

January 27, 2010

**NEW DRAFT OF SASCC BYLAWS
ALSO
EXPLANATION OF CHANGES AND REWRITTEN TEXT**

If you have questions about parts of the draft new Bylaws, please plan to attend one of the educational meetings on Wednesday, February 24th, lunch time, or Monday, March 1st, at 2-3 PM.

A special meeting to vote on the new Bylaws will be held at lunch time on April 21st. We hope to see you there.

If you still have questions after the educational meetings, please call one of the Bylaws Committee members: Mike Story, Sheila Arthur, Aki Okuno, Susan Huff. Or talk to Dick Angus, Board of Directors President.

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION DESCRIBES THE CHANGES IN THIS DRAFT OF THE SASCC BYLAWS

Overall view of the new Bylaws

Most of the Bylaws are the same as the old Bylaws. However old items were sometimes in multiple sections and sometimes were stated in confusing language. So the whole Bylaws were reorganized for more coherence and more understanding. Most of the Bylaws changes are only in style and clarification and position in the body of the bylaws but are not content changes.

Because of the complete reorganization, the members must vote on the Bylaws as a whole, not just line by line changes.

The following are changes in content. The rest of the changes in the bylaws are changes in style and clarification and position in the body of the bylaws but not content.

1. Pg 3, Article VI, Section 3 Voting Methods (new)

Flexibility in voting by mail is added.

Old Bylaws say the only way for a member to cast a vote is by coming to an announced meeting to vote.

New Bylaws allow a member to vote by mail as an alternative.

Purpose is to allow more members, who may be infirm or out of town, to participate in the vote, too.

2. Pg 7, Article VII, Section 10 Terms of Office (reestablished and clarified)

All Directors must step off BOD after 6 years. Any Director may run again after a year off.

Purpose clarifies previous versions of the Bylaws. Philosophically it is important for the organization to refresh the perspective of the Board by allowing for turnover in Directors.

New Bylaws state that all Directors may run for office for three consecutive terms (total 6 years) then they must step off the Board for at least one year before running again.

3. Pg 6&9, Article VII, Section 1, Officers, election and terms (new)

Officers are elected by BOD. Thus SASCC members are electing general Directors only.

Old Bylaws state that potential Directors run for a specific job and not as a general Director.

New Bylaws state that potential Directors run as a general Director and later, on the Board, begin to take on specific jobs.

Purpose addresses some concerns. Some members are voted on to the Board with only a specific focus and a dim understanding of the overall vision and purpose of SASCC. In addition, potential Directors are reluctant to run for a specific job before getting their “feet wet” as a general Board member. In addition, if a specific focus Director must retire in mid-term, the present Bylaws do not allow for an easy transition to a new specific focus Director.

4. Pg 13-14, article X, Section 3, Items b-c (new)

ACC and Senior Center support committees are now more defined .

Old Bylaws allow Committee members to be selected without Board approval and the Committees can work on any project without Board input. Thus Committees can occasionally get off track, try to spend money without Board approval, and focus on less important issues from the Board’s perspective.

New Bylaws allow the Board to approve of new committee members. In addition, the committee members will be required to write some policies and procedures for their guidance on what issues to focus on. The new bylaws are to promote more dialogue and interaction between the Board and its committees that do specific work for the Board.

5. Pg 6 &14-15, Article X, Section 3, item f (redefined)

Nomination committee procedures defined and added to.

Old Bylaws state that the Nominating committee is to be formed in January and does not lay out specifically its jobs of advertising the slate.

New Bylaws state that the Nominating committee is to be formed in October, is to do specific advertising jobs, conduct the vote in May and install new Directors in June.

6. Pg 16, Article XII, Section 4 (new)

New Bylaws state that there will be an External audit on every odd year.

Bylaws Committee was form by the Board of Directors two years ago. They assigned Mike Story as Chairman. Other members were: Shiela Arthur, Aki Okuno, Joe Trimble, Ann Waltonsmith, and Susan Huff. There were numerous committee meetings, many emails with the final draft sent for approved to the Board of Directors in November to go out to the Membership for education and discussion. Vote by the Membership will be in the Spring of 2010.