

NASASP RULES & RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE
TELECONFERENCE
January 8, 2003

Present were: Steve Perica, AZ; Jim Smith, AR; Dick Graves, IN; Marilyn Trachsel, MO; Scott Pepperman, PA; Mary Beth Enggren, PA; Daryl Haeder, SD, Chairman; Bill LeGro, NASASP Exec. Director; and Kaelene Borkowski, SD (minutes).

Scott brought up the issue of acquiring a credit card under the Association to be used for normal travel expenses (specifically hotels and transportation). Would be billed directly to the Association. He e-mailed a Master Card resolution for review to be discussed later.

Scott shared that the task committee on updating the Code of Ethics, By-Laws, and Constitution had three goals in mind as they proposed amendments:

- 1) Make sure the document is relevant to keep up with how we are currently operating,
- 2) clean up the documents to make them efficient and professional looking, and
- 3) satisfy the wishes of the membership as voiced and in some cases already voted on.

The special task committee consisted of Jim Smith, Marilyn Trachsel, Scott Pepperman, Mary Beth Enggren, and Bill LeGro.

The task committee divided the changes into the following four categories:

- 1) grammatical
- 2) clarity
- 3) additions
- 4) deletions

The amendments are being proposed through the Rules & Regulations committee to send in clear form to the membership and to be voted on at the Annual Meeting.

There was much discussion on what was required to pass amendments to each of the documents. It was ultimately agreed that:

- the Constitution requires a 2/3 vote of the total membership and that proxies are not allowed.
- the by-laws and Code of Ethics allow for a 2/3 vote of a quorum (1/3 of the membership) and that proxy votes are accepted with 30 days prior notice

It was decided that the proposals to the by-laws and Code of Ethics should be submitted as individual amendments and discussed and voted on paragraph by paragraph or in similar segments, rather than voting on them all as one amendment. Changes to any amendment would invalidate proxy votes (since there would no longer be 30 days notice) making it more probable that the resolution would fail. By proposing in segments it is more likely that some of the amendments will be passed.

Proposed amendments to the Constitution will be presented to membership present even if they cannot be voted on at the meeting.

Adjourned