

The Governance Committee having met on August 5th and August 12th makes the following recommendation:

The Governance Committee moves that ASALH members be allowed to attend all Executive Council Business Meetings as indicated in the documented Guidelines. Work sessions and committee meetings are excluded.

Rationale: The Executive Council is required by ASALH's Constitution and Bylaws to hold 3 meetings annually. It is up to the Council to hold additional meetings. Any additional business meetings held will be open to the membership. Work sessions and committee meetings will remain closed to the members.

Guidelines for Members Attending ASALH Executive Council Meetings:

ASALH membership will be allowed to attend ASALH Executive Council meetings as was the case prior to COVID and virtual meetings. The procedure for attending these meetings will also be the same and will be implemented as follows:

- Executive Council Meetings will be posted to the ASALH Calendar of Events
- In keeping with the previous process, except for the meetings held during the conference, members wishing to attend the meeting must contact the Executive Director to request the location/login information for the meeting
- The Executive Director will ensure that the request is made by a current member
- Requests must be made at least 24 hours prior to the meeting (this will allow time to ensure that the person is a current member)
- The member will be sent a Zoom invite or the meeting location prior to the meeting
- Members will be reminded that they are not active participants in the meeting
- Executive Sessions are closed to non-Executive Council members.
- Minutes of Executive Council meetings will be shared with the membership on the ASALH website on the Members Private page after the Executive Council approves the minutes
- The agenda will include a membership commentary period at the beginning of each meeting on agenda items only. Comments will be limited to the first three members requesting to speak.