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**2023 ASECS Business Meeting  
Agenda**

2023, 2:45pm

Hyatt Regency at the Arch, Regency C

1. Call to Order (Executive Director: Benita Blessing)

2. Call for Quorum (Parliamentarian: Nush Powell)

*“At least 10 percent (10%) of the Society's members in good standing who have registered for the Annual Meeting shall be in attendance at the Business Meeting for official votes to be conducted.”*

3. Summary of Major Executive Board and Business Office Actions 2022–2023, and Executive Director's Report

a. Hired Benita Blessing as the second full-time Executive Director

b. Hired new ombuds, Kathleen (Kathy) Canul, takes remote appointments at the Annual Meeting and throughout the year

c. Appointed new parliamentarian Manushag (Nush) Powell, as per Bylaw 14:

*Bylaw 14. The Executive Board may appoint an official parliamentarian who shall hold office for one year and may be reappointed indefinitely. The parliamentarian shall advise and assist the President in the conduct of the Business Meeting and perform other duties appropriate to his or her office. (Article VI, Section 3; Article VII, Section 1)*

d. Formed a new Presidential Task Force for the revision of Constitution and Bylaws, chaired by Mark Boonshoft

e. Hired Todd Mann Management Group to design and build a new website under the direction of the Media and Publications Advisory Committee (MPAC).

4. Treasurer's Report (Joe Bartolomeo)

5. 2023 Update on Elections

*Because the election slate was found not to be compatible with our Constitution, the Executive Board has approved a new elections schedule:*

- March 14th: Nominating Committee sends Executive Director nomination report
- March 15<sup>th</sup>: Executive Director forwards report to Parliamentarian
- March 21st–April 18<sup>th</sup>: Publish nomination slate; open petition period
- May 9<sup>th</sup>–May 23<sup>rd</sup>: Elections
- June 1: Publish results
- July 1: New Board convenes

*We thank the Nominating Committee for their willingness to continue their service.*

6. Report on Upcoming Annual Meetings

a. 2024 Meeting in Toronto

*The 2024 meeting will be held at the Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel, April 2-7. Room rates will be \$259 CAD.*

b. 2025 Annual Meeting Virtual

*The Annual Meeting in 2025 will be virtual; planning will begin soon.*

c. 2026 Annual Meeting in Philadelphia

*The 2026 meeting will be held at the Philadelphia 201 Hotel, April 8-11. Room rates will be \$237.*

7. New Business

8. Adjournment