

Draft II: Proposed Revisions to the *Constitution, Bylaws, Protocols and Procedures*

COUNCIL OF ARTS ACCREDITING ASSOCIATIONS

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OFFICIAL NOTICE. This constitutes the official notice of proposed revisions to the *Constitution, Bylaws, Protocols and Procedures* forwarded in advance as required by the CAAA Constitution and Bylaws.

NOTE: All proposed revisions are indicated in red.

VOTE SCHEDULED. A final text of these proposed revisions will be presented to the CAAA Board of Trustees for a vote in April.

Rationales for these changes are provided at the end of the document on page 3.

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Constitution

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Constitution

Article X., Amendments

Amend Article X. as follows:

ARTICLE X
AMENDMENTS

The Constitution of the Council may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Trustees 1) present and voting at an annual meeting at which a quorum is present, or 2) voting at a meeting or in a poll conducted through electronic means when the same quorum requirements are met, provided a written notice of the proposed amendment be sent to all Trustees at least four weeks before the said meeting, and provided that the change is ratified by the Board of Directors of each member association of the Council.

Bylaws

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Article V., The Accrediting Commission for Community and Precollegiate Arts Schools

Section 1. Membership

Amend Article V., Section 1. as follows:

Section 1. Membership. ACCPAS shall have six voting members including a Chair. With the exception of the public member, ACCPAS members shall be individuals who are the official representatives of member institutions of Council member associations, or who are the officials of institutions accredited by ACCPAS. Commission members shall have had significant experience as visiting evaluators, and preferably commission experience.

A. *Chair.* The Chair shall have served one or more terms on an accrediting commission of a Council member association, or on ACCPAS. The Chair shall be appointed for a three-year term. The term as Chair is in addition to time already served as an ACCPAS member.

B. *Public Member.* There shall be one public member to represent the public interest.

The public member shall have full privileges of the floor and full voting powers. The public member shall be appointed annually by the Board of Trustees.

The public member shall serve no more than six consecutive years. Once appointed, the public member has no reporting responsibility to the Trustees regarding the work of ACCPAS. The public member must keep the confidentiality required of all ACCPAS members.

C. *Representatives.* In addition to the Chair, there shall be four members of ACCPAS; one representing the visual arts appointed by the President of NASAD; one representing dance, appointed by the President of NASD; one representing music, appointed by the President of NASM; and one representing theatre, appointed by the President of NAST.

D. *Recorder.* The Executive Director or his agent shall serve as the Recorder of ACCPAS. The Recorder of ACCPAS shall have no vote.

E. *Consultants.* The Executive Director shall have the authority to appoint consultants to ACCPAS under guidelines approved by the Board of Trustees. Consultants do not have a vote.

Although ~~Though~~ the above procedure ensures a broad range of individual and institutional perspectives, once appointed, members of ACCPAS, or consultants to ACCPAS, shall act as individuals in accordance with the standards, policies, procedures, and autonomy of the Council and its member organizations. In conducting the business of ACCPAS, they **serve the interests of ACCPAS.** They shall not serve as representatives of types of institutions or other organizations, however defined. They shall hold in confidence the actions of ACCPAS and the discussions leading to them.

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Article X., Accreditation Standards

Amend Article X., Section 1. as follows:

Section 1. The accreditation standards to be used by the ~~joint~~ Accrediting Commission for Community and Precollegiate Art Schools shall be established and amended by majority vote of the Board of Trustees **1)** present

and voting at any annual, regular, or special meeting at which a quorum is present, or 2) voting at a meeting or in a poll conducted through electronic means when the same quorum requirements are met, provided that written notice of the proposed changes with opportunity to comment be sent to all Board of Trustees and all institutions accredited by ACCPAS at least four weeks prior to said meeting.

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Bylaws

Article XVI., Amendments

Amend Article XVI. as follows:

**ARTICLE XVI
AMENDMENTS**

These Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the official delegates 1) present and voting at a meeting of the Board of Trustees at which a quorum is present, or 2) voting at a meeting or in a poll conducted through electronic means when the same quorum requirements are met, provided a written notice of proposed amendment be sent to all delegates at least four weeks prior to said meeting.

NOTE: Rationale for Changes

The rationale for the changes proposed above are as follows:

1. *Constitution, Article X.:* To expand acceptable modes of communication.
2. *Bylaws, Article V., Section 1.:* To clarify the responsibilities of the individuals serving as members of ACCPAS or consultants to ACCPAS.
3. *Bylaws, Article X., Section 1.:* To expand acceptable modes of communication.
4. *Bylaws, Article XVI.:* To expand acceptable modes of communication.