

AACRAO Governance Task Force
Minutes – Tuesday, June 9, 2009
Conference Call

Present: Robert Doolos, Nancy Krogh, Barbara Blaney, Dennis Bailey-Fougner , Bruce Cunningham, Carl Einhaus, Kathy Hartman, Tracey Jamison, Kathleen Jones, Christine Kerlin, Nora McLaughlin, Nancy Penna .

Minutes from the May 26th conference call were approved.

The committee reviewed the AGTF website and made corrections. Robert distributed a draft of the website announcement to be sent to the membership and asked for recommendations. We will also contact past presidents and former board members for input.

During a June 1 conference call, Nancy Krogh, Robert and Christine developed topics for the task force survey to help the group determine where we are in agreement and where we differ. We reviewed the current results. We agreed that this method of polling the Task Force members is effective, but must guard against misinterpretation of questions. Nancy will compile the results in a coherent document for the Portland meeting, but we are nearing consensus on several issues, including the fact that a larger Board with more strategic than operational responsibilities is important for our organizational health. The exact size of the Board, the members' terms of office, specific duties, and nominating/election processes must be further discussed as the model emerges. We will circle back many times as we discuss factors associated with each question since issues are interdependent. For example, a three-year term is showing strong in our survey, but we might need to consider rotation.

Agenda for next meeting includes a more thorough review of the answers and questions to ask in our next "concurrence survey."

It is clear that the operational activities of the organization should not be the responsibility of the board as structured today. We must continue to review the literature that we used during our workshop and define the duties before we determine number of board members and length of terms.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Rogers Blaney

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