

Bylaws Committee Meeting

March 21, 2014

11:30am

Members in attendance	Additional attendees
Sean Conway-Chair	Nancy Jackson
Cindy Dozier	Rose Pugliese
Doug Atchley	Sallie Clark
Michael Yohn	Steve Johnson
Dan Gibbs	Roger Partridge
Don Rosier	John Martin
Dave Donaldson	Lynn Padgett
	Deb Gardner
	Rod Bockenfeld
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The Bylaws Committee met and considered the following issues:

1. Transitioning the Justice and Public Safety subcommittee to a full steering committee
 2. Changing the current composition of the 50,000+ caucus
 3. Having the chair and vice-chair of standing committees come from different parties.
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1. Commissioner Nancy Jackson asked that the Bylaws Committee consider recommending that the membership consider elevating the Justice and Public Safety subcommittee to a full steering committee at the summer Business Meeting.
 - a. Additional costs will include NACo travel and additional staff time.
 - b. This subcommittee has not been budgeted into the current year's expenses— Commissioner Jackson has indicated that she has already planned on attending the NACo Annual Conference, and has budgeted to do so.
 - c. Commissioner Dave Donaldson made the motion for the Bylaws committee to recommend that the membership elevate the Public and Justice Safety subcommittee to a full steering committee with the existing officers until January. Commissioner Doug Atchley seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.
 2. The Dues Committee has asked the Bylaws Committee to consider recommending that the composition of the 50,000+ be changed.
 - a. After conducting a survey asking all commissioners if it is important to re-evaluate the composition of the 50,000+ , the Bylaws Committee heard from the large counties/counties in attendance that that would be affected by the change.
 - b. All counties were given the opportunity to voice thoughts about changing the composition of 50,000+. Most felt there was no need to change the current

structure and that this would be a contentious issues among members, with only one or two counties expressing a desire to re-evaluate.

- c. The Bylaws Committee declined to take action, but recommended that further study take place in each district if desired.
3. Commissioner Steve Johnson asked the Bylaws Committee to consider the recommendation to the CCI membership of having the chair and vice-chair of standing committees come from different political parties.
 - a. Members acknowledged the potential to for this proposal to mitigate one kind of divisiveness within the organization and further CCI's ability to work with legislators regardless of political affiliation. They also acknowledged that "balance" is not just a question of party affiliation, but could also be based on several other important factors. Additionally, administration and enforcement of these new standards may prove to be more difficult.
 - b. Bylaws Committee members declined to take action.