

**NSSA Executive Committee
Minutes of meeting in Santa Fe, NM 3:00pm MST, 05/11/08**

Present at the meeting:

Roger Pynn (RP)
Brent Fultz (BF)
Greg Smith (GS)
Simon Billinge (SJB)
John Root (JR)
Shenda Baker (SB)
Angus Wilkinson (AW)

Missing:

Suzanne te Velthuis (StV)

Agenda

- 1) **NSSA charity status**
- 2) **NSSA officer elections**

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Discussions

1) NSSA charity status

AW raised the issue of changing our status from a "non-electing" charity to an "electing" charity for tax purposes. AW will check with our lawyer to see whether there are down-sides. AW thinks the change would simplify our tax reporting and also ensure that we stay a charity even if we do more lobbying than we have in the past. Pending advice from our lawyer, the execom approved the change.

2) NSSA officer elections

The possibility of changing the constitution so that the VP would automatically become the Pres, with each serving a 2-year term was discussed. It was felt that a two year term is too short to get anything accomplished. It was also noted that the President cannot be a facility employee. For this reason, a change to allow direct succession would effectively bar the VP from being a facility employee. It was agreed that this would not be a good idea because it restricts too much the NSSA officer positions accessible to facility employees.

Respectfully submitted, Suzanne te Velthuis, 05/20/08.