

## Comments for NYSCENA Representatives and Alternates re By-Laws and Procedures Update from the Ad Hoc committee

The changes made to both documents were reviewed by the committee made up of past presidents as well as current members of the BOD

The previous By-Laws and Procedures were distributed at the January Meeting and are available from Sue Chalupa Breese if you need them. As not everything was on line in an editable version, the documents had to be retyped. We are assuring that we have both written and CD versions available for future reviews.

When necessary, resources were used from National ENA, and the states of Texas, California and Massachusetts, as all had these documents on line on their Web sites already. You can access them at any time for clarification.

Any typing or grammatical errors will continue to be noted and the motion to accept the By-Laws and Procedures will include correcting any of those items found at a later time as long as content is not affected.

The changes to the By-Laws were the least complicated.

All references to 501c (6) were changed to 501c (3).

Objectives and activities were moved to procedures. The Purpose remains in By-Laws

Membership is expanded to include all levels as per National ENA

Organizational Levels and Governing authority are as per ENA

Note: There is a finance committee within the BOD to review tax statements and act as oversight for the interests of NYSCENA.

The role of Immediate Past president was inadvertently left off the list of officers. It has been added. That section was not a change from the previous ByLaws

The changes to Procedures were much more involved, but much occurred in formatting. All items from the 2005 procedures were noted in the new revisions.

The Change to two tier voting process comes directly from National ENA procedures

Committee objectives will be reviewed at the April meeting and can be revised as the current chairperson and committee members recommend. The conference piece is missing for now. We have found the original workbook and hope to scan it in and have them available for review in April/August.

The committee is recommending we reimburse lodging for chapter representatives over \$120.00 (an increase of \$20.00) if needed by the chapter.

The most significant changes are in the sections marked Chapters and Finance. These changes are made to assure we remain in compliance with our tax status. Please review them carefully. We want to help maintain out chapters, but not at a risk to the State Organization.

We hope this helps you as you review the documents prior to the meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Chalupa Breese.