

This document is a draft of a proposed structure and purpose of the Not for Profit Council. The review of the previous structure and purpose was suggested as a way to reevaluate the purpose and function of the Not for Profit Council following the reorganization of the ACA board. It was assigned to a steering committee consisting of Not For Profit members to address in order to identify the continuing need for, purpose, and leadership structure.

Not For Profit Council

Structure and Purpose

Affiliate Group of the American Camp Association*

Purpose:

Provide networking opportunities that facilitate communication among Not-for-profit members of the ACA.

Provide a format to engage Not-for-profit members in discussions that identify critical trends and issues relating to the industry.

Provide a platform to investigate and launch new initiatives to meet the key challenges of ACA Not-for-profit camps and their members.

Provide support for the work and mission of camp, in particular the not for profit sector, through the development of tools and resources.

Promote and provide educational opportunities that address issues pertinent to not for profit camp.

Some Activities to support purposes may include:

Sponsor at least one professional development opportunity for NFP members each year at National Conference.

Sponsor projects/research to address identified issues of concerns for the NFP camps and their members (currently do this with the ACA Research Outcome Tools).

Facilitate communication and sharing of resources among members – via email, website, etc.

NFP Leadership Team (or Steering Committee) shall consist of:

Chair: (Term length to be determined. Suggestions are one or two years and can they serve more than one term in office repeat an office) Other considerations: Duties of Chair? How to be selected? elected? Appointed from leadership team?

Chair – elect: (One year as elect & 1 yr as chair: to be determined. Key responsibility is to serve as the contact to National office concerning fiduciary items, as well as prepare to move into Chair position)

5 to 7 members (Could be Chairs of sub-committees as identified by the group)

- The leadership team would have the authority to use available funds, and to invite others to join short term task groups formed to respond to emerging issues and needs of the non profit sector.
- Term of office or serving on leadership team varied from 1-3 years suggestions (the first year so they would be staggered to always have some experienced members. Terms could be repeated once or not.
- It was suggested that the Council be a self perpetuation group (meaning it would find members to serve) or the steering committee could ask for interested people (or suggestion of potential members) to submit their names and a short bio by January 1 so that the transition be at the National meeting. The steering committee would review and select members.
- It was suggested that we identify a liaison from each Sections.

To be eligible to be on the Leadership Team one must be a current paid member of the Not for Profit Council.

*ACA Affiliate Group: Formal groups created by ACA to serve the interests of niche groups of the organization. ACA oversees the development of their budget and goals, and collects dues on their behalf. (e.g., Religiously Affiliated Camps)
