

Updates to ASC&B Language on Public Comments

New Language:

Public Comments that relate to 10+1 items (outlined in California Title V) that are not on the agenda will be limited to 2 mins. per speaker, 10 mins. per topic. Public Comments on agenda items will take place before the A.S. body discussion begins but after any relevant presentations.

- Speakers must indicate their desire to address the body before the meeting is called to order by: emailing the A.S. President, Secretary, or Administrative Assistant or informing any of the A.S. Executive Officers in person (or via Zoom's chat or other messaging system) immediately before the meeting.
- Individual speakers may not yield their time to another speaker or spokesperson. However, if someone wishes to address the body on one issue at length, they are invited to communicate with the A.S. Executive Committee and ask that their issue be placed on an upcoming agenda.
- If the total time for Public Comment (on items not listed on the agenda) goes beyond 10 minutes, in order to accommodate two or more topics, the body will resume public comment after the agenda has been completed. Only the A.S. President would need to remain to hear these comments, all Officers and Senators would be free to go after the conclusion of all agenda items.

The above is based on the recommendation from Jim Mahler, AFT President—that we update our ASC&B Language on Public Comments, the body arrived at the following at the 9/3/24 meeting:

- Based on the discussion, we agreed to treat this as a first read—Senators will need to report back to their constituents and be prepared to discuss adding the proposed language (below) to the A.S. Constitution.
- This language is based on discussions during the meeting and may be modified before being voted on if Senators and their constituents wish to.
- Recall, we can amend our Constitution and Bylaws if there is 2/3 approval.