

AGENDA ITEM SUBMISSION FORM

Proposal: a. Change current NPGA Rules and Regulations, Para 8, STANDING COMMITTEES, SubParas A. through F. to read as follows. (In all cases, strikethroughs indicate deleted current wording. Italics indicate new wording. There are no italics in the current version.)

b. Change SubPara H. Judges Training Committee, SubPara 1. as reads, "Shall be composed of a chairperson, who is a NPGA licensed judge in good standing, and a nucleus of other licensed judges in good standing, not to exceed the number of regions.", to read, "The Judges Training Committee chair shall be chaired by an NPGA licensed judge in good standing."

8. STANDING AND OTHER COMMITTEES

A.

All standing committees shall be composed of a chairperson appointed by the President, *subject to approval of the Board of Directors*, to a three year term, plus a nucleus of members not to exceed the number of regions, having appointed terms of three years each. *Ad hoc committees are expected to remain in effect until their purpose and tasking is completed. They will be composed of a chair appointed by the President with approval of the Board of Directors, plus the minimum number of members necessary to carry out their duties as determined by the chair.* Appointment of ~~new~~ all committee members shall be made by the chairperson *with notice to the Vice President. Standing committee member terms shall expire at the end of the month three years after their appointment. All ad hoc committee members serve at the will of the chair.* There will be a one-year lapse between terms served by *standing* committee members. ~~There is no time lapse required between terms for~~ All committee chairs *may serve consecutive terms.* The Vice President will provide a list of all chairpersons and their terms of office to the Business Manager by February 1st. All chairpersons will provide names of all committee members, along with their rotation schedule, to the Business Manager by February 1. This information will be published in the annual membership roster. (06-13, 07-03, 12-5)

B.

The Vice-President will notify each chairperson, after the January Board meeting, of their budget amount. Reimbursement requests must be sent to the Central Office by November 1st. Chairpersons will include their costs and projected expenses in their January reports to the Board.

C.

Committee Chairs

1. All openings for NPGA Chairpersons shall be advertised in MEMO with the exception of the Judges *Training* Committee Chair in which a notice shall be ~~mailed~~ *delivered* directly to all licensed judges. Interested members should request a job description from the Vice-President and then submit a statement of interest and qualifications. The Vice-President shall keep the applications on file if the desired chair position is not open at the time of submission, and shall notify all the applicants as soon as the position becomes open. All applicants must be members in good standing. ~~and shall be~~

appointed by the President to a three-year term, subject to approval of the Board of Directors.

2. If a ~~Chair~~ vacancy shall be deemed by the President to represent an emergency situation, an interim appointment may be made by the President and approved by the executive committee, until the normal application process can be implemented. Interim chairpersons may not appoint new committee members.

3. Committee chairs will report to and be supervised by the Vice-President, *except that the Compliance Committee Chair will report to and be supervised by the President.*

4. Committee chairs shall sign a statement at the bottom of both the NPGA Committee Chairs job description and the particular job description for their respective committees that they have read, understand and will comply with their job descriptions.

5. a. ~~A Committee chair may be removed from his/her position as follows:~~

a. ~~During a regularly scheduled Board meeting, When a majority of the Board of Directors may direct that a Committee chair be removed from his/her position if they find that the chair's performance of duties has been unsatisfactory, Upon such finding, the Board will direct the President to cause the removal of~~ *will remove* the chair. (09-10)

b. ~~Other than during a regularly scheduled Board meeting, the Board of Directors may direct that a Committee chair be removed from his/her position if a majority of the Board finds that the chair's performance of duties has been unsatisfactory. Upon such finding, the Board will direct the President to cause the removal of the chair. The deliberations and findings by the Board will be conducted by either mail or electronic mail. (09-10)~~

c. Since service as an NPGA Standing Committee Chair is a privilege and not a right, termination of service as a ~~Chair~~ may be made as prescribed in subparagraphs a or b above without prior notice or right to hearing. (09-10)

d. More severe penalties than removal from a ~~Chair~~'s position may only occur if an actionable complaint is filed under the Compliance Procedure and is ultimately sustained by the Board of Directors, and the severity of the offense warrants such penalty. (09-10)

D. Before committees can propose changes, the change must have passed through the committee with a majority vote of agreement in writing by the committee members.

E. Chair Restrictions

1. No one individual may chair more than one committee, *except individuals may chair no more than two ad hoc committees in addition to one standing committee.*

2. The ~~current~~ President may not concurrently chair a ~~standing~~ committee. (08-22)

F. A ~~Chairperson~~, with the approval of the Vice President, may remove a committee member ~~from his/her committee~~ if the member's performance of duties has been unsatisfactory. As with ~~Chair~~ committee ~~Chair~~s, since committee service is a privilege and not a right, termination of service of committee members may be made without prior notice or right to hearing. In case of a conflict of interest between the chairperson and the Vice President, approval by the President is required. (09-10)

Reasons: Standardizes creation, organization and operation of ad hoc committees while retaining all the unique characteristics of Standing Committees. No change to Standing Committees is intended.

It should be understood that there are only two types of committees—standing and ad hoc. (RONR uses three terms for non-standing committees: special, select and ad hoc. NPGA historically uses ad hoc, so that terminology is continued here.) (Ok, there is a third type—committee of the whole. We don't use it, never used it and likely never will use it so I ignored it.)

This proposal makes all committee chairs report to and be supervised by the Vice President, except for Compliance, which reports to and is supervised by the President.

Three committees have been created by NPGA that operate with minimal specific operational guidance. Some of the members of those committees have been kept more or less secret with no justification or authority, just tradition. All have essentially all the characteristics of standing committees, but are not enumerated as such. Six other standing committees are described. The rationale for treating these committees differently is a good topic for discussion, but I wrote this proposal to treat them all similarly, except for supervision of the compliance committee, which goes to the president.

Our bylaws allow the Board the freedom to establish and change all committees, so no bylaw changes are required. This agenda item also conforms to all requirements of WA Statutes.

Part b. merely removes some redundant language, nothing else. I just noticed it in passing and tossed it in there.

Advantages: This change brings all committees under more transparent, consistent Board oversight while retaining, unchanged, current rules for Standing Committees. It more clearly establishes the division between standing and ad hoc committees.

Wording has been streamlined, use of upper and lower cases standardized, duplications eliminated.

Disadvantages: This will require the normal re-adjustment period to ensure the changes to committee structure (excluding standing committees, which remain unchanged) is understood clearly and the change does not have unintended consequences.

Financial Implications: None.

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