

2025 Approved Revisions to the NASPAA Bylaws - Timeline for Implementation

Revisions were approved at the Annual Business Meeting held on October 10 at the 2025 NASPAA Global Conference in Flagstaff, Arizona.

ARTICLE I. DEFINITION AND PURPOSES

<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Timeline for Implementation</i>
Section 1. Name: Replaces "Association" with "Network" all throughout the bylaws.	Immediate
Section 1. Name: Clarifies that the acronym NASPAA does not match the legal name of the organization.	Immediate
Section 2. Purpose: Expands the purpose to include "public policy" and "public administration" and makes it "worldwide."	Immediate
Section 3. Means: Clarifies the disciplines covered by NASPAA and expands on the means used to advance the organization's purpose.	Immediate
Section 4. Scope of the Field: Clarifies the disciplines covered by NASPAA and its global reach.	Immediate
Section 5. Character of the Network: Emphasizes NASPAA's non-political, non-partisan character.	Immediate

ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP

<i>Purpose</i>	
Section 1. Member Institutions. Subsections A. through C. / Section 2. Separate Memberships: Clarifies the disciplines covered by NASPAA.	Immediate
Section 3. Associate Members: Allows academic institutions to be associate members before becoming full members.	Immediate

ARTICLE III. OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS

Purpose

Section 1. Elective Officers / Section 2. Nominations: Adds student representation to the Executive Council, including term length and the nomination process.	The 2025-2026 President has charged the Bylaws and Terms committee with determining a process for selecting the student rep and determining criteria for the nominating committee by December 2025. Implementation of al changes starts with the 2026-2027 President and their committee appointments, including the 2026 Nominations Committee.
Section 3. Elections: Establishes virtual attendance and voting at the annual business meeting.	October 2026: Electronic voting available at the October 2, 2026 annual business meeting.
Section 6. Executive Committee: Clarifies the responsibilities of the Executive Committee.	Immediate
Section 7. Executive Director: Defines the role and responsibilities of the Executive Director.	The Chief Operating Officer role will be assigned to the Executive Director effective July 1, 2026 (the start of the new fiscal year). Everything else will be implemented immediately.
Section 8. Budget: Clarifies the role of the Executive Committee and the Executive Council in budget preparation and expenditures in excess of the approved budget.	Immediate

ARTICLE IV. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

<i>Purpose</i>	
Section 3. Council Responsibilities: Adds a section to clarify the responsibilities of the Executive Council, particularly around the strategic direction of the organization.	Immediate
Section 4. Fiduciary Responsibility: Adds a section to clarify the fiduciary responsibility of the Executive Council.	Immediate

ARTICLE V. COMMITTEES

<i>Purpose</i>	
Section 1. Standing Committees. Subsection A. Committee on Standards & Subsection B. Commission on Peer Review and Accreditation: Reiterates that membership of Standing Committees must include at least one member of the Executive Council. Establishes the role of the Chief Accreditation Officer in supporting the identification of members for these committees.	Implementation starts with the 2026-2027 President and their committee appointments.
Section 1. Standing Committees. Subsection C. Committee on Finance: Establishes the requirement for a conflict of interest disclosure for the Committee on Finance and clarifies the Committee's role in ensuring a sound long-term financial strategy for the organization.	Immediate
Section 1. Standing Committees. Subsection D. Pi Alpha Alpha Advisory Board: Establishes the Pi Alpha Alpha Advisory Board as a Standing Committee.	Implementation starts with the 2026-2027 committee/board.

Section 2. Ad Hoc Committees. Subsection B. Other Ad Hoc Committees: Increases the maximum length of an Ad Hoc Committee to three years, instead of two, and sets an expectation of reporting in October every year.	Increased duration of ad hoc committees: implementation starts with the 2026-2027 President and the committees they create or seek extension for. Reporting in October: implementation starts at the September 30, 2026 (Wednesday) executive council meeting.
Section 5. Committee Actions: Reiterates approval process for committees seeking external funding.	Immediate

ARTICLE VI. SECTIONS

Purpose

Section 5. Section Actions: Reiterates approval process for sections seeking external funding.	Immediate
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ARTICLE VII. ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND BUSINESS MEETING

Purpose

Section 2. Annual Conference Attendance: allows for virtual participation and voting at the annual business meeting.	October 2026: Electronic voting available at the October 2, 2026 annual business meeting.
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ARTICLE VIII. VOTING

Purpose

Section 1. Voting: In alignment with item #10, allows for virtual participation and voting at the annual business meeting.	October 2026: Electronic voting available at the October 2, 2026 annual business meeting.
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ARTICLE IX. DUES AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS

Purpose

Section 2. Financial Operations: Reiterates the role of the Executive Director, the Executive Committee and the Committee on Finance in Financial Operations.	Immediate
Section 3. Audit: Establishes the Audit Committee.	June/July 2026: Committee members selected August: Auditors open system for NASPAA September: Audits happens October: Draft results ready December: Auditors, committee, and ED present final results to Council

ARTICLE X. REVIEW AND AMENDMENTS

Purpose

Section 1. Review of the Bylaws: Establishes a bylaws review period.	Immediate
Section 2. Proposed Amendments to Bylaws: Clarifies the requirements for approving amendments to the bylaws.	Immediate