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Bylaw revisions to be on April ballot

Deletion of President-Elect heads possible bylaw changes

In their March 11 meeting, SACT representatives elected to submit three bylaw changes to a vote of the membership. Proposals submitted by President-Elect Craig Fraiser include 1) changing the position of President-Elect to that of a Vice President, which would end the current system of one year term limits for the office of President, and 2) changing the ratio of building representatives per total building membership. A proposal submitted by President Marilyn Huffman would clarify the membership clause.

The most far-reaching of these ideas is the proposal to change the current President-Elect position to that of a Vice President. Currently, SACT elects a new President-Elect each year. That individual takes over as President the following year and becomes Past President in the third year.

If the proposed change is adopted, the positions of President and Vice President would be individually elected each year. Since there would be no automatic progression, the same individuals could run for and hold those offices for additional terms beyond their first year in office..

The second proposal would change the ratio of SACT building representatives from 1 per 15 members or fraction thereof, to 1 per 10 members or fraction thereof. At current staffing levels, this would increase the number of representatives possible for the larger schools. The High School could go from 3 to 5 representatives, Middle School, Petersen, and Grant Watts would change from 2 to 3 each, while Warren and Sauvie Island would remain at one representative each.

The third proposal is a housekeeping measure needed to clarify and to bring the bylaws into alignment with state definitions of duties of teachers

and administrators. It would change the restriction on membership in Article II of the bylaws to any teacher who “does not in any capacity **supervise**, evaluate, or recommend the dismissal of teachers. . . .” Currently, the word “supervise” is not included in the membership restriction.

After some discussion by the representatives, it was decided to put these changes to a vote of the membership. Because of the possibility of changing the procedure for the election of President and President-Elect, the election of officers for 2004-05 will be held later in April – after the vote on the bylaws takes place. Solicitation of nominees for all offices will be held after the bylaw election.

For complete information on the bylaws, please see the SACT Website at:

<http://www.columbia-center.org/sact>.

Ballots for the bylaw election will be distributed during the week of March 29, 2004, and should be returned to building representatives in time for the April 6, 2004, representative meeting.

Scholarship applications due May



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If you are the parent of a high school senior, don't forget about the SACT

scholarship! This scholarship is for \$500 to be applied to tuition during the recipient's freshman year at an accredited college or university. Applications are available from building representatives or on the SACT Website. They must be received at the SACT Post Office box by May 1 to be considered.