

FCC Bylaw Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, January 12 2026 Time: 4:00pm

Attendees:

- Sarah Preskitt (Spenard)
- Mike Edgington (FCC Chair)
- Arianna Bellizzi (Executive Director for FCC)
- Paul Schneider (Chugiak)
- Sarah Preskitt (Spenard)
- Kaitlyn Jackson (Bear Valley)

Meeting Opening: Chair Preskitt

- **General greetings and Roll Call**
- **Review Group Agreements**
 - Group agreements listed on the agenda were read aloud for the group.
Key points included:
 - The committee's purpose was to make bylaw recommendations to the board.
 - Participation was limited to appointed committee members.
 - Members were encouraged to share their names when speaking.
 - All members would have a chance to speak before speaking a second time, and crosstalk should be avoided.

Discussion Topic: Review Bylaw Key Topics

- **Definition of Public Official**
 - Directors cannot be sitting public officials or running for those seats and Delegates cannot be sitting public officials.
 - Public official definition includes Anchorage Mayor, Anchorage Assembly, Anchorage School Board, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Alaska State House of Representatives, Alaska State Senate, House of Representatives for Alaska, and Alaska Senators.
 - Clarified that "formal declaration" means submitting a press release, filing a notice of intent, forming a campaign committee, or soliciting funds. If a director is currently serving and formally declares, they must resign immediately.
 - Everyone agreed that a stricter definition should be applied to the board.
- **Special Mechanism for Delegates to ask for Review of Policy**
 - If the coalition wishes to raise a formal concern of any matter relevant to the organization, including policies or other actions of the board, the coalition may pass a motion at any regular or special meeting.
 - Board would be required to respond formally within 30 days.
 - Language to be added in the rules of procedure section.
 - The committee agreed that a special meeting can be called to answer questions, and the discussion will continue if the answers are not satisfactory. It was discussed where to include this process in the bylaws; the group decided on the rules of procedure.
- **Board & Coalition Position on Elected Office Candidates**

- FCC is nonpartisan and nonsectarian and shall not endorse any candidate for federal, state, or municipal elected office.
- There was some discussion suggesting that this be outlined in a policy.
- **Quorum**
 - Delegates: Quorum only needs to be present at roll call.
 - Directors: Quorum must be maintained throughout the meeting.
 - The board agreed to maintain the quorum for delegates.
- **Participation in Committees**
 - Discussed potential of three standing committees: executive, finance, and governance. Executive committee consists of board of directors members only.
 - A governance committee would be responsible for the care of the board.
 - The board can create an ad-hoc committee through motion.
 - The finance committee shall be chaired by the treasurer of the board of directors.
 - There were no objections to the 3 committees after discussion amongst the committee members.
- **Motion Made – Draft 2 Approval**
 - Mike moved to approve the second draft, Paul seconded. Motion passed without objection.
- **Discussion Topic: Next Steps**
 - January Board Meeting: Draft 2 Introduction
 - February Meeting: Discussion to happen surrounding the second Draft of the Bylaws
 - March Meeting: Potential Vote

Discussion Topic: Comments from Delegates

Meeting Adjourned: 5:43 pm