

WASCOE Board Teleconference
Tuesday, February 26th, 2019 @12:00pm
Review of Constitution, Board Policies, Standing Rules

The meeting was called to order by President Jake Bourget. Roll call was taken. Quorum was established. A motion was made by Laurie Makos and seconded by Jon Beam to approve the minutes from the October 15, 2018 meeting. Motion carried. The report will be placed on file.

The treasurer's report was given. Balance in checking account is \$7781.56. The balance in the savings account (scholarship fund) is \$3764.83. The report will be placed on file.

Vice-president Jon Williams reviewed the proposed changes to the Constitution and By-laws, Board Policies, and Standing Rules. These documents are to be reviewed annually by the Vice-president and appointed committee. Proposed constitutional changes to be decided upon the convention must be submitted in writing to the Secretary at least 30 days prior to the annual meeting. All Constitutional and By-law changes shall be provided to the membership at least seven days prior to the annual meeting. Any amendments, revisions, or changes must be approved by two-thirds affirmative vote of the members attending the annual meeting. (Constitution and By-Laws Article XIII, Section 3). These changes will be available through e-mail, newsletter, social media, and posted on the WASCOE website for membership viewing. Please refer to the attachments to these board minutes for the proposed changes.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelby Niskanen

Addendum to minutes:

Proposal to amend the Constitution and By-Laws. Proposed by Jake Bourget.

Background: There are four officer positions in the WASCOE board: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, (Constitution, Article IV, Section 2). Each position has a term limit of three consecutive – two-year terms for a total of six years. After evaluating each position, it is the vice-president and the president that have the greatest impact on WASCOE policy and direction of the organization. These positions require fresh ideas and renewed energy from time to time. Term limits accomplish this.

The Secretary and Treasurer's positions take a few years to learn the position with required paperwork, record keeping, report submissions to NASCOE, etc. It may take a few years to find dedicated people to fill these positions and to develop a smooth operating system. Term limits for the president and vice-president will keep the check and balance system of the officers in tack. I believe removing term limits for Secretary and Treasurer will make WASCOE a stronger organization with these two positions potentially holding a great amount of valuable experience for other incoming officers.

Therefore, the proposal is to amend the Constitution, Article IV, Section 2 to read that the President and Vice-President shall serve no more than three consecutive terms in the same office. Secretary and Treasurer will have no term limits. Election of President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer will remain on the two-year rotation; President and Vice-President elected in the even number years, Secretary and Treasurer elected in the odd-number years.

I would ask the WASCOE directors to please comment on this proposal and provide feedback. If most of the directors support this idea, it will be submitted in writing to the secretary 30 days prior to the convention. The proposal will be sent to the membership at least seven days before the convention and voted on at the annual meeting. Thank you.