

THE CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS
The Sixty-First Annual Meeting
May 9, 2013

PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE CAS CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE IV (Organization) / SECTION J. (Conduct of Meetings)

Explanation of Change: Addition of language to allow committee, board and legislative business to be conducted electronically.

Proposed language (changes in ***bold italics***)

Section J. Conduct of Meetings

1. Rules of Procedure
All meetings of the Connecticut Association of Schools and its boards of control shall be conducted in accordance with the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order.
2. Quorum
 - a. A quorum for the transaction of business of the Legislative Body shall be ten percent (10%) of the institutional membership; and
 - b. A quorum for the transaction of business of all other meetings shall be one half (50%) of the membership of the committee or board.
3. Voting Rights
 - a. In any business before the Annual Legislative Meeting of the Connecticut Association of Schools, all general member schools shall have one (1) vote.
 - b. In any business before the Annual Legislative Meeting of the Connecticut Association of Schools, all CIAC member schools shall have four (4) additional votes, for a total of (5) votes.
4. ***In-person Meetings versus Tele-conferencing, Emailing and/or Virtual Meetings to Conduct Committee, Board and Legislative Business***
 - a. ***When deemed necessary or advantageous by a staff member or a committee or board, business may be conducted electronically via tele-, web- or video-conference, email or the Internet.***
 - b. ***By order of the CAS Board of Directors, the annual meeting may be conducted using web- or video-conferencing and/or secure electronic ballots. In such instances, all proposals requiring action by the membership shall be posted online and/or distributed electronically to members no less than two weeks prior to the date of the annual meeting. All voting must be completed online within ten (10) days after the annual meeting. A majority of the electronic votes cast shall be required for the passage of any proposal.***

Rationale for change: For many years, attendance at the annual meeting has been steadily declining, despite our best efforts to bolster it. Last year, we had so few members in attendance that we did not reach a quorum. Therefore, we are proposing language which would permit us, upon approval of the CAS Board of Directors, to conduct our annual business meeting electronically. Note that the proposed language has been added to the section of the bylaws which speaks to the conduct of all association meetings, thus accrediting the practice of teleconferencing which has been used by boards and committees for a number of years.