

September 2011:

Colleagues,

Two proposals have been put forward to Fellows of the Academy of Leisure Sciences suggesting different strategies for creating a new professional organization for academics and scholars in leisure studies.

This email describes the process for voting, and provides both proposals for review and discussion. Online voting will take place Oct 16-30 (directions forthcoming), and for those who do not vote online, in-person voting will take place at the ALS Business Meeting at NRPA in Atlanta. Every Fellow is eligible to vote including retired members.

Proposal A put forth by Dan Dustin, Karla Henderson, and David Scott calls for expanding the membership of the Academy to include other scholars and/or educators committed to the intellectual advancement of our field. This requires specific changes to the constitution (see attached file labeled "PROPOSAL A Constitution revision proposed by Dustin-Henderson-Scott"). The major effect of these changes is to open up the membership to non-Fellows. Members and Fellows would be allowed to hold office.

Proposal B put forth by Diane Samdahl calls for establishing a new association under the auspices of the Academy but with semi-independent governance. If this proposal is approved, a task force would immediately be established to develop a detailed proposal that would come back to the Academy for final approval (see attached file labeled "PROPOSAL B--New association proposed by Samdahl").

Pursuant to Roberts Rules of Order, Proposal A was put forward first and therefore will be voted on first. Because it would change the constitution, Proposal A requires support from 2/3 of the voting Fellows. If Proposal A passes, Proposal B will be withdrawn. Proposal B is an action item that does not immediately change the Constitution; it needs a simple majority of votes to pass. Because we cannot anticipate the outcome of the vote on Proposal A, it is important to vote on BOTH proposals.

Elected ALS Fellows can vote through an online ballot which will be open October 16 through 30, or submit their vote at the ALS Business Meeting scheduled for 11:30-2:00, Wednesday November 2, 2011 at McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurant in Atlanta.

Results from the online ballot will be combined with the in-person votes from the meeting; therefore, it is necessary to put your name on the online ballot.

Sample ballots are provided below my signature.

Regards,
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THE BALLOTS BELOW ARE NOT THE ACTUAL BALLOTS. YOU WILL BE ABLE TO VOTE ONLINE BEGINNING OCTOBER 16TH.

THE TWO BALLOTS BELOW ARE PROVIDED AS SAMPLES OF THE VOTE PROCEDURE.

Ballot 1

Name of ALS member voting: _____

Proposal A: The constitution of the academy shall be amended as proposed by Dustin, Henderson, and Scott.

Approve ___

Oppose ___
Abstain ___

Ballot 2

Name of ALS member voting: _____

Proposal B: The Academy shall call for establishing a new association under the auspices of the Academy but with semi-independent governance as proposed by Samdahl.

Approve ___
Oppose ___
Abstain ___

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 **PROPOSAL A Constitution revision proposed by Dustin-Henderson-Scott.pdf**

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 **PROPOSAL B--New association proposed by Samdahl.pdf**

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