

Resolution Number: 405-2021

Title: Amendment to the Standing Rules of the House of Delegates, Section 4. Caucuses

Reference Committee Assignment: Governance

Sponsor(s): 2020-21 Governance Committee

Financial Impact: None

RESOLUTION

Resolved, that the Standing Rules of the House of Delegates, Section 4. Caucuses be amended as follows:

Section 4. Caucuses

Caucuses are meetings of groups of delegates to discuss House business.

A. District Caucuses

District caucuses are composed of representatives from the chapters within the district. Members from each district caucus must elect a trustee annually to serve on the Board of Trustees. Caucuses may develop their own caucus rules and conduct any other necessary business.

B. Joint Caucuses

Joint caucuses are composed of representatives from two or more districts as indicated below:

Districts 1, 2 & 3

Districts 4 & 5

Districts 6 & 7

Districts 8 & 9

Districts 10 & 11

Each joint caucus may interview officer candidates, develop their own caucus rules and conduct any other necessary business.

C. Hazing

Hazing is not permitted at ASDA meetings or district events. ASDA defines hazing as ‘any action taken or any situation created intentionally that causes embarrassment, harassment or ridicule and risks emotional and/or physical harm to members of a group or team, whether new or not, regardless of the person’s willingness to participate.’

Activities that are not permitted shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

Asking candidates or members of the association to:

- Complete potentially physically taxing tasks (e.g. pushups, dancing or tying shoes).
- Answer questions not reflective of the skills necessary to fulfill a national leadership position (e.g. sexually suggestive prompts).
- Respond to questions in a manner not befitting a professional (e.g. responding in song).

Creating an environment of intimidation for candidates or members of the association, which may include:

- Invading personal space
- “Catcalling”
- Mocking candidate responses
- Bullying

Any actions taken or situations created to produce or cause mental or physical discomfort, harassment or embarrassment will not be tolerated.

To maintain legal and professional standards, district caucus facilitators (e.g. district trustees, national leaders, etc.) shall not conduct nor condone hazing activities and will be required to sign an anti-hazing form vowing to not participate in or allow others to engage in hazing activities.

Action: The Chair moves 405-2021 with a recommendation of a yes vote.

House Action: Adopted by the House.