

Bylaws Committee meeting, 10/25/12

The Bylaws Committee met to discuss the attendance policy, and whether an amendment might be needed with regard to extended absences. This matter came before the committee due to a CSC member currently being out on FMLA.

The committee realized that due to the time frame involved in approving a bylaws amendment, this would not be a feasible approach to the current situation. We continued our discussion in the context of future situations that may arise.

After a thorough examination of various scenarios and solutions, we came to the conclusion that rather than trying to address extended absences through the Bylaws, we should leave it as is and simply suspend that section of the Bylaws if an extraordinary situation warrants it. This is the least complicated solution, and we do not expect that such issues will arise very frequently. It is up to an individual member to communicate to the president/Executive Committee if s/he will miss multiple meetings. Members are already required to provide notification of anticipated absences in Art. IV: Meetings, Section 4. Once the President/EC becomes aware of a situation (the particulars do not have to be shared with the Council), s/he can ask the Council to address it, if appropriate.

Thus, it is our recommendation that the question of whether to suspend Article II, Section 7.1.d should be brought before the full Council at the Nov. 7, 2012 meeting. The Council may also choose to suspend this clause at the December and January meetings if necessary.

*Reported by Karin McClure*