

2016 Winter District 8 Trustee Report

Dear District 8 Membership,

The Board of Trustees (BOT) for AALAS recently held our winter meeting with President Laura Conour presiding.

The big item at this meeting was the continuing review of the AD Hoc Membership Committee Recommendations. The AD Hoc Membership Committee was formed and partnered with McKinley Advisors to study the association's current membership model and recommend changes to strengthen the structure and ensure long-term viability for AALAS.

At the 2015 National Meeting we discussed some of the proposed modeling changes and in the time since we have been collecting and sharing feedback from AALAS members. McKinley tested various membership scenarios and the most recent recommendations were reviewed by BOT at the winter meeting. The BOT elected to support these recommendations to restructure the current AALAS membership model. Please note we elected to support the recommendations, we have not elected to make any changes as of yet.

At this time all AALAS Members are encouraged to review the suggestions and provide feedback by April 15th. More information and the current proposal can be seen here: [AALAS Membership Study](#). The BOT will consider the proposed changes along with all of the feedback during the June BOT meeting.

The BOT also reviewed and voted on the following items:

- Changes to the Policy and Procedures Manual (PPM) to reduce the ILAM committee member terms from 5 to 3 years.
- Approval of a survey of AALAS membership to be conducted under the direction of the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE) Foundation's *Achieving Mutually Beneficial Volunteer Relationships* research.
- Changes to the PPM to clarify that all paid staff, consultants and contractors of AALAS report to the Executive Director.
- Approval of the proposed 2017 Committee Chairs

The minutes for the meeting should be posted on the AALAS website (www.aalas.org) soon. To find past meeting minutes, scroll to the bottom of the sign in page and in the blue section click on *Leadership*, on that page, in the left column, you will see *BOT Minutes Archive* and in there you will find the minutes from many of the past meetings.

The 2016 AALAS elections will open as of June 1st and our district will be electing both a Trustee and an Alternate Trustee this year. Please make sure that your email contact information is up to date with AALAS as ballots are only sent via email.

It is an honor to serve as your Trustee so please call on me for any assistance you or your branches may need and provide me with feedback on any aspect of AALAS, so I can serve you to the best of my abilities.

Sincerely,

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