

THE CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS
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PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CAS CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
(To be voted on by the entire membership)

CHANGE #1: ARTICLE III (Membership) / SECTION A (Classes of Membership)

Explanation of Change: The proposed addition to Article III, Section A introduces a new class of membership called "Associate Institutional Membership."

New language:

Article III (Membership) / Section A (Classes of Membership)

3. Associate Institutional Members

The following shall be eligible for non-voting associate institutional membership: Any public or non-public elementary, middle or high school which is approved by the state board of education for certification and tuition purposes. Upon approval of its application for membership and payment of dues and assessments established for the purpose, such school shall be admitted to limited membership in the Connecticut Association of Schools. Participation for principals, assistant principals and teachers from Associate Institutional Member Schools shall be limited to:

- CAS professional development workshops, conferences and seminars at member rates;
- CAS committee appointments.

Reason for change: To provide a "limited" membership in CAS to schools and districts with unique needs. (NOTE: The new membership category is being proposed in response to a request from the Connecticut Department of Corrections for membership in CAS. An atypical district, the department can take advantage of some but not all of the services that CAS offers. Therefore, it seems appropriate that CAS should offer a "limited membership" option which will allow for fewer services and will be less costly and better suited to "districts" such as the department of corrections and perhaps even some private schools.)

CHANGE #2: ARTICLE V (INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS), SECTION C

Explanation of change: The following proposed change will allow superintendents and athletic directors to be voting members of the CIAC Eligibility Review Board.

Proposed language (additions appear in *bold italics*):

ARTICLE V - INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS

Section C. Eligibility Committee Review Board

1. Composition

There shall be an Eligibility Committee Review Board composed of ten member principals and/or assistant principals and two ~~non-voting~~ consultants. The Board shall include *the following voting members*: the past CIAC Chairman; the present chairman of the Eligibility Committee; two class L representatives, two class M representatives, and two class S representatives who previously served on the CIAC Eligibility Committee or the CIAC Board; two members who presently serve or have served on the CIAC Eligibility Revision Committee; the present CIAC Athletic Director consultant (~~non-voting~~); and the CIAC superintendent consultant (~~non-voting~~).

The CIAC Board of Control has the discretion to appoint a CIAC member principal or assistant principal to fill any vacancy whenever a position cannot be filled in accordance with the above terms.

Reason for change: To grant full voting privileges to athletic director and superintendent serving on the CIAC Eligibility Review Board. (NOTE: When the Eligibility Review Board was created six years ago, the CIAC guidelines called for one superintendent and one athletic director to serve on the board as non-voting consultants. In the six years that have passed, the individuals serving in these consultant positions have amassed exceptional attendance records and have displayed a seriousness of purpose and a degree of expertise that have been invaluable to the board. As such, the CIAC board is recommending that these individuals - and those who succeed them - be granted full voting privileges.)