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RESOLVED: Standing Order for the Stated Meeting of the Convention V.7.(a) , which addresses the manner in which election results are reported, is amended as follows:

7. Elections shall always be held at and during the Convention by written ballot to those voting before the vote is taken. (*Adopted October 20, 1972*).

(a) When two or more persons are to be elected by a concurrent vote the Judges shall report the results **in the manner they determine to be the most clear, efficient and expeditious.** ~~of a given ballot first, stating how many of each Order are to be elected on that ballot and reporting the results in the order in which the names of the nominees appear o the ballot. And those persons (to the number to be chosen on that ballot in each Order) having the highest number of votes, provided it be a majority, shall be declared the choice of the Clergy. The Judges announcing the Lay vote shall make their report in the same manner; and the persons who are thus the choice of the Clergy and of the Laity shall be declared elected.~~

EXPLANATION

The current process for reporting election results is cumbersome and time-consuming and does not account for advances in technology that allow for the projection or transmission of a visual summary of results. Further advances in technology may allow for even more efficient result reporting. The amendment would vest the judges of election with discretion in how to best report the results taking the latest technology into account.