

Subject Matter of Motion	New Advisory Council Standing Rule – Early Input to Board of Directors Discussion Topics
Audience & Type	[] Board of Directors Action [] Business Proposal to Management [] Bylaws Change [X] Advisory Council Work Process
Statement of Issue	The Board of Directors has moved wisely from a motion-driven agenda to a discussion driven agenda. Many issues and ideas are managed as Discussion Topics. The current remit for the Advisory Council does not specifically require the Board of Directors to share discussion topics with the Advisory Council for input. This misses an opportunity.
The motion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The AC Chair should confer with the ACBL President with the objective to agree on a short statement of topics of interest that the Advisory Council can provide meaningful input to prior to a final Board decision. • The AC Chair will present these topics along with the motions scheduled for Board vote for discussion and input by the Advisory Council.
Discussion	The Advisory Council should offer cogent input to new issues and opportunities as they are being discerned by leadership. The Chair and the President are best placed to decide which topics are appropriate for consultation with the Advisory Council prior to any action by the Board. This maximizes the usefulness of the Advisory Council input to the Board’s decision process.
Material impacts	None. These topics might arise after the journal is published and before the BoD meeting is held. The special meeting for the Advisory Council to provide input might occur prior to the availability of a discussion topic. The President is encouraged to offer topics of interest that are appropriate for Advisory Council input even if a formal topic is not yet prepared for the upcoming Board meeting. The Advisory Council is a forum for exploring new ideas.
Reasons to adopt the motion	It’s the Advisory Council’s role to provide advice and input from our members. We offer this to the Board on discussion topics about complex issues that have no liability, security or privacy implications, and that the Advisory Council is equipped to offer guidance about. We can also get member input from around the ACBL. Done well this process will build trust and mutual respect between the bodies.
Risk if the motion is not adopted	If the Board continues to believe they should solidify their position prior to bringing issues and ideas to the Advisory Council for discussion, we have severely limited the usefulness of any input. Guidance for decisions is most helpful before the decision is made, when the unknowns are clear, and more information from different perspectives can only help.

Respectfully Submitted,
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