

Motions for 2008 PAEA Business Meeting

2007-MP04. Development of List Serves

This motion was tabled from the 2007 Business Meeting.

Motion: PAEA should establish and maintain a listserv for the Western Consortium, clinical coordinators, and other consortia.

2008-BOD1. Bylaws Amendment Article 3.02

Rationale:

1. Member programs have always been allowed to designate proxies in advance of the business meeting, by signing a proxy form designating another PAEA program representative as holding the program's vote, and submitting it to PAEA staff prior to the meeting. Until 2007, it had been customary practice for voting representatives leaving the meeting to hand their cards to trusted colleagues.
2. This practice sometimes resulted in individuals holding several cards, which has been deemed inappropriate by some members. However, many members would like to maintain the option of handing over their voting card to a colleague on leaving the meeting.
3. A reasonable compromise has been presented in this proposed amendment — to limit the number of voting cards that may be held by any voting representative to two.
4. The last three deleted sentences were moved to Article 4.04, where they were better placed (housekeeping item).

Motion: Be it resolved that the following amendment be made to the PAEA Bylaws.

ARTICLE 3.02 VOTES

Each Member Program will have one vote. ~~in membership meetings of the organization~~
Member Programs will designate in writing one voting representative. **MEMBER PROGRAMS ARE ENTITLED TO DESIGNATE A PROXY AT MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS OF THE ORGANIZATION. THE PROXY MUST BE A MEMBER PROGRAM REPRESENTATIVE AS DEFINED IN ARTICLE 3.08. NO VOTING REPRESENTATIVE MAY REPRESENT MORE THAN TWO PROGRAMS.** ~~to PAEA meetings. In years when two director at large seats are open, each member program will be able to cast one vote for each of two candidates. The two candidates~~

~~receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected. If a tie vote occurs between two or more candidates, another membership election will be held between those candidates who are tied.~~

2008-BOD2. Bylaws Amendment Article 4.04

Rationale:

1. Electronic voting will enhance member program participation in the election of officers because all programs, not only those present at the business meeting, will be able to vote.
2. Holding the election following the Annual Education Forum, rather than beforehand, will allow many members to become familiar with the candidates, though various venues at the meeting. A specific time limitation of two weeks after the meeting was included so that members will be aware of when the election will take place.
3. Using electronic technology for elections will bring the Association in line with the practice increasingly used by associations, and will eliminate the need to spend time at the business meeting voting and tabulating ballots.
4. The use of preferential balloting when three or more candidates are running for a position will eliminate the need for runoff elections.
5. Nominations from the floor will be allowed only if no nominations have been received prior to the business meeting. This will help to ensure that candidates' qualifications for office can be reviewed in advance and that members have time to become familiar with the candidates.

Motion: Be it resolved that the following amendment be made to the PAEA Bylaws.

ARTICLE 4.04. ELECTION

The President Elect, the Secretary-Treasurer, and the Directors at Large shall be elected by ~~affirmative vote of a majority of the voting representatives present (including by proxy) and entitled to vote at any membership meeting of Member Programs in which candidates for such positions are to be elected. In years when two Director at Large positions are to be elected, article 3.02 shall apply.~~ **MEMBER PROGRAMS THROUGH ELECTRONIC VOTING CARRIED OUT IN THE TWO WEEKS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE ANNUAL EDUCATION FORUM. THE ELECTION WILL BE CONDUCTED BY A PREFERENTIAL BALLOT, AS**

OUTLINED IN STURGIS'S *THE STANDARD CODE OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE*. IN YEARS WHEN TWO DIRECTOR AT LARGE SEATS ARE OPEN, EACH MEMBER PROGRAM WILL BE ABLE TO CAST ONE VOTE FOR EACH OF TWO CANDIDATES. THE TWO CANDIDATES RECEIVING THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF VOTES SHALL BE ELECTED. Officer and director candidates must meet eligibility criteria established by the Nominations and Awards Committee. The candidate list and the officer or director position, for which such candidate is nominated, if applicable, will be distributed to Member Programs at least 20 calendar days before the election date. **SELF DECLARATION OR** nomination of additional candidates may be made by any Member Program from the floor at a membership meeting **IF NO NOMINATIONS ARE RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING.** The office of the Student Director is nominated by the Student Academy of the American Academy of Physician Assistants (SAAAPA) and approved by the PAEA Board of Directors.

~~In an election in which no candidate for a particular office or a Director at Large position receives the required majority vote, another membership election will be held between the two nominees for such office or Director at Large position, as applicable, who had received the greatest number of votes. If a tie vote occurs between two or more candidates receiving the greatest number of votes, another membership election will be held between those candidates who are tied.~~

2008-BOD3. Bylaws Amendment Article 5.02

Rationale:

1. This is a housekeeping item: The clause will be unnecessary if Article 3.02 is approved as amended.

Motion: Be it resolved that the following amendment be made to the PAEA Bylaws.

ARTICLE 5.02 NOTICE OF MEETINGS

The Association's annual business meeting will take place at the PAEA Annual Education Forum. Member programs will be notified of the date, time, and location of the business meeting at least 90 days in advance. Written notice of special membership meetings will be provided to members in writing no less than 10 and no more than 50 calendar days before the meeting date. Such notices shall be delivered to the director of each Member Program entitled to vote at such meeting and shall include the day, time, and place of the meeting and, with respect to special meetings, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called. At each meeting, each Member Program will be represented by its voting representative specified in accordance with Article 3.02. ~~unless~~

~~before such meeting a Member Program designates in writing another representative for that meeting.~~

2008-BOD4. Bylaws Amendment Article 5.03

Rationale:

1. Electronic voting will eliminate the need for this requirement.

Motion: Be it resolved that the following amendment be made to the PAEA Bylaws.

ARTICLE 5.03 QUORUM AND ADJOURNMENTS

At membership meetings, the presence in person or by written proxy of a majority of Member Programs will constitute a quorum. ~~A quorum is necessary to elect officers.~~

A majority of Member Programs present at any meeting, although less than a quorum, may adjourn the meeting without notice, until a quorum will be present.