



Model Agenda Item for ASBA Bylaw Change Proposal Consideration

To assist boards in placing the bylaw agenda discussion/action to be taken by the governing board on their board agenda, we offer the following sample language to place on a future board agenda.

Discussion/Action Items

The Board will discuss, consider and give direction on voting on one bylaw change proposal from the Arizona School Boards Association. This bylaw proposal by the ASBA Board of Directors must be approved by two-thirds of the ASBA member boards to be effective. After discussion, the Board will vote to give direction to XXXXXXXX to vote in the manner the board has approved. The following is the bylaw proposal to be considered and acted upon:

Proposal A With unanimous approval of the ASBA Hispanic Native American Indian Caucus and ASBA Board of Directors, this change is being sought by the Hispanic-Native American Indian Caucus (HNAIC). It would create a seat on the ASBA Board of Directors so that Hispanic and Native American interests can be represented simultaneously on the board. Currently, there is one seat on the ASBA Board of Directors designated for a representative of the HNAIC and it alternates every two years between Hispanic representation and Native American representation, creating gaps in representation. By contrast, the Black Alliance has a seat on the ASBA Board of Directors, ensuring representation on the board at all times. This proposed bylaw change also provides the flexibility for the HNAIC to split into two distinct groups if its members so choose and allows those groups to change their names and be recognized under the new names.

Background: Currently, there is only one seat designated for the combined Hispanic Native American Indian Caucus.