

**REGIONAL MANAGEMENT BOARD - 14 JUNE 2007
ITEM FOR DECISION****ELIGIBILITY OF PAID STAFF AS MEMBERS OF ASA COUNCIL AND/OR ASA COMMITTEES****PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To agree the substance of a suggestion to alter ASA Law 16 to regularise the position of the Regional Directors at the ASA Annual Council Meeting.

PROPOSED ACTION

That the Board **agrees** the motion below be presented to the ASA ACM on behalf of the Region.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1. At a Regional Liaison Meeting on 29 April, the position of the Regional Directors at ASA Council was raised. A number of Regions want their RD to be eligible as a delegate to Council. This was widened into a general discussion about whether it was right to debar paid staff from membership of ASA committees or, indeed, whether it was right, in some cases, to deny their expertise to those committees.
2. It is likely that a number of Regions will try to get the Laws changed at ASA Council, although that will not help the situation of the status of the RDs at this year's Council Meeting.
3. This matter was discussed at the RMB meeting on 16 May, and the conclusion was that Regional Directors should be part of their Regional delegations, but that they should not be eligible to vote and, therefore, they should not count towards the number of delegates allocated to their Regions. Furthermore, paid members of ASA staff should not be eligible to be voting members of ASA Committees.

PROPOSED MOTION

That ASA Law 16 be amended to incorporate the following principles:

1. Regional Directors to be able to attend the ASA Annual Council Meeting and to sit with their Regional delegations;
2. Regional Directors to be able to speak if invited by the Chairman but not to vote;
3. Regional Directors not to count against their Region's number of delegates.

N.B. Under ASA Law 25.4.3, this motion can only be submitted if it is passed by at least two-thirds of those present and voting at the RMB meeting.

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