

Rules Committee meeting minutes May 2011

Rules Committee held a meeting on Monday May 23 at 8:30 am.

Sharon McCormick, Kim Hirschberg and Eileen Fournier were in attendance.

The committee held a discussion on the 3 proposals to be voted on at the June 1 CAG meeting. Here are the committee's recommendations.

1. The first proposal proposes to cancel July 2011 CAG meeting. The Rules Committee supports this proposal if the majority of the membership would like the meeting canceled..

2. The second proposal proposes to change the monthly meeting schedule to an every other month schedule with the membership meeting on the even numbered months. There was much discussion on this since a change to the rules may be necessary to adopt this proposal. At this time, the committee is unanimously against the proposal since it dramatically decreases the number of meetings a year. The Rules Committee believes that maintaining a somewhat monthly schedule and canceling a few meetings a year is in better accordance to the operating rules section IV A. Since the rule as written seems somewhat vague and can be interpreted several ways, we believe that a conservative approach to eliminating a few monthly meetings would be the best approach. The Rules committee would like to the CAG to consider a counter proposal of 9 or 10 meetings a year and canceling 2 or 3 and that a definitive meeting schedule for the year be set at the OCT reorganizational meeting.

3. The third proposal proposes to change the scope of the BoRit CAG to include toxins related to the BoRit CAG that may be found outside of the perimeter boundaries as described in the mission statement. The Rules Committee supports the concept of this proposal, but not the language as it is written. If the CAG votes to adopt this proposal, we ask the CAG to allow the Rules Committee time to work on the official language to be inserted into the mission statement. As the Rules committee works on the draft, we will present it to the CAG for feedback and approval.