

Motion:

Districts 14 and 26 move that WSEA 92 not require that Standing Committee Workshops be hybrid.

Background:

Unintended consequences of the approved WSEA 92 Hybrid Meeting Motion includes the following impacts on the Standing Committee Workshop (SCW) hosting districts and Standing Committee Chairs:

- Hosting districts are now required to provide facilities that have adequate WIFI capabilities for the main meeting room and breakout rooms. Sufficient breakout rooms for each standing committee are required. This is resulting in higher costs, without area support for hosting hybrid meetings.
- Hybrid meeting requirements can reduce the number of districts that are willing to host SCWs.
- Hosting districts are required to provide the hybrid meetings yet are not provided any area financial support for them. Area funding is not provided to pay for travel costs for the area technical support member(s) to produce the hybrid meetings. This cost is now the responsibility of the hosting district.
- Standing Committee Chairs are now required to provide their own computer and camera (if not built into the computer.) They are also required to both conduct a workshop session and run the hybrid production.
 - Variability in equipment, WIFI bandwidth and user experience has in many cases resulted in less than satisfactory online participant experience.

Removing the requirement that Standing Committee Workshops be hybrid will eliminate the financial burden and facility constraints now being placed on the hosting districts. It will also reduce the personal burden on current and future Standing Committee Chairs to provide the equipment and run hybrid breakout sessions.

This motion does not preclude hosting districts from doing hybrid SCWs. That choice will be up to the hosting district.

Financial Impact:

No financial outlay is involved with this motion. Elimination of the costs associated with conducting hybrid meetings by hosting districts will be realized if the hosting district chooses not to do a hybrid meeting.

What will happen if this motion is not passed?

Hosting districts will continue to pay for production of hybrid meetings without compensation from the area who through the hybrid motion made them required. Standing Committee Chairs will continue to either have their own equipment to run their hybrid meeting breakouts at SCWs or make arrangements to have equipment available.