

Governance Committee

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Mission

The Governance Committee reviews the ASDA governance documents and proposes changes as to keep documents current. The committee ensures that all ASDA documents are consistent with the governing documents.

Council Business

- **Governance documents:**
 - Amendments to Current Statements on Position or Policy:
 - A-9 Study Time: ensures that all students, regardless of which examination they take during the rollout phase of the new Integrated National Board Dental Examination, receive an adequate amount of time off from school to study.
 - B-5 CPR Training: amends the policy to reflect Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers to align with current requirements of health care professionals.
 - E-3 School Closings: Resolution 406-2018 was referred to the committee from the 2018 ASDA House of Delegates. The committee agreed students in their final year should be able to graduate from the institution they are matriculating if they meet graduation requirements and that references to post-doctoral training programs be removed from the policy as ASDA no longer has a resident membership category.
 - I-8 Confidentiality: rescinds the policy as the committee believes the intent of the policy is captured in the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act.
 - Amendments to Standing Rules of the House of Delegates:
 - Section 7. Elections, B. Election Code of Conduct: ensures that candidates campaign fairly at the ASDA Annual Session by prohibiting candidates from loitering near ballot boxes and serving on award committees.
 - Amendments to Standing Rules of the Board of Trustees:
 - Section 2. Leadership Structure: clarifies the board's responsibility to evaluate ASDA's governing structure.
 - Bylaws: the committee reviewed the bylaws and did not find amending to be necessary.
- **ASDA procedures:**
 - Based on feedback from the 2018-19 Executive Committee, the Governance Committee reviewed how some of ASDA's leadership roles operate to achieve the association's mission. The committee believes some roles are ineffective and recommends the 2019-20 board assign the 2019-20 Governance Committee with completing a comprehensive governance study.

- The committee evaluated the need for ASDA to integrate an electronic system into its balloting and voting processes at the House of Delegates. The committee agreed an electronic balloting system would help better facilitate the voting and balloting at ASDA's Annual Session.
- The committee reviewed attendee feedback from the 2018 ASDA Annual Session. To ensure that professionalism is upheld during the joint district caucus events, the committee worked with legal counsel to draft a form for all district caucus leaders to sign.