PROPOSED GOVERNANCE CHANGES
WELCOME!

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EXCITING NEWS!

- NACAC is reviewing its governance systems to better serve – and better engage – the membership.

- In one of the first steps, the Board of Directors is proposing amendments to our bylaws that would enable ALL eligible voting members to elect board officers and directors—a privilege currently granted only to Assembly delegates.
PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE ELECTION PROCESS

- Switching the responsibility for electing the officers and directors from Assembly delegates to eligible voting members.

- Updating the voting procedures so that online voting is permitted to take place prior to any Annual or Special Meeting of the members.

- Adjusting quorum requirements so they don’t revolve around conference registration or meeting attendance.
PROPOSED CHANGES TO BOARD SERVICE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

• Updating eligibility requirements so that all voting members in good standing for five years prior to assuming office are now eligible for board service and deleting the previous requirements.
WHY MAKE THIS CHANGE?

Be more inclusive – give 14,000+ members the ability to vote for leadership rather than 215 delegates only.

Create a wider pool of members who can submit their names as board candidates.

Create an enhanced member benefit.

Align NACAC’s governance structure with that of similar associations.

Take advantage of technology -- online voting has proven to be accurate and reliable.
WHY NOW?

CEO’s 2020 Listening Tour
- “NACAC must strive to make sure everyone feels represented and connected in the organization.”

Ad Hoc Committee on Leadership in College Admission White Paper
- “An agile organization is best served by governance systems in which members see themselves represented (and) the collective voice of the membership is heard....”

2018 Member Survey
- In a survey of more than 1,500 NACAC members, a majority expressed approval for members having the ability to elect board officers.
ADDITIONAL PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENTS

• Transferring the responsibility of removing an elected officer or board member from delegates to eligible voting members.

• Clarifying the term parameters of a member appointed to the office of president-elect by the president if the member elected is unable to complete their term so that the term coincides with the conclusion of the next annual meeting of the membership instead of the Assembly.

• Replacing Code of Ethics and Professional Practices with Guide to Ethical Practice in College Admission throughout the document as well as removing references to monitoring and compliance.
Voting would be open from January 28 to March 26.

Voting on the proposed bylaw amendments will take place via an electronic platform.

1/10 of all eligible voting members must submit a ballot in order to achieve a quorum.

For the motion to pass, 2/3 of those who submit a ballot must vote in the affirmative.
### WHAT ABOUT ASSEMBLY?

- These changes would significantly impact the role of the Assembly.

- The Assembly has served as an important way for members to impact NACAC policy and as an important leadership experience.

- An ad hoc committee of members will be created to explore the future of the Assembly. Board member and former APC Coordinator Mark Steinlage will serve as the chair.
Voting will open @ 12 p.m. ET on January 28

Voting will remain open until 12 p.m. ET on Friday, March 26.

Once voting has closed, if a quorum was established, the votes will be tallied and confirmed

The results of the vote will be announced to the members
**QUESTIONs RECEIVED VIA EMAIL**

**Question:**
I am all for opening voting up to all members the opportunity to vote for their leadership. That being said I am NOT in favor of any style of "rank choice voting" as I do not believe this gives the membership full power of their vote. In my opinion, a fair election in this type of organization should be a basic simple majority, those with the most votes should win, regardless of if they hit 50%, or whatever bar is set.

**Question:**
If the goal is a more inclusive Board, shouldn’t changes also be considered for the nominating and slating process? Would NACAC consider wider, more open elections less controlled by a group of association leaders?
Question:
One of the things that does seem to work well in the current system of voting for Board members is that Delegates have an opportunity to “vet” the candidates and ask them questions at leadership meetings. Will there be some process for the general membership to engage in some similar form of vetting prior to voting, or will individuals need to rely largely on viewing resumes to decide how they wish to vote?

Question:
A member is concerned that the Assembly “would weaken the Assembly and not be conducive to affiliate relations” and wonders why we don’t determine the new purpose for the Assembly before making these bylaw changes.
Question:
Explain why more people will step up to lead if more people are voting

Question:
Can you provide the data as to how our peer associations have benefitted from this election structure and how it would benefit NACAC and its affiliates?
ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS?

Additional questions may be directed to:

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Please visit NACAC’s website for additional information:

https://www.nacacnet.org/about/governance/special-member-vote/