

Who Can Vote?

WSSMA Board of Trustees Meetings

The WSSMA president presides over the Board of Trustees (BOT) meetings. The full board is convened five times a year: summer, fall, winter and two spring meetings (immediately before and immediately after the annual conference). The BOT plays a crucial role in the business of the organization and has legal accountability to all WSSMA members, particularly with regard to funds held by the organization.

The full board consists of elected officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Speaker of the House, Vice Speaker of the House and Immediate Past President, as well as six elected trustees and the president and vice president of each chapter. There may be WSSMA members whose attendance is required at the BOT meetings, but who do not have a vote. Examples of these members are the Advisors and Parliamentarian and may include some committee chairs.

Business that requires action between these meetings is handled by the Executive Committee. This consists of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Immediate Past President and two additional members elected by and from the Board of Trustees for a period of one year (known as "executive trustees").

Board meetings are open to all WSSMA members, but only board members can make a motion, second a motion, call for the question and/or vote. Other WSSMA members present at board meetings may participate in discussion without vote. Standing rules and committee guidelines can be changed with board approval.