



**Minutes of the July 2021 Board Meeting, EASTCONN Executive Committee Meeting  
ZOOM**

**Present: Roll Call of Board Members:**

Terry Cote, Eastford	Sonia Greene, Woodstock
Rod Perry, Scotland	Michael Morrill, Putnam
Maryellen Donnelly, Hampton	Lydia Rivera-Abrams, Killingly
Judy Benson-Clarke, Regional District #8	Herb Arico, Willington
Joan Trivella, Woodstock Academy	
Katherine Paulhus, Mansfield	

**EASTCONN Staff Present:** Gary Mala, Carol Klemyk

**The Board Meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Board Chair, Joan Trivella**

Maryellen Donnelly led the discussion around the amended By-Laws

**NOTES FROM THE MEETING:**

Reimbursement for Board Members – this does not belong in the By-Laws – compensation is not referenced in any statute – could apply to conferences

Standing committees in place at this time are:

- Finance
- Policy
- Facilities
- Nominating

CURRICULUM Committee - Would like to be informed but do not need to make this a standing committee – not looking at curriculum in districts looking only at curriculum of EASTCONN schools – this is the Executive Director’s job and should not be a standing committee

How many in favor of standing committee for curriculum?

Lydia - yes

Herb - yes

How many in favor of an ad hoc committee for curriculum?

Judy - yes

Sonia - yes

Terry - yes

Rod - yes

Mike - yes

Maryellen - yes  
Kat - yes  
Joan – yes

By-Laws will go out to districts and district board chairs for 30 days – then the Board of Directors can vote to adopt the By-Laws at the next Board Meeting following the 30 day period

Let the charge of the Policy Sub-Committee make the suggested edits then mail to districts

Send synopsis of edits to Gary, Maryellen and Kat and copy Joan

No vote or action taken at this meeting

#### **SUGGESTED EDITORIAL CHANGES TO BE MADE TO BY-LAWS:**

Page 3 – Section Two: Voting Rights OR Voting Privileges – make it consistent throughout the document – it was decided to USE Voting RIGHTS

Page 7 – Article V – General Authority – Add EASTCONN (i.e. EASTCONN Regional Service Center – add to both sentences) and change Executive “Agent” to Executive Director

#### **Job Tasks for when Policy Sub-Committee meets again:**

Create memo to send to accompany By-Laws when sending to districts superintendents and board chairs

Create Form (nominating/appointment form) that Districts will send to EASTCONN when they want to appoint a Board member to EASTCONN’s Board

Highlights the big changes to By-Laws when sending to districts (see below for some of these highlighted at the meeting)

Review Editorial Changes

#### **Some of the big changes in the By-Laws to highlight when sending By-Laws to District Superintendents and Board Chairs**

- No Executive Committee – all members can vote
- Individuals from districts can get added anytime during the year – do not have to wait for Annual Meeting anymore

- Districts can send alternates and alternates have a right to vote- each town has ability to appoint member and alternate
- Executive Committee is essentially dissolved and now replaced with “Board of Directors”
- These bylaws may be altered amended or appealed and new bylaws may be adopted by a majority of the board of directors at a regular or special meeting

**Motion:** Joan Trivella motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:56 pm  
**Second:** Maryellen Donnelly  
**Vote:** Unanimous  
**Abstentions:** None