

July 23, 2003

TO: Region 15 Members

SUBJECT: Board of Governors Meeting

ASA held their Annual Board of Governors (BOG) meeting and Appraisal Education Conference in Tampa, Florida, July 11-16. As has been my policy, I will report on the actions of the BOG.

DUES: A resolution to increase the International Chapter dues to the same as the United States was discussed. After amendment to exclude Canada, Mexico and Puerto Rico, the resolution was passed effective September 1, 2003.

TM#1: A resolution to dissolve the Tallahassee Chapter 106 and reassign its 7 members to the North Florida Chapter 8 was passed.

TM#2: A resolution to dissolve the Puerto Rico Chapter 63 and reassign its 6 members to the Greater Miami Chapter 46 was passed.

TM#3: A resolution to suspend the charter of the Hampton Roads Chapter 31 and allow its members to join either the Richmond Chapter 67 or the North Carolina Chapter 83 was passed.

TM#4: A resolution was resubmitted to eliminate the two-year full-time experience requirement for qualification as an Accredited Member (AM). After considerable discussion, the resolution was withdrawn for recommendations from the Discipline Committees.

TM#5: A resolution to remove the requirement of International Applicants (residing outside the United States) to pass an exam on USPAP was discussed. An alternative to pass an exam on IVSC was discussed and the resolution was tabled for further study.

TM#6: A resolution to permit Candidate Members to use the notation after their names or in a byline when they act as public speakers or author articles for internal ASA activities was passed.

TM#7: A resolution to act on an Ethics Committee and Board of Inquiry recommendation was passed. Details will be published in ASA Newline.

TM#8: A resolution to require that signatures to appraisal reports be accompanied by membership accreditation (discipline and specialty) did not secure the required 2/3 vote and failed.

TM#9: A resolution to provide a statute of limitations for accepting ethics complaints at the later of a) within two years after disposition of litigation or b) three years after the initial date of an appraisal report in question was passed.

TM#10: A resolution to permit changes to the Professional Equivalency and Education Program (PEECP) by agreement between the appropriate Discipline Committee and the Board of Examiners and notification to the BOG and International Headquarters was passed.

TM#11: A resolution to award Life Membership to Richard C. Amoling, FASA, John E. Bakken, ASA, and Claire H. Donias, FASA, was passed.

After the resolutions, President Connolly proposed that we go into dialogue session to encourage more open discussion of the following subjects.

AI & ASFMRA: Ted Baker reported on the analysis of areas for greater cooperation and possible consolidation in administration and programs. Representatives of the three Appraisal Society Staffs met in Chicago on May 12 and suggested the following areas for consideration: education, government relations, public relations, publications, directory, membership administration, meetings, chapters strategic planning, human resources as well as a joint code of ethics, outsourcing and library. A more detailed report is attached.

AUDIT: Donna Walker advised the BOG that our Legal Counsel, Jerry Schaefer, believes that ASA should have greater independence in overseeing the audit function. As a result of recent legislation, Jerry thinks that this can be accomplished by transferring responsibility from the Executive Committee (4 officers) to a new audit committee or the existing Budget & Finance Committee (4 officers & 2 governors). To minimize the administration burden, it was concluded that transferring responsibility for audits to the B&FC was the most practical solution. Because the Board was in general agreement, Donna will develop the necessary resolution.

DELEGATIONS OF AUTHORITY (DOA): After consideration of Resolution 7A (Financial Controls) and the draft DOA developed in 1998, Donna Walker, Ted Baker and Chuck Tholen developed an update that was distributed to the BOG. President Connelly asked each officer and governor to comment on the draft. The only negative comment was from Governor Fineberg who objected to the BOG retaining authority for multi-year commitments including leases and conference hotel contracts. Governor Tholen proposed amending Resolution 7A by deleting all after "Therefore be it resolved that the fiscal policy be amended as follows:" and adding "1) Resolution (Boston 1999) B-12 shall be rescinded, and 2) The Delegation of Authority attached hereto be adopted by the BOG as clarification of the delegation of authority to international headquarters to carry out the management of the affairs of the society. Therefore be it further resolved that the attached Delegations of Authority be added as appropriate to the Administrative Rules." The amended resolution passed with all but one vote. The Constitution and By-Laws Committee what changes will have to be made to the ASA Constitution, and/or By-Laws, and or Administrative Rules.

2005 CONFERENCE: Ted Baker advised that plans for Valuation 2005 have been dropped and suggestions have been received for separate discipline conferences, joint conference with ASFMRA and a single BV conference combining the summer and fall sessions. Governor Bolotsky advised that BV could no longer support two conferences two months apart and is considering opting out of the ASA annual education conference. Past President Austin and Governor Fineberg spoke in favor of a combined education conference with BV in the fall. ASFMRA President Max Evans advises that they have selected Austin as their conference site for fall, 2005 and believes that space may be available to accommodate ASA in other hotels. With attendance at ASA summer conferences dropping to less than 500 in Tampa, the consensus was for one combined conference with BV in the fall. The discipline committees were asked to provide their recommendations for a decision in the next telephone conference.

RECOMMENDATIONS: The new Governors met in caucus and recommended Governors George Silver and Vanessa Claiborne to be their representatives on the Budget & Finance Committee for the next year. President Kaczowski made the nominations which the BOG approved unanimously. The Governors will make a recommendation for an appointment to the Nominating & Awards Committee by the next telephone conference.

I believe there were some very important developments at this BOG Meeting. After many discussions and compromises, we finally have well defined Delegations of Authority. In the future all staff and ASA members will know who has to approve a given expense or action. Continued discussions on cooperation with AI and ASFMRA in areas of mutual interest.

Respectfully yours,

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Governor, Region 15

Please note that my fellow Governor, Charles Tholen, ASA provided substantial input for this report.