

## **AGENDA ITEM SUBMISSION FORM**

**Proposal:** I move NPGA Bylaws, Para 4.16, be changed in two places as follows:

- a. Add new second sentence, "Business and elections may be transacted by electronic teleconference or other electronically-aided means as described in Rules and Regulations of the organization."
- b. The current second sentence, be changed by deleting the word "mailed" and adding the word "delivered" in its place.

**Reasons:**

a. There is no current prohibition on NPGA conducting business in accordance with WA statutes and RONR. Therefore, failure to add this sentence will not void such transactions. However, the addition to the Bylaws is suggested and does make it completely clear that NPGA contemplates conducting business via electronic means when the Board determines it is appropriate.

b. The word mailed means notice of Director meetings is limited to use of US Mail. If the Board chooses to pass Agenda Item NAIS BBM 05, relating to creation of procedures for electronically aided meetings, then it would be reasonable to enable use of electronic means to provide notice of such meetings.

There is a substitute procedure in WA Statutes 24.03.460 that allows individual directors to file a consent form after the fact for each required notice, but this committee does not recommend that piecemeal approach except possibly as an interim measure until this agenda item can be passed.

This recommendation does not change any other notification procedures and US Mail is still allowed as usual.

**Advantages:** Meetings held electronically are geared toward total electronic use. Requiring this single item to be done by US Mail presents a hazard that failure to remember this mailing disrupts any business conducted at the subsequent meeting. Use of email or fax streamlines the process considerably.

**Disadvantages:** None. All original procedures are still available without change. This adds more options for meetings to be held and notice to be validly delivered.

**Financial Implications:** Minimal. Adoption would save the time and expense of sending notices of Director meetings via US Mail. This could become a more significant expense if the Board chooses to hold shorter, but more frequent meetings since notice is still required for each meeting.

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