

ASLCS Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

August 3, 2020
Via Zoom

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Paul Smith (N.H.) at 2:38 p.m. Eastern.

Attendance

A quorum of the Executive Committee was present with the following members in attendance: Paul Smith (N.H.), Brad Young (Ohio), William MaGill (Vt.), Brad Hendrickson (Wash.), Tim Sekerak (Ore.), Carrie Maulin (Idaho), Jay Braxton (Va.), Ali Sagraves (Ohio), Pat Harris (Ala.), Bernadette McNulty (Calif.), Joyce Wright (Ala.), and Ron Smith (La.).

Also present were: Holly South (NCSL), Tammy Wright (N.H.), Susan Kannarr (Kan.), Joshua Babel (Ariz.), Russell Humphrey (Tenn.), Diane Bell (Ret.), Susan Furlong (Nev.), Patsy Spaw (Texas), Ann Cornwell (Ark.), and Susan Schaar (Va.).

New Business

Tim Sekerak presented the report of the subcommittee that was appointed by President Paul Smith. Three options discussed were the virtual option, physical annual meeting, and continuation of roles until 2021 PDS. The group favored continuation of the roles until 2021. Committee Vice Chair Patsy Spaw offered the recommendation from the Bylaws and Standing Orders Committee, which was that they found that the holdover position was the proper decision because the transition of officers would happen at the annual meeting and because there would be no annual meeting there could not be a proper transition.

Also addressed were the results of a survey Holly South sent on July 23 to principal members and associate members of the Executive Committee, which was accompanied by the advisory opinion from the Bylaws and Standing Orders Committee and the report of the above-mentioned subcommittee. Of the 80 members who responded, 68.8% voted to continue the terms of the 2019-2020 Executive Committee until next year's annual meeting in October 2021. 22.5% voted to hold a virtual annual meeting in order to select new officers for 2020-2021 and 8.8% voted for an in-person annual meeting in 2020.

Discussion from Executive Committee members: Pat Harris raised concerns stated that he wanted the membership to weigh in by adopting a resolution. Paul Smith stated that the subcommittee weighed in with suggestions provided to them, including the suggestion from Pat Harris regarding an in-person meeting. He further stated that if a meeting were to be held there would need to be a 30-day notice provided. In addition, the issue of how to constitute a quorum has not been resolved and states interpret quorum differently. Bernadette McNulty raised concerns that members from the Society have not weighed in on the possibilities. Patsy Spaw stated that this would need to be a Bylaw change and Bylaw changes have to be approved by the membership. Carrie Maulin stated that she would be in favor of a resolution that would include the holdover for the officers, which would follow the NCSL model.

Carrie Maulin then moved to have a resolution drafted about the continuation of officers, including chairs and vice chairs, for a year and review by Bylaws and Standing Orders review for voting and for meetings and make recommendations. President Smith appointed Pat Harris (chair), Patsy Spaw, Carrie Maulin, Brad Hendrickson, and Ali Sagraves to a subcommittee,

which was approved by unanimous roll call. The subcommittee will submit the resolution for executive committee review as soon as possible.

Pat Harris moved to adjourn at 3:27 p.m., seconded by Bernadette McNulty.

Respectfully submitted,

William MaGill
ASLCS Secretary-Treasurer