

Appendix II

Chapter Candidate ~ Nominee Biography and Statement

Bob Reed

What brought you to St. Paul's Cathedral and why did you stay?

My family was primarily responsible for me coming to St. Paul's. In the early 1950s we were a Navy family. Like so many others, Dad was stationed for two years in San Diego. Mom was a life-long Episcopalian. At that time, St. Paul's was the oldest and most energetic parish in the city, and it was located near our home. Therefore, the family adopted St. Paul's as our new spiritual home. I became a six-year-old church school student in class under what is now the Great Hall. My grandparents followed us to San Diego and St. Paul's. They were active in the parish until they passed away in the 1960s.

Meanwhile, my family left San Diego. Later, after university graduation in 1970, I got my first job as a young engineer in San Diego and subsequently married. St. Paul's was the natural choice for our spiritual home. We were soon drawn into parish life in a number of ways and never left.

With what activities or ministries have you been involved and how?

Among the ways I have participated in the life of St. Paul's are the following.

- Served as church school teacher for a number of years with my wife.
- Served as Director of Religious Education for several years.
- Received Robinson Cross.
- Installed and maintained the first computer network at St. Paul's.
- Computerized the Cathedral's manual bookkeeping system.
- Served several previous terms on the Vestry/Chapter.
- Served as Dean's Warden.
- Served on Building & Grounds Committees.
- Served thirteen years as Clerk of the Chapter.
- Serve as Lead Usher on the 4th Sunday and Usher on the 1st Sunday.
- Serve as Acolyte and Chalice Bearer.
- Served as Lector.

To which strategic goal area would you most want to be a Chapter Liaison (Cathedral for the City, Community, Formation, Music & Arts, Outreach & Justice, or Worship)? Why?

I am always open to serving the Cathedral in any capacity where I am needed. My past and ongoing experience as Lead Usher, Lector, Chalice Bearer, and Acolyte might make a worship liaison a natural fit.

What attributes and gifts do you bring to the ministry of Chapter?

By profession, I am an engineer. I served the Navy's R&D center on Point Loma for 35 years and SAIC for an additional seven years. During that time performed digital design, network, communications, and systems engineering at the local, regional, and global levels. This work included project management including schedule/financial planning and tracking.

Some of this professional experience provides skills and insights that are applicable to the Chapter's responsibilities. The ability to develop a detailed and practical plan to reach a defined ministry goal is important. Implementing the plan involves cost and schedule definition and tracking involving professional skills developed over years. I can read and understand financial statements. Other skills facilitated implementation of the first data network at St. Paul's, procurement and maintenance the church's first

computers, and transition the manual accounting and reporting system to a computer-based system that evolved into the system the Cathedral uses today.

Why do you feel called to serve on Chapter?

I have served as a member of St. Paul's Vestries and Chapters in the past. I enjoyed that work and found it fulfilling. I would appreciate the opportunity to serve as part of the Cathedral's leadership team again.