

Proposal 2010.02: To implement a process for presenting ideas, policies and procedures to the WFDF Board of Directors. (Approved Board of Directors 8-0-0 4 May 2010)

Background: WFDF has often been cited by its member associations for poor to inconsistent communications and a lack of transparency. A recent letter by one of WFDF's larger members suggested that decisions were being made "behind closed doors" without having "the various arguments for and against the event being discussed with the WFDF membership or distributed to the membership."

As a nonprofit 501(C)3 organization recognized by the US Internal Revenue Service and the state of Colorado, WFDF is expected to keep official records of all decision made by the Board of Directors. While such decisions are most properly made during an official meeting, there should always be formal documentation of any pending policy or procedure decisions affecting members and the business operations of the members, including a statement of why the decision/policy/process/program is needed, pros and cons of such a decision, and its financial implications.

A process is needed whereby such documentation is assured.

Proposal wording: That the following "Proposal Process" be implemented by the WFDF Board of Directors for use in both its internal decision making as well for use by its members in presenting new programs, events, policies and procedures to the Board.

All proposals to the Board of Directors shall be presented in the following format:

Background: Information on why the proposal is being submitted. Outline the problem/opportunity that is being presented.

Proposal Wording: This is the actual text of the proposal, what the Board is being asked to vote on. For lack of a better way of saying it, this is the "legalese". Be very careful in this wording as to ensure that the intent is well captured and understood by those who will read and review the proposal.

Pros/Cons: Outline the reasons why the proposal is beneficial to WFDF and some of the reasons why it might not be beneficial. This should be kept to two short lists of bullet points of about three to five items. Each bullet point should be no more than a couple sentences in length.

Financial Implications: Many proposals require a level of financial commitment from WFDF. Provide a best estimate on how much implementing the proposal would cost WFDF. On the other hand, what are the potential benefits to the WFDF? Is there a potential revenue stream?

Conclusion: A simple summary paragraph tying the entire presentation together and supporting the proposal.

Pros:

The above process provides a simple, concise, consistent method for Board members, National Associations and even the average disc sports player to present ideas to the Board for consideration.

By developing a clear process with request for specific information, it is hoped that the workload of the Board will be streamlined majority of information needed to make a decision will be included in the proposal in a format that is easy to review.

Cons:

Will require those with ideas to gather their ideas and present in a consistent format.

Financial implications: None

Conclusion: The above process provides a simple, concise, and consistent method for Board members, National Association and even the average player, to present an idea to the Board for a vote.