

FCC Bylaw Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, January 5, 2026 Time: 4:07pm

Attendees:

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

Meeting Opening: Chair Preskitt

- General greetings and Roll Call
- Review Group Agreements

Discussion Topic: Review Bylaw Key Topics

- **Geographical Diversity vs. Geographical Representation**
 - Changing "geographical diversity" to "geographical representation".
 - The board of directors shall aim to be as geographically representative as possible.
 - No objections to the change.
- **Fundraising & Donation Policy**
 - Discussed the need for a fundraising/donation policy due to increased fundraising efforts.
 - Currently, policies are created by the executive committee or an ad hoc committee, then ratified by delegates.
 - The group decided to sit on the language for now and move onto the next topic.
- **Special Meeting**
 - Discussed the role of delegates in calling special meetings.
 - Special meetings can address any issue of the non-profit, providing a mechanism for questioning or addressing concerns. The board of directors would be responsible for responding to issues raised in special meetings.
 - Concern was raised about how these meetings get called and what they would qualify for. Currently special meetings only require 6-8 people.
 - Committee members decided to keep considering the concept and move onto other items.
- **Hiring CEO**
 - Discussed the hiring of the CEO, citing updated language from Foraker, defining the CEO's roles and responsibilities.
 - The board of directors would be responsible for hiring, evaluating, and terminating the CEO, with the chair acting as the representative.
 - The group acknowledged that current bylaws didn't address legal and ethical questions.

- Inquired if legal and ethical questions fell under governance. The board of directors would be the first place to address these issues.
- **Mission, Annual Plan, Strategic Plan**
 - Discussed the board being informed by delegates on mission, annual plan, strategic plan. As well as having joint committees with delegates and board members.
- **Outreach, Community Relations, Community Council Training & Education**
 - Discussed programmatic assistance for outreach, community relations, training, and education and the need for active committees and board member participation.
- **Public Official Definition**
 - The current language states that it is when you declare candidacy or are elected or appointed. Considered revising the definition of "elected official" (municipal, state, federal) to clarify eligibility for board membership.
 - Discussed quasi-judicial boards and potential conflicts of interest.
 - It was proposed that there be an explicit list of what is meant by elected officials at the local, state and federal levels.
 - Another proposal to delineate Delegates cannot be elected but Directors cannot be elected or running for office.
 - Committee members decided to consider the proposals and move onto the next item.
- **Federation Stance on Assembly Ordinance**
 - Discussed when and what the Federation can say on specific topics. Previously, the Federation has taken positions on legislation at the municipal level.
 - Current grant language constrains participation in establishing positions.
 - The question arose of whether the membership (delegates) can act when the Board is constrained by the grant.
 - Question posed as to whether Delegates can act on behalf of their Council or if anything the coalition approves needs to be ratified by the Councils.
 - Committee members decided to consider the proposals and move onto the next item.
- **Removal/Resignation of Officers, Coalition Liaison Directors**
 - Officers are elected by the directors.
 - The coalition liaison is elected by directors and potentially ratified by members.
 - Position could be appointed from within the delegates by the directors.
 - Discussed election/ratification process for the coalition liaison.
- **Action Items**
 - Review and refine the language regarding public officials, intent to run, formal declaration, delegate vs director roles, and recusal policies.
 - Review the existing language with the proposed changes for the roles of delegates versus directors.
 - Discuss how to integrate changes into ethical & recusal policy.

Discussion Topic: Next Steps

- Next meeting is January 12, 2026.
- Goal to present in January potentially being pushed to February.

Discussion Topic: Comments from Delegates

Meeting Adjourned: 6:03 pm