

TTRA Board Policy Discussion on TTRA Bylaw Revisions

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Question:

Should the TTRA Board recommend changes to membership on the TTRA Bylaws?

Reason for this issue:

At the February Board meeting the board identified some problems with the current Bylaws. One obvious problem was an inconsistency in the number of Board members. The Board asked the management team to look at the bylaws in consultation with Brian Ruf to recommend any changes that need to be made.

Background:

- The last modification to the Bylaws was made in May 2006.
- The management team in consulting with Brian Ruf, the Board Chair, suggests that we recommend to membership some minor wording changes that clarifies what we believe is the intent of the current Bylaw language. We also recommend that if there is intent to make substantive changes in the Bylaws that a taskforce be created to study the issue in more detail.
- The current proposed changes addresses the following issues
 - Exchanges the wording of “Executive Director” for “Chief Operating Officer or his/her appointee”
 - Clarifies how many board members there are.
 - Allows the Board to appoint a “Honorary Ex-official non-voting member” to the board.
 - Clarifies how standing committees, ad hoc committees and taskforces are created and who appoints members of those groups
- If the Board approves the proposed amendments it will then be submitted to membership after the conference for action. We would also want to announce or discuss the proposed amendments at the membership meeting at the conference.

Suggestions:

Approve the proposed bylaw changes and submit them to membership for approval. The Board should also create a taskforce to review potential substantive changes to the Bylaws.

Action Requested:

1. Accept, modify or vote down the recommended bylaw changes and submit them to a member vote.
2. Create a taskforce to review the bylaws and report back to the Board by the next meeting.