

Bylaws and Standing Orders Committee Meeting Minutes

2017 ASLCS Professional Development Seminar

Phoenix, Ariz.

Thursday, September 28, 2017

Call to Order

The meeting of the Bylaws and Standing Orders Committee was called to order by Buddy Johnson (Ark.), chair.

Attendance

The following members of the committee were present: Buddy Johnson (Ark.), chair, Tim Sekerak (Ore.), vice chair, Corey Carnahan (Kan.), vice chair, Michael Adams (Va.), Effie Ameen (Colo.), Judy Barrows (Maine), Liz Clark (Alaska), Claire Clift (Nev.), Janice Gadd (Utah), Maryann Horch (Va.), Martha Jarrow (Ark.), Sabrina Lewellen (Ark.), Bill MaGill (Vt.), Paul Nardo (Va.), Neva Parker (Calif.), Sherry Rodriguez (Nev.), Paul Smith (N.H.), Alfred Speer (La.).

Approval of Minutes

Upon a motion by Paul Smith (N.H.), seconded by Bill MaGill (Vt.), the minutes of the last meeting held Sunday, August 6, 2017 at the NCSL Summit in Boston, Massachusetts, were approved.

Old Business

Review of Proposed Amendment to Section 1, Professional Development Seminar, Standing Order

The Chair recognized Alfred Speer (La.) to review the proposed amendments. The first proposal adds a new subsection (C) that “NCSL will not utilize a third-party to seek proposals for or negotiate the contract with the conference hotel without the prior approval of the ASLCS Executive Committee.” Following a question on whether the proposal should reference NCSL when this an ASLCS order, Mr. Speer stated this language was agreed to by NCSL officials. Upon a motion by Paul Smith (N.H.), seconded by Judy Barrows (Maine), the proposal was approved by the committee and submitted to the Executive Committee.

The committee then reviewed the proposed change to new subsection (D) regarding registration fees. The proposal would strike “\$325 unless changed by action of” and insert “established by.” Under the existing language, the Executive Committee did not have the ability to set registration fees without suspending the rule. Mr. Speer noted that the ASLCS bylaws were the only staff section bylaws to set a specific registration fee. Committee members discussed the timing for informing states of the registration price so the states could set their travel budgets. Upon a motion by Paul Nardo (Va.), seconded by Paul Smith (N.H.), the proposal was approved by the committee and submitted to the Executive Committee.

Review of Standing Orders Table of Contents and Index

The Chair recognized Claire Clift (Nev.) to review the updated table of contents and index and the committee was given a copy. The Executive Committee recently acted on several proposals and the table of contents and index need to be updated to reflect the new and deleted language.

Upon a motion by Paul Smith (N.H.), seconded by Bill MaGill (Vt.), the proposed changes to the table of contents and index were approved and submitted to the Executive Committee.

New Business

Review of proposed amendment to Section XVIII, Travel Reimbursement, Standing Order

The Chair explained the proposed change to Section XVIII, subsection (B), regarding travel reimbursements for international travel. The change would add “or their designees” and “; Joint Canadian-American;” to the subsection thus allowing designees attending the Joint Canadian-American meetings to receive financial assistance. The proposal comes at the request of the Executive Committee following its meeting at the 2017 Legislative Summit. Upon a motion by Alfred Speer (La.), seconded by Claire Clift (Nev.), the proposed change was approved and submitted to the Executive Committee.

Announcements

The chair announced the proposals discussed during this meeting will be presented to the Executive Committee. After received addition direction from the Executive Committee, the Chair will assign subcommittees at the next meeting.

Adjournment

Upon a motion by Paul Smith (N.H.), seconded by Liz Clark (Alaska), the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Buddy Johnson (Ark.), chair