

Executive Council

The Executive Council functions as the board of directors for the NALC, providing leadership for the church between the annual Convocations. The Executive Council consists of the Bishop, four clergy and four lay members who are elected for staggered four-year terms. Terms begin on October 1 in the year elected and end on September 30, four years later. No member of the Executive Council, except the Bishop, may serve more than two consecutive full terms. A partial term of more than two years is considered a full term. The General Secretary, Recording Secretary and Treasurer have voice but not vote on the Executive Council. The council meets in person in January, April or May, and October. Usually an NALC congregation hosts the meeting and the location can be anywhere in North America. Meetings usually begin at 8:00 a.m. on the first day and end by noon on the second day. They are normally held on weekdays, most often on Tuesday and Wednesday, so for each meeting members will be away from home or their “day jobs” at least two and a half days, sometimes three, depending on the travel time to get to a meeting. Participation in the annual Convocation is also expected, which is another three to four days away from home and work.

Court of Adjudication

The Court of Adjudication hears appeals from disciplinary decisions; resolves questions of interpretation of NALC governing documents; and decides claims that a person or entity has violated these governing documents. The Court of Adjudication consists of seven members, each elected to a four-year term by the annual Convocation. Terms begin on October 1 in the year elected and end on September 30, four years later. Any member of an NALC congregation shall be eligible for election and service. Usually the court is able to meet online or via a conference call, but an occasional face-to-face meeting may be needed.

NALS Board of Regents

The Seminary Board of Regents is made up of nine members—clergy or lay—the Bishop, and the Seminary President. Its chief responsibilities are to provide oversight, supervision and direction for the Seminary, the Houses of Studies and the President, including fiscal plans, new programs and initiatives, resolution of disputes, and fund raising. The Board is accountable to the Executive Council and the Convocation. The Board meets at least twice a year and more often as necessary. Meetings will usually require members being away from home or work for at least two full days. Members serve six-year terms and may be re-elected twice. Terms are staggered so that one-third of the Board is elected every two years.