

Regents Committee Meeting
Minutes
19 September 2019

Present: Regents: Lexey Bartlett (Chair), AmiJo Comeford, Leigh Dillard, Kaine Ezell, Tim Helwig, and Felicia Steele. Alumni Rep.: Jessica Heller. Central Office Rep.: Natasha McPartlin.

1. Student Leadership application:

We agreed that we will proceed with the new application process like last year using the applications the CO has created. Advisors will complete the short form recommendation, also created by the CO based on the format and content the Regents decided on at the spring meeting. These recommendations will be confidential.

Because this process represents a change from that in the by-laws, we will put forward this motion to the Board:

Motion to Amend Bylaw V. Student Representatives and Associate Student Representatives, Section IV. Eligibility:

We move to replace the final sentence of Bylaw V, Section IV (“Students wishing to run for Student Representative or Associate Student Representative should declare their candidacy by the end of official events on the second day of convention.”) with the following two sentences: “Students wishing to run for Student Representative or Associate Student Representative must declare candidacy by applying in advance by the date determined by the Board of Directors, which will be communicated through the website and other Society communications. Candidates must attend the Convention to be eligible for election.”

[Post-meeting note: The motion was passed by the Board as written.]

2. Recruitment and Mentoring New Regents:

We discussed events at convention that might help recruit new Board Members/Regents. The problem of Regents not being at the Advisor Workshops was noted. We had some questions about the success of the Past Presidents’ Council event for recruiting new Board members that took place in St. Louis; several members noted that it did not seem to have any results, except perhaps for the High Plains region. We discussed the possibility of co-opting the informal networking time in the convention schedule for a Regent/Advisors meeting, since the purpose of encouraging students to run for SL is no longer needed with the new application process. How can we find time for the Regents to be at the Advisor Workshops—out of the Board Meeting? More work ahead of committee meetings? Shorten committee meetings before the start of the Board Meeting in the spring schedule?

3. Natasha asked us to help promote Common Reader Events by having us share the applications we got so they can share activities people have done for them. We agreed.

4. Alumni Epsilon—Regional involvement—Jessica asked for notification of regional events so that alumni can participate or help. Mentorship initiative: Jessica will pass on names of alumni interested in helping our regions.