

Procedure to Identify Issues for Legislative Initiatives

RESOLVED, that in order to institutionalize a procedure for the identification and consideration of issues which may be appropriate for legislative initiatives or other legislative or rulemaking action, the following procedure shall be adopted.

1. Chairs of all substantive law committees shall be required to report in writing to their Board Liaisons prior to the close of each committee year with respect to any issues which, in their committee's view, merit consideration for legislative initiatives or other action by the Association. In connection with the preparation of their reports, Chairs of all substantive law committees shall be encouraged to poll their committee members during the course of the Committee year in order to identify issues, which may merit such consideration.
2. Each Board Liaison shall transmit all such reports to a member of the Board or Executive Committee designated by the President-Elect for the coming Association year. Such designated members of the Board or Executive Committee shall promptly compile and transmit all such reports to the Chair of the AIPLA Fellows for the Fellows' review and consideration.
3. As promptly as practicable thereafter, and at least within one month following the commencement of the next Association year at the Annual Meeting, the Chair of the Fellows shall transmit the Fellows' conclusions with respect to all such reports to the incoming President of the Association.
4. At the President's discretion, any issue(s) identified by the Fellows as meriting legislative initiatives or other action to Committees having jurisdiction over the subject matter to which they pertain for review, study, and the preparation of appropriate resolutions to be submitted to the Board.

Griff explained the resolution in detail, highlighting that the goal is to make the committees consider legislative proposals each and every year. Ron Myrick agreed with the proposal, as long as it was understood not to be the exclusive means of developing legislative proposals. In responding to a concern raised, Griff stated it was his intent to have the committees report in writing as a means of assuring compliance. After some additional discussion, the Board approved the resolution as proposed with one dissenting vote.

*Taken from the March 13, 2003 Board of Directors Minutes.