

Governance Committee / 2019 Report

Chairs: Don Barrett (2019), Stephen Moses (2020)

Core Function and Objective

The Governance Committee's function is to assist in maintaining relationships of confidence and trust within and among the Membership, Board, Committees, and the governing bodies of the NOrgs, as well as with the general public.

The Governance Committee's specific responsibilities include:

- Developing, maintaining, and overseeing ONE-PS's policies related to governance matters,
- Ensuring ONE-PS compliance, and assisting in NOrg compliance, with the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, and with applicable federal, state and local legal and requirements,
- Assisting the Board and the Standing Committees on ONE-PS's contractual and insurance arrangements.

Key Projects and/or Accomplishments

- Assisted NOrg governance by providing standardized NOrg bylaws templates, by creating a procedure for stimulating NOrg fulfillment of tax and corporate reporting requirements, and by clarifying the role of ONE-PS in NOrg governance and operations.
- In conjunction with the shift to Palm Springs District Elections, assisted the Events Committee in preparation for District campaign forums and advised NOrgs on the relationships they may take with political campaigns.
- Finalized the charter for the Board of Directors.
- Assisted Neighborhood Formation and Support Committee in resolving governance issues for existing NOrgs and resolving issues related to forthcoming new NOrgs.
- Addressed liability and insurance concerns for the May, 2019 NUSA conference
- In coordination with Finance Committee, identified and satisfied needs for Directors and Officers and for volunteer liability insurance.

Ongoing projects

- Recommendations to NOrgs regarding meeting liability concerns.
- Examine procedures and timing for attributing policy recommendations of ONE-PS Standing Committees as official ONE-PS positions.
- Identify foundations that provide guidance and support to non-profit organizations.
- Bi-Annual review of ONE-PS Bylaws.

