



**Council Standing Rules Amendment**

RESOLUTION: 12(20)  
SUBMITTED BY: Council Steering Committee  
SUBJECT: Council Resolution Sponsors and Cosponsors

**PURPOSE:** Amends the Council Standing Rules 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 Council Standing Rules.

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 Council Standing Rules and the Bylaws 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 Council Standing Rules, “Resolutions” section, be amended to read:

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15 “Resolutions” are considered formal motions that if adopted by a majority vote of the Council and ratified by  
16 the Board of Directors become official College policy. Resolutions pertaining only to the Council Standing Rules do  
17 not require Board ratification and become effective immediately upon adoption. Resolutions pertaining to the College  
18 Bylaws (Bylaws resolutions) require adoption by a two-thirds vote of credentialed councillors and subsequently a  
19 two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors.

20 Resolutions must be submitted in writing by at least two members or by component bodies, College  
21 committees, or the Board of Directors. A letter of endorsement is required from the submitting body if submitted by a  
22 component body. All resolution sponsors and cosponsors must be confirmed at the time the resolution is  
23 submitted.

24 All motions for substantive amendments to resolutions must be submitted in writing through the electronic  
25 means provided to the Council during the annual meeting, with the exception of technical difficulties preventing such  
26 electronic submission, signed by the author, and presented to the Council prior to being considered. When  
27 appropriate, amendments will be distributed or projected for viewing.

28 Background information, including financial analysis, will be prepared by staff on all resolutions submitted  
29 on or before 90 days prior to the annual meeting.

**Background**

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

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 Council Standing Rules.

### **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**

Not applicable – the Board does not take action on Council Standing Rules resolutions.

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