

The logo for Cook Children's Medical Center features the name "CookChildren's" in a blue, sans-serif font, with three blue triangles above the "i" in "Children's". Below this, "Medical Center" is written in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font.

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Medical Center

29 June, 2011

Sarah Kirby, Chair  
Midcontinental Chapter of MLA  
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Dear Sarah,

The Bylaws Committee reviewed the Midcontinental Chapter's motion during its meeting at the MLA Annual Meeting in Minneapolis. We appreciate your thoughts and concerns on this issue.

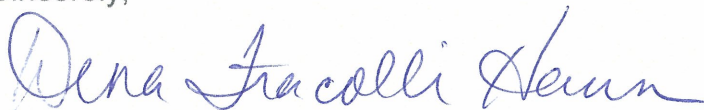
During its discussion the Committee determined that the current model bylaws statement on meetings [ARTICLE V. Section 1.] does not define or limit the format of meetings. Therefore the manner of voting may include mailed ballots, online voting, or voice voting. There is no wording that indicates chapters may not include virtual meetings that make it possible for concurrent oral participation during the business meeting.

For these reasons, the committee defeated the Chapter's motion to amend the model bylaws.

If the Chapter believes that further clarification or guidance is needed, we recommend putting your proposed language into a procedures manual.

Thank you so much for your active participation in the Bylaws of your Chapter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dena Fraccolli Hanson".

Dena Fraccolli Hanson, MLA Bylaws Committee Chair

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