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20/20 Initiatives

Name of Initiative: Council of Delegates

Overview

- **Key Personnel:**
 - Volunteers: Peter Surgenor, Michael Castulek, Dianne Tyrell, Marah Lyvers, Tom Riddleberger, Sarah Seward
 - Staff: Consultant – Grechen Throop

- **Objective** (Charge): To determine if we can discover a more contemporary way/s to engage a broad, cross-section of ACA members in order to inform and influence governance.
 - Cultivate the community
 - Seek input and feedback
 - Annual face to face
 - Harness talent
 - Generate new ideas and thinking
 - Trend Analysis

- **Desired Outcomes** (including return on investment [ROI] and specific benchmarks):
 - Develop a governance system that facilitates flexible, timely decision making.
 - Develop a system that ensures feedback and input from various stakeholders.
 - Develop policies that delineate clear authority and responsibility for volunteer governance entities.

- **Timeline(s)** (including benchmark timelines):

To have a motion presented to the National Board of Directors in April 09 that will present the recommend forum for member input and deliberation on matters brought to them from the BOD. (Ownership linkage)

 1. Complete a SWOT on the current system
 2. Research and evaluate representative governance models used by other similar organizations
 3. Establish timelines and tasks for review and feedback, including COD

- **Other Impacted Groups:**
 - Name(s): 2020 Task Force, Section Leadership, membership
 - Communication Strategies:
 - Inside ACA
 - COD Web
 - Section Calls
 - Avenues for Dialogue and Feedback:
 - www.acacamps.org/volunteers/delegates/2008_COD.php

- Budget: NA

Current Status

- Date of Update:
 - October 2, 2009
- Name of Individual Providing Update:
 - Peter Surgenor
- Action Steps:
 - Action Steps in Process:
 - On hold
 - Action Steps in Future (Planned):
 - On hold
- **Narrative on Current Status** (including comparison to benchmarks and alternatives/modifications needed related to the result of the benchmark review): **See attached for the update.**

Other Documents/Key Materials (if there are other working documents related to this initiative, attach to this document):

- **Attachment A:** Current status update 10/2/2009
- Attachment B: Charter Agreement
http://www.acacamps.org/volunteers/executives/documents/Charter2005approvedna_mechange.doc
- Attachment C: Board Policy GP-14
<http://www.acacamps.org/volunteers/publicpolicy/documents/ACAPoliciesApproved4-2008.doc>
- Attachment D: Code of Ethics <http://www.acacamps.org/membership/ethics.php>

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20/20 Vision Progress Report
Council of Delegates



Team:

ACA National Board of Directors, and Council of Delegates Task Force: Michael Castulik, president, ACA, St. Louis; Marah Lyvers, delegate, ACA, Southern California/Hawaii; Tom Riddleberger, president, ACA, New Jersey; Sarah Seaward, delegate, ACA, New England; Peter Surgenor, ACA president; Diane Tyrrell, president, ACA, Virginias and National Board member; Grechen Throop, and Susan Yoder

Overview Statement:

In early 2009, the Council of Delegates Task Force recommended that the Council of Delegates (COD) become a more “responsive and nimble body.” They added that the “COD should be a conduit of input from all members and should have as its primary function to be an effective feedback loop to inform, and ultimately influence the direction of the association.”

The COD Task Force provided a full report that included their recommendations for changes to the operations and make-up of the Council of Delegates. The next step was for the ACA National Board of Directors to consider the recommendations and to act upon them. However, since the COD is integral to the structure and function of the organization, the ACA National Board did not act on the recommendations. Instead, the COD will be considered as the organization comes closer to considering the structure of the future. (Refer to the progress report on Local/Section Operations for details, page 36.)

In the interim, the make-up of the Council of Delegates will remain as stated in the By-Laws, and the formula to determine how many Delegates there are from each Section will remain as currently stated.

Council of Delegates Attachment A details how many Delegates each Section will have for the February 2010 COD meeting.

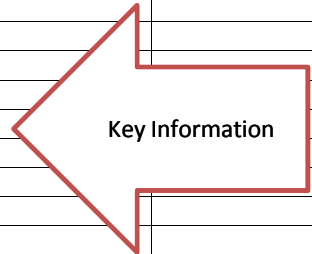


Council of Delegates Attachment A –
ACA 2010 Delegates

Section	Members as of 6/30/09^	% of Members	Of the 95* Delegates the Section gets	Plus the President is a delegate	Total Section Delegates
Chesapeake	128	1.91%	2	1	3
Evergreen	147	2.19%	2	1	3
Great Rivers	184	2.74%	3	1	4
Heart of the South	214	3.19%	3	1	4
Illinois	257	3.83%	4	1	5
Indiana	137	2.04%	2	1	3
Keystone Regional	313	4.66%	4	1	5
Michigan	189	2.81%	3	1	4
New England	831	12.37%	12	1	13
New Jersey	283	4.21%	4	1	5
New York	792	11.79%	11	1	12
Northern California	220	3.28%	3	1	4
Northland	179	2.67%	3	1	4
Ohio	246	3.66%	3	1	4
Oregon Trail	74	1.10%	1	1	2
Rocky Mountain	122	1.82%	2	1	3
Southeastern	693	10.32%	10	1	11
Southern Cal/Hawaii	480	7.15%	7	1	8
Southwest	129	1.92%	2	1	3
St Louis	125	1.86%	2	1	3
Texoma	308	4.59%	4	1	5
Upstate New York	159	2.37%	2	1	3
Virginias	301	4.48%	4	1	5
Wisconsin	205	3.05%	3	1	4
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^Does not include 67 international members not assigned to a Section

Section	Old # of Delegates (2009)	New # of Delegates Above	Change
Chesapeake	3	3	0
Evergreen	3	3	0
Great Rivers	4	4	0
Heart of the South	5	4	-1
Illinois	4	5	1
Indiana	3	3	0
Keystone Regional	6	5	-1
Michigan	4	4	0
New England	13	13	0
New Jersey	5	5	0
New York	12	12	0
Northern California	4	4	0
Northland	4	4	0
Ohio	4	4	0
Oregon Trail	2	2	0
Rocky Mountain	3	3	0
Southeastern	10	11	1
Southern Cal/Hawaii	8	8	0
Southwest	3	3	0
St Louis	2	3	1
Texoma	5	5	0
Upstate New York	3	3	0
Virginias	5	5	0
Wisconsin	4	4	0



* Of the 140 Delegates in the By-Laws, 21 are reserved for National Board Members, 24 are reserved for Section Presidents, leaving 95.