

Mission Statement

The mission of the Strategic Advisory Board (SAB) is to develop long term strategic perspectives for the District 59 Executive Committee (DEC) that shall facilitate fulfillment of the District mission. The SAB will serve the DEC by elaborating prospective strategies that lie beyond the duration of a TM year. During DEC meetings, the SAB will also reiterate previous decisions made when they affect a current discussion.

Status and Directives

Purpose

1. SAB will serve as consultants/advisors for the DEC on any issue on which the DEC would like consultation or advice.
2. SAB can address any issue felt to be pertinent to current and future District 59 efforts.
3. SAB can be used as reference for past DEC discussions and decisions.
4. SAB can give longer-term perspectives and strategic guidance beyond the DEC's one year term.
5. SAB can make proposals for bylaw changes executed by the DEC.
6. SAB can advise the DEC on issues that involve one or more divisions.
7. SAB can give advice on organizational strategies pertinent to District 59.

Meetings

1. At least one SAB member will be present at each of the four DEC meetings per year.
2. The SAB will convene as a group at both District Conferences per TMI year.

3. SAB members do not have voting rights on the DEC. Their voting rights from being a member of the DEC will not be diminished.

Communication

1. Skype and email contact between SAB and DEC between meetings is encouraged as necessary.
2. Communication will be a two-way street: initiated by the DEC or the SAB.
3. The DEC can request that the SAB make a report at the DEC meeting

Reimbursement

Those SAB members attending the DEC meeting should be given the same travel allowances as other DEC members. However, no other reimbursements apply.

Eligibility Criteria

The following criteria should be followed in the selection of individuals to serve on the SAB:

1. The person should have served on the DEC for a minimum of one year.
2. Before becoming a member, the person should have served on the DEC at least one full term as Area Governor, Division Governor, District Secretary, District Treasurer, Lt. Governor Public Relations, Lt. Governor Marketing, Lt. Governor Education and Training or Immediate Past District Governor.
3. A person becomes ineligible for the SAB after not having served on the DEC for three consecutive years.

4. Any person who will serve on next term's DEC (District Secretary, District Treasurer, Lt. Governor Public Relations, Lt. Governor Marketing, Lt. Governor Education and Training, District Governor or Immediate Past District Governor) or on a Regional Board is not eligible for the SAB (*possible conflict of interest*).

Election Procedures

- a) The SAB consists of six (6) to a maximum of eight (8) members.
- b) Elections will take place each year for the following term during the DECM immediately preceding the Spring Conference. Terms are defined the same as for a TM year (July 1 - June 30).
- c) Members of the SAB are elected by the DEC for two consecutive terms (*except for first term (2009-2010) members, see below*). 50% of the SAB will be replaced during each election. Again with the exception of the first term members, they will step down after two consecutive terms on the SAB. All members may stand for re-election for another two terms, after a period of two terms outside the SAB.

The first term (2009-2010) will have special proceedings: The candidates for the first term will be elected for one term only. If, for the elections in Spring 2010, there are no volunteers to leave the SAB by that time, 50% of the first SAB will have to be confirmed in a separate election procedure during the DECM preceding the Spring District Conference in 2010 **and** prior to the consequent election that will select the new 50%. Those of the existent SAB members receiving most of the votes will stay for one (1) additional term. Ties will be elected by simple majority in a second run of votes. Only after this selection has been done, the new 50% of the SAB members will be elected for their two year

terms.

d) Candidates for the elections may present themselves briefly at the DEC meeting mentioned above.

e) Every DEC member present is eligible to cast a maximum of one vote per eligible candidate (*if there are three to be elected, there will be three votes, if there are four candidates, there will be four votes, etc.*). The voter can give one or more votes to each candidate. Marking more votes than the number of candidates on the ballot sheet will invalidate that voting sheet.

f) Candidates will be confirmed as members according to the number of votes they received.

g) Candidates with an equal amount of votes will run against one another in a second round of voting.

h) Elections are lead by an able DEC member, who is not a candidate, e.g. the IPDG. Election protocol will be facilitated by the District Secretary.

Miscellaneous

The Strategic Advisory Board (SAB) will begin work July 1, 2009.

The SAB will elect its own chair person. If necessary, the District Governor will appoint a member of the SAB to be the chairperson.

If a member of the SAB cannot complete the term, the SAB chairperson will ask the runner-up from the previous election to join. If this candidate is unable to step in, then the next runner-up should be asked. If there are no more runners-up,

then the SAB chairperson may ask an eligible DEC member to fill the post for the remainder of the term.