

HP/HX Policy Harmonization Task Force

Report to the House Officers

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The task force initially decided the work should be divided into 3 phases:

1. Repositioning current polices into a new outline, combining HP and HX sections.
Tentative Timeline: prior to 2022 HOD
2. Renumbering the current policies—once we have a consensus to where all policies can be placed in a logical order, we make a proposal to the House Officers to include a numbering system (much like what was already done for the Standing Rules).
Tentative Timeline: Prior to 2022 HOD
3. Review each section of the new outline to determine policies that are redundant or overlap and make recommendations for resolutions to correct. Make recommendations to split current resolutions to separate concepts and place in pertinent areas of the policy manual. Make recommendations to the House Officers for areas in which there are gaps in policy that should be addressed.
Tentative Timeline: Likely 2022-2023 Leadership Year if House Officers would like to proceed in this manner

At this time, the task force has completed its work for phases 1 and 2 and have presented the House Officers with a draft of a reorganized policy manual.

For Phase 1, the following guiding principles were utilized by the task force:

- Similar policies grouped in the same area of the manual

- This will help to identify redundancy and gaps in AAPA policy
- Consideration of the main concept of the policy when more than 1 issue is addressed
- Placement in an area of the policy manual where it is most likely a delegate would search policy on that issue
- Outline that anticipates new policies in “hot topic” or current time-relevant areas

For Phase 2, the following guiding principles were utilized by the task force:

- Numbering system that eliminates the “dot” system (i.e., 3200.1.4.1)
- System that allows for expansion in the future without renumbering

Recommendation from the task force:

The task force recommends that the House Officers utilize the new outline and numbering system to place new policies from the 2022 HOD and then release the “new policy manual” to delegates after the new placements are made (not prior to the HOD meeting). This will serve to “test” the new outline for ease of use with the House Officers.

The task force is willing to put together a document outlining the old and new numbers for each policy to help with the transition for delegates.

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