Governance Committee

Members

Brandon Rensch, Creighton ’20, chair, Anisha Pandya, Boston ’20, speaker of the house; Brenda Shah, New York ’20, district 2 trustee; Teal Smith, Indiana ’20, district 7 trustee; and Stephanie Follett, director of strategic initiatives, staff liaison.

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

- **ASDA procedures:**
  - The Committee conducted a comprehensive governance study. The study included a review of the Board composition and election procedures. Recommendations are captured below.
  - The Committee reviewed the Rising and Distinguished Leader Awards. They recommended combining the awards into one new award: the Excellence in Leadership Award.

- **Governance documents:**
  - Current Statements of Position or Policy: the Committee reviewed the Current Statements of Position or policy and did not find amending to be necessary.
  - Proposed Amendments to Standing Rules of the House of Delegates:
    - Section 7. Elections, B. Election Code of Conduct: to remove any perception of bias an Election Committee will review potential campaign violations rather than the officers of the association.
  - Amendments to Standing Rules of the Board of Trustees:
    - Section 2.1 Standing Committees: Voting members of the Board will be assigned to all standing committees.
    - Section 2. Leadership Structure: Governance Committee will evaluate board composition and election procedures on a three year basis.
    - Section 1. Meeting of the Board of Trustees, E. Megatopic Discussions: Change name to Board Capstone Presentation.
  - Proposed Amendments to Bylaws:
    - Article VI Governance, Section 3. Executive Committee: As an officer of the association, the speaker of the House should serve as a non-voting member of the Executive Committee to assist with EC business.
    - Article IV Leadership, Section 1. Officers, C. Speaker of the House of Delegates: If a vacancy arises, the position should be filled in the same manner a vice president vacancy is filled.
    - Amendment to the Bylaws, Article IV Governance, Section 2, Board of Trustees: Removing the Editor-in-Chief as an ex-officio member of the Board of Trustees.