



Bylaws Amendment

RESOLUTION: 11(20)
SUBMITTED BY: Council Steering Committee
SUBJECT: Council Resolution Sponsors and Cosponsors

PURPOSE: Amends the Bylaws to specify that all resolution sponsors and cosponsors must be confirmed at the time the resolution is submitted.

FISCAL IMPACT: Budgeted staff resources to update the Bylaws.

1 WHEREAS, The deadline for all Council resolutions, as delineated in the Bylaws, is at least 90 days prior to
2 the Council meeting; and

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4 WHEREAS, For the past few years there have been an increasing number of requests to add cosponsors to
5 resolutions after the submission deadline; and

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7 WHEREAS, Staff have accommodated all requests to add cosponsors after the submission deadline because
8 the Bylaws and the Council Standing Rules do not prohibit it; and

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10 WHEREAS, The leniency in allowing additional cosponsors after the resolution deadline creates an
11 impression that the deadline can be extended to garner additional support for a resolution; therefore be it

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13 RESOLVED, That the ACEP Bylaws, Article VIII – Council, Section 6 – Resolutions, paragraph one, be
14 amended to read:

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16 Resolutions pertinent to the objectives of the College or in relation to any report by an officer or committee of
17 the College shall be submitted in writing at least 90 days in advance of the Council meeting at which they are to be
18 considered. Resolutions submitted within 90 days of the Council meeting shall be considered only as provided in the
19 Council Standing Rules. Each resolution must be signed by at least two members of the College. **All resolution**
20 **sponsors and cosponsors must be confirmed at the time the resolution is submitted.**

Background

This resolution amends the Bylaws to specify that all resolution sponsors and cosponsors (i.e., “submitters”) must be confirmed at the time the resolution is submitted. There is also a companion Council Standing Rules (CSR) resolution.

The deadline for all Council resolutions, as delineated in the Bylaws, is at least 90 days prior to the Council meeting, and must be submitted (sponsored) by at least two members of the College. For the past few years there has been an increasing number of requests to add names of cosponsors, whether individuals or component bodies, to resolutions after the submission deadline. Although only two members are required to submit a resolution, having multiple cosponsors for a resolution indicates that the resolution has significant support. Staff have accommodated all requests to add cosponsors after the submission deadline because the Bylaws and the Council Standing Rules (CSR) do not prohibit it. However, there is a potential for error if the resolution file has already been sent to staff to develop background information and multiple resolution files are in circulation. The leniency in allowing additional cosponsors after the deadline creates an impression that the deadline can be extended to garner additional support for

the resolution before the resolutions are released to the Council, which occurs not less than 30 days prior to the Council meeting.

The Steering Committee discussed resolution sponsors and cosponsors at their meetings in January and April 2020 and determined that a Bylaws amendment and companion CSR amendment should be submitted to the 2020 Council.

ACEP Strategic Plan Reference

None

Fiscal Impact

Budgeted staff resources to update the Bylaws.

Prior Council Action

Resolution 14(11) Endorsements for Council Resolutions and Bylaws Amendments not adopted. This proposed Bylaws resolution sought to change the requirements for submission of all Council resolutions to include sponsorship from the president or chair representing a component body of the Council, the national Board of Directors, or a committee of the College and would have eliminated the ability of only two members submitting a resolution.

Resolution 3(79) amended the Constitution and Bylaws to require that resolutions must be submitted by at least two members of the College.

Prior Board Action

None

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