



AMERICAN YOUTH SOCCER ORGANIZATION

MOTION

Title: Amend NPS 8.4, Operation of Advisory Councils
Date 12/2/23
Agenda Request by: Penney Wakefield, Doug Ryan, Gary VanOttten
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Does this item have a fiscal impact on the Organization? ___Yes __X_No If yes, provide detailed cost impacts/projections for consideration.
Additional Documentation Attached? ___Yes ___No
Bylaw/Rules & Regs #__NPS 8.4__ or Proposed # _____
Effective Date of Proposed Change: Immediately

RECOMMENDED MOTION LANGUAGE:

Revise National Policy Statement 8.4

Changes in language in order to clear up contradictory language in regards to Subject Matter Experts and to recognize that there could be a council whose members are not Section Administrators who are appointed by a Section Director.

[Please see the entire NPS 8.4 document below, in which additions are in red. Deletions are strikethroughs.]

PROPOSED REVISED POLICY STATEMENT:

National Policy Statement 8.4 Operation of Advisory Councils

A. Purpose:

Discipline specific councils are advisory in nature and exist to provide subject matter expertise to the

programs, education, and business actions of AYSO. The work of advisory councils includes recommending actions that the National Board of Directors (NBOD) may want to implement to improve the delivery of programs and services to AYSO members. It is expected that members of the council will be actively engaged in the needs and work of the Councils.

B. Organization:

Volunteer Members of an advisory council will typically be representatives from each AYSO Section, but in certain cases, may not be. Each council will have a Chair, a National Board of Director as the liaison to the Board (NBODL), and an ~~National~~ AYSO Office staff member, at a minimum. Each Section Director (SD) will appoint a council member, who will typically be, **but not required to be**, that Section's discipline specific administrator for that council's specific discipline. **In some cases a council may be created solely with representatives who are not currently any type of Section Administrator, typically because that discipline specific position does not exist at the Section level.**

C. Council Members' Duties:

1. Council Chair – Oversees the council, schedules meetings, creates agendas, designates areas of responsibility, assigns task due dates, maintains minutes of meetings, and works with the NBODL and assigned AYSO staff. The Council Chair is a voting member of the council and only voting members are eligible to be the Chair.

2. Council Members – **Are the discipline specific Section Administrator, or discipline specific designee appointed by that person's SD. They** Create, update, and modify content of the council's discipline specific programs in alignment with the current soccer standards as directed by the Council Chair. Council Members should keep their respective Section Directors apprised of council activities. Council Members are voting members of the council.

3. NBODL – Ensure that the efforts of the council align with the goals and objectives of AYSO. The NBODL will provide regular updates (quarterly at a minimum) to the NBOD and Section Directors regarding council progress on any related issues. The NBODL will present items on behalf of the council that require a vote of the NBOD. The NBODL is not a voting member of the council.

4. AYSO Staff – Assist as a SME where appropriate, and assist with facilitating the branding, online content creation, and publishing of material created by the council. The AYSO Staff member is not a voting member of the council.

5. Subject Matter Experts (SME) – Persons who are recruited by council members and appointed by the Chair, who are not Section appointed Council Members. These people are non-voting members of

the council who can provide specific expertise that otherwise may not be present on the council **and are primarily added to assist with task oriented items in which they have expertise.**

D. Voting:

A Council may, from time to time, need to vote on various issues. The voting members of the council are defined as above. The Council Chair will be selected by a majority vote of council members and is approved by the President of the NBOD (NPRES).

E. Duration of Membership:

~~1. Voting Members – Membership will be for the duration of their appointment by their SDs.~~ **Council Chair is a 1-year term as voted on by eligible council members.**

2. Council Members is a 1-year term upon appointment by an SD as their Section Administrator or their designee.

~~2: 3. SME – are task oriented members and may be reappointed by a majority vote of the council members~~ **the council chair** if needed to complete additional tasks. ~~an approved by the NPRES.~~

~~3: 4. NBODL – a 1 year term upon being~~ is appointed/re-appointed by the NPRES each year after AYSO's National Annual General Meeting ("NAGM"). ~~There is no limitation on the term for this position as it is advisory only.~~

~~4: 5. AYSO Staff – is appointed by the Executive Director of AYSO and serves at the pleasure of that person.~~

F. Additional NBODL Duties: The appointed NBODL will:

1. ~~Work with the Council Chair to create an annual work objectives document for approval by the NBOD within 30 days of the start of each membership year.~~ Any changes or deviations from the approved work plan must be submitted for review and approval by the NBOD.

2. Schedule agenda time with the NPRES to present issues to the NBOD of which the NBODL believes the NBOD and SD should be aware or issues that may require NBOD approval such as:

o Modifying any AYSO policy;

- o Modifying any AYSO procedures or programs;**
- o Modifying any volunteer training;**
- o Modifying requirements for any volunteer position; and**
- o Approving actions that may have financial impact on the organization.**

DISCUSSION: