

Proposal for Amendments to the NAGPS Constitution and Bylaws by Marrah E. Lachowicz Scroggins current NAGPS Secretary, CIO and Brent Laabs former NAGPS Western Regional Coordinator and Legislative Concerns Chair.

Per the current NAGPS constitution Article VI section two "Amendments may be proposed by any voting member in good standing, Region, or by the Board of Directors, at least sixty (60) days prior to the vote."

- The UCD GSA is a "voting member in good standing," our current 2009-2010 have already been paid and verified by the NAGPS Treasurer
- The UCD GSA bylaws defers to the External chair for all external relations, not requiring me to obtain Executive Council or Assembly approval to draft language to submit for a vote at the NAGPS Membership Meeting
- A vote will be called from the assembly to approve or endorse any documentation for NAGPS constitutional changes sent to the membership at the 45 day deadline-this will qualify as the vote UC GSA will cast in support of changes to the NAGPS Constitution at the Membership Meeting
- As an Executive Officer of the NAGPS Board of Directors, if that does not also qualify as a "member in good standing," I am not sure what does
- Additionally I am a \$50 Individual dues paying member to NAGPS which also qualifies me as a "voting member in good standing"

Included are five constitutional amendments:

- Amendment to amend Article I of the NAGPS Constitution to bring NAGPS in compliance with Internal Revenue Code.
- Amendment to strengthen our membership process while increasing the flexibility available to the Board of Directors.
- An NAGPS Constitutional Amendment to amend the Constitutional Amendment process.
- The NAGPS Executive/Board Reform Act (NEBRA) of 2009, a Constitutional Amendment to restructure the NAGPS Board of Directors.
- Amendment to create an Advocacy Coordinator and a Membership Coordinator.

Also included are:

- Commentary on why policy choices were made for the Constitutional Amendments
- Bonus bylaw amendment!: The Geography Awareness Act of 2009