

**ACSA Region 8  
Executive Board Meeting Agenda  
Thursday, October 4, 2012  
Old Spaghetti Factory  
3:15-4:30**

*Orders of Business*

Call to Order

Introductions

Approval of the Minutes

Meeting in a Memo

Questions, Answers, Clarifications

Treasurer's Report

*Matters of Decision*

New Business

*Discussion Items*

Bylaws Discussion

ACSA Strategic Planning

Mini-Conference Discussion



## Region Discussion Summary Report

Region # 8

Discussion led by: Erik Burmeister, President

Date of Discussion: September 13, 2012

Type of Meeting: Region Leadership Meeting

Number of Participants: 30+

Please summarize the main points made during the discussion:

Discussion Question: "Is it possible for ACSA to be a hybrid of representative government and the corporation model and/or is there an alternative beyond these concepts that would benefit ACSA?"

Views expressed for which there was strong agreement:

- *The question is confusing in that the participants don't know to which hybrid government model vs. corporation model you are referring. The question is not specific enough to give strong feedback.*
- *Nearly everyone was unanimous in the feeling that ACSA needs to remain MEMBER-driven.*
- *What separates ACSA from other organizations that we "assume" you would characterize as having a corporate model, such as ASCD and NASSP, is the relationship members build with one another through shared leadership of the organization.*

Views that many agreed with:

- *There are areas for improvement especially as it relates to taking some of the more 'administrative' duties away from the volunteers so they could focus on their jobs and sharing their voice in the organization, rather than clerical work related to membership and other pieces.*
- *The governance structure's weakness is impacted by the lack of consistency from region to region. Strengthening practice across regions would help the organization immensely.*
- *The book Race for Relevance is an excellent starting point for the discussion. Our region enjoyed reading pieces of it at our retreat.*
- *Creative, innovative thought that dares to consider doing things differently may be necessary to keep ACSA strong.*
- *The rotating nature of the ACSA state board where 1/3 is replaced each year does not provide the level of*

*consistency and effectiveness that the organization requires; this results in the staff being the consistency and takes away from the member-driven nature of the organization.*

Views held by one or two participants:

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