

SCASC PR Committee

Policy changes

Changes from policy of May 2009:

1. Typeface, spacing and size changed in order to use less ink and paper. Also the look was formatted to look neater.
2. Item A. PURPOSE, primary was added before purpose in the preamble since meeting lists and informing the fellowship are also involved in PR work. The word 'help' replaces the word 'it' at the end of the sentence referring where and how to find help. The twelve concepts are added to the twelve traditions for the committee to be in accordance with; as well as the suggestions in the World PR Handbooks and the Guide to local Service and these local PR guidelines. This expands our resource base.
3. Item B. 2. Added the word 'maintain' lines of communication; and dropped some periods to conform to modern usage in A.S.C., R.S.C., W.S.C., and W.S.O.
4. BASIC RESPONSIBILITIES: 1) '(See response requirements section)' this section is not included in the Guide of 2009, so that phrase was dropped and 'as per aforementioned guides' was added, referring to the resource base in item 2 above; 2) 'To ensure area anonymity' does not fit in with us getting known in PR work; 3) This is covered in Purpose above; 4) 4 through 7 are not responsibilities of the committee, but are byproducts of the service work. What was added in responsibilities was the meeting list and workshop attendance.
5. DESCRIPTION OF THE PR COMMITTEE – 'should' is a command word so instead 'may' is used when describing basic membership.
6. PARTICIPANTS were moved up before VOTING PROCEDURES and ELECTIONS; and expanded description was added to spell out the area policy requirements. REQUIREMENTS AND DUTIES was moved down to follow elections and voting procedure.
7. ELECTIONS: There is no special section in 2009, but there is a guide about that after DUTIES and has been moved up and is spelled out.
8. VOTING PROCEDURE, the word consensus is defined as the opinion held by most or all, general agreement; so therefore consensus does not require the adjective majority before it. A quorum is defined as the minimum number of people present to conduct business, so 3 people would box the committee in when there are less than 5 people on the committee. A simple majority of half plus one is more practical. Abstentions defined is added for clarity.
9. REQUIREMENTS AND DUTIES: Requirements for all members are written in narrative instead of as individual items. Duties and requirements are spelled out more clearly and completely and expanded upon for each position.
10. MEETING LIST. Requirements are filled in and completed to meet current standards, and previous policy. Although the Area Policy requires the GSRs to inform the helpline (and assuming) the PR committee that is not happening. So instead, the committee chair texts or asks each GSR personally for any changes.
11. HOW THE WORK GETS DONE, SPEAKER PANELS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES are expanded and finally refers to the service material mentioned in THE PURPOSE.