



2008 PAEA Business Meeting: Summary of Actions

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.

Following a demonstration of the new Web site, including list serves and workspaces, the president *declared the motion withdrawn*. The new Web site and list serves are scheduled to be launched by the end of the month.

2008-BOD1. Bylaws Amendment Article 3.02

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.~~

There was little discussion of this motion. *The motion carried.*

2008-BOD2. Bylaws Amendment Article 4.04

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.~~

This motion engendered significant discussion. Members generally approved the idea of electronic voting, but were not in favor of removing the possibility of nominations being made from the floor.

The motion was defeated.

2008-BOD3. Bylaws Amendment Article 5.02

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.~~

The motion carried.

2008-BOD4. Bylaws Amendment Article 5.03

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.

This motion was a housekeeping item; the quorum requirement would not have been relevant if article 4.04 had been amended and electronic voting instituted.

The motion was withdrawn.