

## Proposed Changes to the ACS Electoral Districts Being Presented in New Orleans by the Committee on Nominations and Elections

ACS Bylaws require that there be rough parity each year in the membership populations of the six geographic Districts from which District Directors are elected to the Board of Directors. These population levels are calculated at the end of each year based on year-end membership levels. Occasionally, due to changes in the size of various local sections, these levels move out of alignment with other Districts, and fall outside of the permissible range of District populations. When this happens, N&E is charged with bringing forth a proposal to Council to adjust these populations and bring them back into the permissible range.

When N&E brought a proposal to the Philadelphia Council meeting to bring District III into compliance, numerous Councilors suggested a more comprehensive realignment proposal that would “stand the test of time.” In response, N&E has prepared a broader proposal for the realignment of the six Districts. We are seeking comments on our proposal now and at the spring National Meeting in New Orleans. After comments are received, the realignment proposal will be presented to Council for its approval at the fall National Meeting in Indianapolis.

How did N&E go about developing this proposal? It appointed a Taskforce on ACS Election District Redistricting and charged it with developing a fair and balanced proposal which brought every District closer together in their populations. The Taskforce was diligent in taking into account Local Section boundaries, state lines, and input from Councilors in preparing the presented proposal.

The Taskforce picked the mid-point of the range of allowable District populations (23,376 members) and worked to bring every District to within 400 – 1000 of that mid-point. As the new permissible range came in for year-end 2012, it appears that the proposed changes held solid – although the ranges did change from 2011. The updated range is now 20,888 – 25,530. At the end of 2012, no District was out of the accepted range, although several were close.

It is important to note that Election Districts have nothing to do with Regional Meetings. Despite any proposed changes, Local Sections will still attend the Regional Meeting of their choice. Election Districts and Regional meeting areas are completely independent of each other.

An email with comments on this proposal may be sent to the Committee at [nomelect@acs.org](mailto:nomelect@acs.org).

We welcome all input!