

Bylaw Committee Discussion Notes 12/14/2016

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1. Article II: **Purpose** Section 1
This change in language to increase inclusiveness
2. Article IV: **Board of Directors** Section 1 d
Article VII: **Executive Committee** Section 3 d
Changes to add review functions on committees
3. Article IV: **Board of Directors** Section 2 b
Change to allow for vice chairs to sit on board if standing chairs are absent.(
see #5 below)
4. Article IV: **Board of Directors** Section 4
Change in language to clarify relationship.
5. Article VI: **Duties of Officers** Section 1 e
Article VIII: **Standing and Special Committees** Section 5
Change to allow for vice chair.
6. Article VIII: **Standing and Special Committees** Section 1
Changes to provide for balance on Board keeping NA in majority

Current number of NA=15 (non-vacant)

Current number of Offices=5

Current number of standing committees = 8

$8+5 = 13$

$13 < 15$

7. Article VIII: Standing and Special Committees Section 2
Change to reflect motion as voted on by committee

Article II Section 5

added – this expresses the outcome from the equity and inclusion committee to have the grassroots nature of SWNI encourage full representation of all peoples within its boundaries to participate.

Section 6 numbering changed.

Other issues Discussed

There has been thought and discussion of changing the makeup of the SWNI board.

The Bylaws committee thinks the draft bylaws is best solution for now. If further work on this is to be done, we suggest that a governance committee be formed to

research and think alternatives through.

Board Makeup Ideas that have been brought forth:

1. Only allow NA's reps on the board. Officers chosen from those.

Con: officers have a lot of work; this would encumber NA reps/chairs quite a bit.

2. Allow NA reps and board officers only – no committee chairs to vote.

Con: this would disincentivize committee participation and may leave the board misinformed or not informed enough for decision making. No one would be there to verify motions were in exact language from committee.

3. Current bylaw proposal: Allow NA reps, officers and committee heads to vote however monitor the number of committees so that the number of NA reps is greater than the number of committees.

Pro: allows all voting with proviso that NA reps have majority to preserve grassroots nature of organization.

Re Committees:

1. Communications to be made back as an organizational committee as the focus is infrastructure, not issue oriented. This still allows NA reps to join committee.