



SUMMARY: Proposed Changes to ASBA Bylaws – 2017

Bylaws, which are voted on by the membership itself, define the governing rules of the association under which the ASBA Board of Directors and management must operate on behalf of members.

Proposal A ASBA Governance Committee proposes that if any director or officer on the ASBA Board of Directors misses more than one meeting in a calendar year it will be deemed that they have vacated their office.

Background: The ASBA Board of Directors holds four meetings per year, per bylaws. Directors sign an acknowledgement of requirements of service, including meeting attendance, prior to their election.

Proposal B ASBA Governance Committee proposes that a quorum of 60 percent of the ASBA member boards must vote and three-fourths of all votes must be in the affirmative to add, amend or repeal a bylaw.

Background: Currently, a minimum of two-thirds (66 percent) of all ASBA members boards must vote in the affirmative to amend or repeal a bylaw.

Proposal C Maricopa USD recommends that a bylaw may be amended or repealed by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the ASBA member boards that vote.

Background: Currently, a minimum of two-thirds (66 percent) of all ASBA members boards must vote in the affirmative to amend or repeal a bylaw.

Proposal D Tempe ESD proposes an amendment to the change the name of the ASBA Hispanic - Native American Indian Caucus (HNAIC) to the Hispanic - Native American Caucus.

Background: Native American is the term preferred by members of the HNAIC.

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Proposal E Gila Bend USD proposes an amendment that will allow a seat on the ASBA Board of Directors for the President and Past President of the Hispanic-Native American Indian Caucus (HNAIC).

Background: Currently the HNAIC has a single ex officio voting seat on the ASBA Board of Directors, which is held by the caucus's sitting president. The caucus presidency (a two-year term) alternates between a Hispanic and a Native American, per HNAIC bylaws, which provides alternating representation on the ASBA Board of Directors.

Proposal F Concho ESD proposes that no action by any delegate or presiding authority shall end debate or discussion at the Delegate Assembly.

Background: Rules of Procedure for the Delegate Assembly are adopted by delegates at the assembly and currently allow delegates to "Call for the Question" to end debate or discussion. The motion requires a two-thirds vote of delegates to pass. Procedural rules for the Delegate Assembly currently are not in ASBA's bylaws.

Proposal G Concho ESD proposes an amendment to establish a Conservative Caucus to support and defend the constitution of the United States.

Background: Per the ASBA Bylaws (Article VII, Section 2. Caucuses), "ASBA caucuses shall exist to enhance the work of the association by addressing the unique needs of member districts. Caucuses are considered to be affiliated with ASBA as a program provider with responsibility for the caucuses. Each caucus is expected to adopt its own bylaws for operating, programming and governing within the context of the relationship with ASBA described herein."

Proposal H Littleton ESD proposes a recommendation that the ASBA Legislative Committee shall hold a delegate assembly workshop in advance of the delegate assembly to orient new or existing members in establishing the political agenda, moving items for floor action, and explaining the process.

Background: Operational matters related to the Delegate Assembly are currently not included in the ASBA Bylaws.

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