

NAKPEHE OFFICER/COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT FORM

Progress Report

January 3, 2009

Pre-Conference Board Meeting

Report # 7.2

Name of Office/Committee: **By Laws**

Person Submitting Report: **Beverly Mitchell**

Progress Report/Tasks Completed:

The Bylaws Committee had no new assignments since those described in the September 2008 report.

Current versions of operating codes are still posted on the NAKPEHE website at:

<http://www.nakpehe.org/bylawscodes.html>

2009 Business Meeting Items:

Text for the *Chronicle* regarding changes in Bylaws related to the Office of President as approved at the January 2008 board meeting was sent to the editor (Mike Metzler) in early fall; text regarding changes to the Bylaws regarding the restructuring of membership services committees following board approval at the September 2008 meeting (conference call) was distributed via e-mail to the membership in November.

Suggestions for Future Plans Related to this Office/Committee

Unfinished business:

1. Incorporating new text into Bylaws (to be voted on at 2009 business meeting)
2. Reconciling the discrepancies between Bylaws and operating codes WRT who carries out responsibilities (past president or president-elect) in the absence of the president

Continuing requests (!):

Request 1: The Bylaws Committee requests that before any motions related to operating codes or bylaws are formally proposed to the Board of Directors for approval, consider the implications of such motions to other operating codes reflecting responsibilities of offices/committees.

Request 2: The Bylaws Committee requests that before any motions related to operating codes or bylaws are formally proposed to the Board of Directors for approval, notify the chair of the Bylaws Committee of such action(s).

Request 3: The Bylaws Committee requests that the language of any motion related to changes in bylaws or operating codes accurately reflects the intent of the change and is carefully crafted for meaningfulness, clarity, accuracy, and checked for proper grammar.

Future requests for changes to the Bylaws and operating codes should be made to the newly appointed chair, Betty Block Estes bettyannie@stjoelive.com

Action Required by Board:

None at this time. **Thanks for a great two years, folks!**