	94
Total Votes Cast	224	224
Needed to Elect		75

*Clergy delegates voting for clergy alternates:*

Name	#1 votes	Total
Bob Davidson	32	32
Paul Garrett	21	21
Brian Winter	42	42
Total Votes Cast	95	95
Needed to Elect		32

Again, two candidates each had the required number of votes ( $1/3$  rounded up) to elect, and they had the same relative position in each order, so our clergy alternates are:

C1: Brian Winter  
C2: Bob Davidson  
C3: Paul Garrett

Respectfully Submitted,

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