

ASECS Constitution and Bylaws Task Force

Charge and Information

October 27, 2023

The ASECS Constitution and Bylaws Task Force is charged with reviewing and revising the ASECS Constitution and Bylaws as well as revising or updating current policies and committee charges as called for by the new Constitution and Bylaws. The Task Force is expected to consult widely with ASECS membership and in particular with caucuses, affiliates and current committees and should look to build on the findings in the ASECS Membership Survey and Engagement Report from March 2022. The Task Force should look to ways in which the organization can be more inclusive in its operations to represent the wide range of member interests and needs. The work of the Task Force will be directed by its co-chairs, the 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents of ASECS.

Task Force considerations should include:

- Executive Board Composition, with respect to disciplinary categories, fields, ranks, membership types, diversity, equity, and inclusion
- Elected and appointed Board member terms and responsibilities
- Nominations and Elections procedures
- Committees and their structures

In engaging these duties, the Task Force should:

- Review historical organization fundamentals
- Review best practices for Bylaw clarity and structural and operational effectiveness
- Review legal requirements for states of Illinois and Oregon
- Consult parliamentary best practices for construction of bylaws
- Review benchmark peers' governance practices
- Differentiate governance practices in terms of Constitution, Bylaws, Standing Orders, and Policies and Procedures categories

The Task Force should take special care to seek legal advice to ensure that ASECS is in conformity with all legal requirements for non-profit organizations in the State of Illinois, where we are incorporated and the State of Oregon, where our home office is located.