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Standing Rules

Field Services Alliance

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At our 2001 retreat at Pere Marquette Lodge in Illinois, a committee of FSA members, consisting of Karla Nicholson, John Harris, Terry Davis, Tim Glines, Pat Miller, and Robin Levan, developing standing rules for the Field Services Alliance (FSA). At the time they were developed, it was felt that the group did not need a detailed set of bylaws as the group has, since its founding in 1988, functioned reasonably well as a loosely organized affiliation of professionals. The purpose of these rules is to define who is eligible for membership in FSA and to outline procedures for identifying and electing the group's leadership. FSA has been operating under these rules since they were first developed and they were formally adopted on February 17, 2002 by a vote of FSA members present at the FSA winter retreat in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

1. That FSA expand its officers to include a chair, vice-chair, and secretary
2. That the vice-chair shall succeed to the position of chair at the end of his/her term
3. That terms for officers are limited to two years. Officers cannot serve consecutive terms, but may serve in the same office multiple times.
4. That a FSA webmaster be appointed to maintain the FSA web site and FS-list duties
5. That a slate of officers be selected by a nominating committee named at the winter retreat during election years, and that the slate be presented and voted upon at the subsequent annual meeting
6. That the following statement be adopted as a means of determining eligibility for membership in FSA:
FSA members shall be paid staff members of organizations that have and promote an organized, ongoing program for delivery of services to small grass roots history organizations.
7. That FSA members present shall each have one vote in official actions taken at FSA meetings.