

PA Council/Local Association Conference Call
Thursday, August 12, 2010
12:00 Noon
Subject: Open Forum

The bylaws 7/1/10 amended version can be found on National's website – check under the tab: Members/Comprehensive Manual/Chapter 2 – Int'l Organization/page 2-9 starts the bylaws and page 2-24 starts the standing rules.

I am working on a summary of the bylaws changes similar to what we had for the recommendations so that the members do not have to read the proposed and adopted documents line by line to determine what has been amended. Unfortunately there are some corrections/adjustments necessary that were discovered when reviewing the documents on the website – which have been noted and sent to our RVP, Debbi Kuhne, to take to the exec board meeting to determine how they will be handled – so the summary was delayed. I apologize for the delay and hope to have it completed and out to everyone (as well as posted on the PA website) before the end of August

A reminder to all presidents that PA is looking for a few good members.....to become candidates for the 2011 council. If there is anyone in any of the associations that would be willing to come forward to apply for a position, please complete the form that can be found on the National website (Members/Forms/General Candidate) and get it to our nominating chair, Sue Shoher - and a copy to Council Director Pat Eggles (Important note: bylaws require that anyone applying for a position must be interviewed by the nominating committee AT council day). We are hoping that PA members are becoming more comfortable/familiar with council, its members and what each position is responsible for so that each of you can be comfortable in taking that next step in helping to lead our PA members forward.

If you're not ready to take ownership of any of the council committees but could provide some valuable assistance to a committee, please advise Sue and Pat.....potential council members may have an easier time coming forward if they know that there are members out there who have already volunteered their services to help with a particular committee

Angie Horton, our council PR chair, is also looking for members to participate in the CWC speakoff. She will be sending out information to the presidents to help secure potential candidates.

Reading and Lehigh Valley associations are going to try to coordinate a joint CWC class in order to secure enough members from both associations to justify holding a class. A good idea for other associations that are relatively close to each other.....if you do not have enough members interested in your own association, meeting in the "middle" with another association may double your participation – and foster a closer relationship between both associations.

With respect to council funds and the council director's visits:
For the last few years, those who have agreed to take the council director position have been members who do not have financial support from their employers....and that may be a trend that will continue further into the future. There are some funds from National that are provided, but they are very specific and limited. It does help to offset the CD's costs that occur for association visits and conference attendance, but those funds are not nearly enough to handle all of the necessary expenses. That makes it very important for the PA associations to respond in two ways:

1) plann joint meetings with another association that is close in proximity in order to cut down on the number of trips for the CD....or possibly moving the date of a meeting so that two or more associations may be meeting in the same week, on back to back days – it will help greatly to cut down on the CD’s travel time

2) monetary donations from each association are becoming increasingly more important in order to ensure that we will have enough funds in the council treasury to handle the expenses that enable our CD to meet with everyone face to face. A letter will be sent to all of the local presidents shortly to facilitate further discussion with their associations

NEXT CALL
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
AT NOON
TOPIC: PUBLIC RELATIONS
CO-HOST: ANGIE HORTON, PA COUNCIL PR CHAIR

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