

ApHC Planning & Review Committee

February 9, 2016

Participating in a conference call: Lynette Thompson, Diane Rushing, Leslie Foxvog, Ray Burchett, Chuck McWhirter, Dena Raggio and Terie Clark.

Review of Board Transition Process

The committee discussed the timeline to implement the approved bylaw change that will reduce the number of ApHC directors to 13 as of January, 2018. Some concerns have been expressed about “gaps” in representation and some confusion about how things will work with the elimination of zones within each territory. Additional information in future member communications will probably be helpful.

Convention

A specific proposal for holding an ApHC “Convention” in conjunction with the 2017 spring Board of Directors meeting will be provided at the next regular board meeting in April. Discussions with and proposals from at least two sites (Branson and Oklahoma City) will be considered.

New Business

There was discussion about the need to evaluate and perhaps adjust the board committee structure. One option is to develop a draft proposal that would require a bylaw amendment to reduce the size of the Executive Committee from six to five, once the transition to 13 directors is complete. Additionally, an ad hoc working group was appointed to develop a plan for re-alignment of administrative and program committees. That group includes Ray Burchett as Chair, Diane Rushing, Leslie Foxvog and Steve Taylor. The goal is to have a proposal to present at the April board meeting.

Motion by Foxvog, second by Rushing: To draft a proposed bylaw amendment that would change the number of directors on the Executive Committee from six to five, once the transition to 13 board members is complete. Motion passed unanimously.

Additional discussion focused on timelines for submitting recommendations to administrative committees, in particular to the Rules Committee. It was agreed that there should be a discussion at the April board meeting to review and reinforce the committee process and deadlines for getting items on committee and board meeting agendas. It was also stressed that committee chairs can reserve the right to screen proposals and decide whether and when to include them on their agenda.

Because of the timing between regular board meetings currently on the calendar, it was suggested that a later date is set for the July conference call meeting. Beyond that discussion, there may need to be consideration of changes to “Rule 70” or a re-scheduling of board meeting to allow the prescribed time for publication of minutes and for the timing of second votes. It was also emphasized that deadlines for rule change proposals are enforced.

Additional topics:

Evaluate legal counsel relationship; encourage the Executive Committee to facilitate an annual performance review for the CEO, and at least an annual self-evaluation by the Board.

Territories

The committee discussed the pros and cons of re-drawing ApHC territories. Because it has been a number of years since territories were re-configured, there is at least some question about whether the distribution of members is consistent among the areas. The committee agreed that it will be appropriate to conduct a deeper study at some point in the future, particularly after the transition to a smaller board.

Hall of Fame

An ad hoc working group of Chuck McWhirter, Leslie Foxvog and Todd Michael was appointed to gather suggestions and develop a proposal for revising the Hall of Fame nominating and election process. The proposal will be provided at the April meeting.

Meeting Date

The next committee meeting will be March 10, 2016, at 3 pm Pacific.

The meeting was adjourned.