

Proposal on TACAS Advisory Council Organizational Structure

華協董事會組織提案

Proposed by Advisory Council & Executive Officers
To be presented and voted in the 2003 TACAS annual meeting

1. History 沿革

Since TACAS By-laws were registered in 1983, the organizational structure of TACAS has changed twice through two proposals. Both proposals were formally approved via the majority vote in the annual meetings in respective years. In the 1992 proposal, the operational structure was divided into a “**Board of Directors**” (BOD) and an “Executive Committee”. The BOD was in charge of mid-term and long-term planning and to supervise the operation of the TACAS Corporation, while the Executive Committee is the operating body, including the four **Executive Officers (EO’s)**, these positions are President, President-Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer) and additional members appointed by TACAS President. After receiving comments from a third-party consultant specialized on structure of non-profit organizations, the BOD in 2002 was renamed “**Advisory Council**” (AC), and the “Executive Committee” went back to use the name of BOD. Members of the AC and EO’s are designed to be elected positions, and other BOD members were appointed/elected by the President and other BOD members.

自從 1983 年 TACAS 的 By-laws 註冊至今，TACAS 行政組織曾經由兩次的提案而修正。這兩次的提案在分別的年會中經多數投票贊成而通過。在 1992 年的提案中，TACAS 的行政組織被分成 Board Of Directors (BOD) 和 Executive Committee，其中 BOD 擔負中長期性計劃及監督會務功能，而 Executive Committee 則是執行部門，包含四位 Executive Officers (EO’s) 〈會長、副會長、秘書及財務〉及額外由會長任命委派的成員。經諮詢非營利組織顧問後，2002 年的提案重新命名 BOD 為 Advisory Council (AC)，而執行部門則成為 BOD。部分 AC 成員和 EO’s 在每年大會中重新選舉任命，其他的 BOD 成員則由會長及已任命的 BOD 成員選舉。

2. Objectives of this Proposal 提案目的

Last year’s change provided a successful and smooth year for TACAS. To strengthen the organizational structure, it will be necessary to specify the roles and responsibilities of the AC. Given that current TACAS By-laws requires any modification to be approved by over 2/3 of ALL TACAS MEMBERS, By-laws amendment won’t be achieved without careful planning and good execution.

去年的修正使 TACAS 有一個順暢運作的一年。為加強組織的結構，我們有必要訂定 AC 的角色和責任。根據現有的 By-laws 規定，任何修訂都需經由 2/3 的全體 TACAS 會員投票贊成通過，因而 By-laws 的修正需有細心的策劃配合良好的執行才可能達成。

Therefore, we are presenting the third “proposal” to document the mission and roles/responsibilities of the “Advisory Council” and to define how EO’s and AC members should be elected. If this proposal can receive the majority vote of the attendance in the coming annual meeting, it will immediately become the guideline for operations of TACAS until AC members can propose and conduct the necessary TACAS By-laws amendments to make the organization operate accordingly.

因此我們提出此第三次提案來訂定 AC 的任務及責任並定義 EO 及 AC 成員的選舉規則。如果這項提議能得到大多數參與年會的會員投票通過，它將成為 AC 提出和執行必要的 By-laws 修改前的 TACAS 的執行準則。

3. TACAS Advisory Council Mission, Roles and Responsibilities

Mission

- To ensure the Objects of the Corporation described in the By-laws are followed.
- To ensure the long-term goal of the Corporation can be served.
- To provide continuity and to ensure smooth transition of operation from year to year.

Roles and Responsibilities

- Define TACAS long term directions and policies.
- Define, interpret, and be in charge of the amendment process of TACAS By-laws when it is called upon.
- Search, accept nomination, and confirm the qualification for candidates of Executive Officers and AC members. The qualification of confirmation requires 2/3 approval of AC members and EO’s.
- Conduct the annual election.
- Provide consultation to TACAS President as required.
- Provide help in organizational crisis and emergency situations.
- Monitor TACAS financial status, special fund management, and critical event operations.
- Respond to the removal request upon TACAS Executive Officers.

4. Election Process

Advisory Council should consist of five members, each serves a two-year term. AC members should be elected by the general members during the annual meeting, and they can be re-elected for unlimited terms. Qualifications for the candidacy should include, but not limited to, being an active TACAS member of no less than 1 year, endorsement from six TACAS members, and being able to serve the Corporation with no conflict of interest. The same requirements should be applied to candidates for the officers' positions. For years with three candidate openings, the council should invite the Raleigh Chinese Language School to nominate one AC candidate.

5. TACAS Non-Political Definition

TACAS is recognized as a non-political organization, by which it means there is

1. no fund-raising activities
2. no open endorsement
3. no political campaign

for any, including domestic and foreign, specific political parties or candidates.