

Bylaws and Standing Orders Committee Meeting Minutes

ASLCS Professional Development Seminar
Madison, Wisconsin
September 27, 2018

Call to Order

The meeting of the Bylaws and Standing Orders Committee was called to order by Tim Sekerak (Ore.), chair.

Attendance

The following members of the committee were present: Tim Sekerak (Ore.), chair; Lisa Davis (Miss.), vice chair; Buddy Johnson (Ark.), vice chair; Effie Ameen (Colo.), Tim Carroll (Mass.), Liz Clark (Alaska), Claire Clift (Nev.), Yolanda Dixon (La.), Marilyn Eddins (Colo.), Kay Inabnet (Wis.), Martha Jarrow (Ark.), Sabrina NeKay Lewellen (Ark.), William “Bill” MaGill (Vt.), Steve Marshall (Vt.), Neva Parker (Calif.), Paul Smith (N.H.), Patsy Spaw (Texas), Alfred W. Speer (La.), Sherri Stacks (Ark.), Malisha Straw (Ark.), and Brad Young (Ohio). Others in attendance were Philip Cottingham (Texas), Susan Furlong (Nev.), Maryann Horch (Va.), Felisha Brown (Miss.), and Jeremy Weiss (Vt.).

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion by Paul Smith (N.H.), seconded by Claire Clift (Nev.), the minutes from the July 30, 2018, committee meeting at the NCSL Summit in Los Angeles were approved.

New Business

ASLCS President-Elect Patrick Harris (Ala.) addressed the committee. He said he appreciated the committee members’ service to the Society and encouraged them to “work hard and do right” over the coming year.

Following remarks by Mr. Harris, Mr. Sekerak reported to the committee that he and Mr. Harris had met earlier and discussed initiatives that at some point might come before the Committee:

- 1.) Bringing current and new international representatives into a closer, more member-like working arrangement within the ASLCS.
- 2.) Creating a new formal role for an associate member of the Executive Committee to conduct Society responsibilities now carried out by principal members on the Executive Committee.
- 3.) Updating international organization references now contained in the Society’s Standing Orders.

Committee members discussed whether and how to proceed on the initiatives. Mr. Speer observed that the committee traditionally had been a “drafting committee,” not a “debate committee,” in developing changes to the Society’s Bylaws and Standing Orders. Ms. Spaw, Mr. Smith, and Ms. Clift each commented on the practice of the committee acting in response to directives from the Executive Committee. Following discussion, the committee took no formal action but directed the chair to report to the President and Executive Committee that the

committee would await further formal direction on the first two points. With respect for the third item of business, the chair agreed to pursue clarification on the status and activity of certain listed international groups with the International Communication and Development Committee and report back to the committee any information learned about impacts that might have on the Standing Orders.

Adjournment

Upon a motion by Paul Smith (N.H.), seconded by Maryann Horch (Va.), the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Buddy Johnson (Ark.), vice chair