

Report of the Amendment Strategy Committee

Date: September 7, 2011

Chair's Name: Loretta A. Jennings

1 Meetings held since your last report (time/date/place/attendees):

No meetings scheduled – communication by email and telephone

2 Highlights of your committee's work since your last report:

Since discussion of this special committee's charge at an NCRSP Executive Board meeting two articles were published in the May 2011 *Panorama*. The NCRSP Parliamentarian Terry Mitchell's article listed the three current NCAE amendments and the three amendments to the NCAE 2012 Convention as suggested by the NCRSP Board of Directors at their 2011 State Convention.

The NCRSP Amendment Strategy Committee Chair's article gave a brief rationale for each of the suggested amendments. District Presidents were also requested to discuss the current and proposed amendments with their local units in order to bring or send suggestions/strategies to our 2011 Fall NCRSP Executive Board Meeting.

3 Executive Board actions sought by your committee (automatic motions for the next Executive Board meeting). **State your request(s) in the form of a motion.** Give rationale for the motion.

-That the Executive Board support the three proposed amendments.

Amendments and Rationales are attached under # 4

-That the Executive Board encourages each District to send delegates to the NCAE 2012 Convention.

Rationale: NCRSP needs delegates to the NCAE Convention to support the amendments within their districts and on the floor of convention.

-That the Executive Board encourages each District to send representatives to the NCAE District Caucuses in support of the three amendments.

Rationale: Amendments to the NCAE Constitution are presented at the NCAE District Caucuses. Caucuses consist of those members who have been elected as NCAE Convention delegates. The NCAE Executive Board gives its position on the amendments. Caucuses may vote to support, oppose, or take no position. NCRSP needs to have spoke-persons supporting our position to inform the delegates of our rationales. We cannot afford to wait to address the issues on the NCAE convention floor where time and access to speaking maybe more limited.

4 Other comments or concerns (not automatic motions; for discussion only at the next Executive Board meeting):

TWO ARTICLES TAKEN FROM THE MAY 2011 PANORAMA

****Gavel to Gavel****

Dr. Terry Mitchell, Parliamentarian

This issue is dedicated to the amendments to the NCAE 2012 Convention as suggested by the NCRSP Board of Directors and the most recent NCRSP 2011 State Convention. The text of the three amendments is listed below.

Proposed Amendments NCRSP 2011 NCAE Convention

Amendment One: Article XIV Amendments, Section 1. Subsection a.

Proposed Change: An amendment may be submitted by a vote of a local affiliate, **by a division**, by the NCAE Board of Directors, and/or by a petition of 50 active/**retired** members.

Amendment Two: Article III, Membership and Dues, Privileges of Members, Section 4, Subsection c.

Proposed Change: Retired members shall have all the rights of the above privileges. Student members shall have all the rights of the above privileges except that of the right to vote and hold office shall be limited to their respective divisional activities. **Both Retired and students shall have voting delegate status to the Representative Assembly.**

Amendment Three: Article V, Board of Directors, Section 2, Nomination and election, Subsection b. Proportional Representation

Proposed Change: Proportional Representation. Representation of the Board of Directors for ethnic minorities, support personnel, **retired**, administrators, **and all other divisions** shall be at least in proportion to the respective membership in the Association. If the percentage of ethnic minorities, support personnel, retired, administrators, and all other divisions who are elected to the Board fails to achieve representation which is at least proportional, at-large members of the Board shall be elected immediately following the canvassing of the results of the regular election in a special election following the procedures outlined in Article VIII, Section 2.

*****Brief Rationales*****

Amendment Strategy Committee Chair Loretta Jennings

Amendment 1 Retired members should have equal access to the democratic process of our organization.

Amendment 2 Retired members have served in active membership roles in the past, and it is a fair assumption and request that retired members continue to have the same privileges in our organization as the active members.

Amendment 3 The retired division should have equal access to representation as other identified groups/divisions within the NCAE organization.

District Presidents,

Please discuss the current and proposed amendments with your local presidents and units in order to bring or send suggestions/strategies to our Fall NCRSP Executive Board Meeting.