



To: Members, Senate Committee on Agriculture, Financial Institutions, and Insurance

From: Senator Dale Schultz, Chairman

Date: March 3, 2003

Re: SB 485 related to meetings of the board and members of nonprofit corporations

Dear members,

Thank you for your consideration of SB 485, which will enable nonprofit boards to operate with increased efficiency.

Currently, Wisconsin law allows nonprofit corporations and their representatives to meet in person or via telephone conference. They also may settle issues by a vote held in person or by a written ballot, as long as they meet requirements ensuring fair representation and accountability are met.

Often times, members of nonprofit boards rely on volunteers to serve on boards, committees, and task forces. To streamline this meeting process, SB 484 will allow Wisconsin nonprofit corporations to adopt electronic voting via e-mail as a new option in conducting business. Wisconsin would join Illinois, Delaware and Virginia as well as the District of Columbia in allowing electronic decision-making by not-for-profit organizations. Such a change will keep Wisconsin a desirable place for nonprofit associations to be headquartered.

The simple technical amendment before you seeks only to clarify the intent of the SB 485 bill. The amendment simply defines electronic communication and signatures in terms that are more explicit.

Again, I thank you for your consideration of this legislation, and encourage the committee to give this legislation your unanimous support.

SB485 Amendment Adoption
Vote Record

Committee on Agriculture, Financial Institutions and Insurance

Date: _____

Type: _____

Moved by: Schultz

Seconded by: Kedzie

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Be recommended for:

- Passage Adoption Confirmation Concurrence Indefinite Postponement
 Introduction Rejection Tabling Nonconcurrence

Committee Member

Senator Dale Schultz, Chair

Senator Ronald Brown

Senator Neal Kedzie

Senator David Hansen

Senator Julie Lassa

Aye

No

Absent

Not Voting

Totals:

Motion Carried

Motion Failed

Vote Record

Committee on Agriculture, Financial Institutions and Insurance

Date: 03-03-04 Type Exec

Bill Number: SB-485 as amended

Moved by: Schultz Seconded by: Kedzie

Motion: PASSAGE

<u>Committee Member</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Not Voting</u>
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Senator Ronald Brown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Neal Kedzie	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator David Hansen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Motion Carried

Motion Failed

**Public Hearing of the
Senate Agriculture, Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee
SB – 485 Electronic Meetings**

**Testimony of Daryll Lund, Wisconsin Society
of Association Executives**

Honorable members of the Senate Agriculture, Financial Institutions and Insurance committee my name is Daryll Lund. I currently serve in a voluntary role as the Chair of the Wisconsin Society of Association Executives (WSAE) Government Affairs Committee as well as the Secretary/Treasurer of WSAE. The WSAE is an association representing more than 300 members representing business, charitable, civic and professional organizations headquartered in Wisconsin. WSAE is committed to the profession of association management and promoting in members high standards of personal and professional conduct.

On behalf of the WSAE we encourage your support of Senate Bill 485 that will allow nonprofit corporations governed under Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 181 to conduct meetings and vote on issues via electronic communications. In addition to WSAE over 70 organizations have signed on in support of SB 485. (Attached)

Key Points in Support of SB 485:

- **Utilize current technologies to conduct business.** A majority of nonprofit meetings are conducted either in-person or by telephone conference calls. SB 485 will allow Wisconsin nonprofits to adopt current technologies such as electronic voting via e-mail as a new option in conducting business.
- **Create efficiencies for nonprofit volunteers.** Most nonprofits rely on volunteers to serve on boards, committees, and task forces. Voting on issues via e-mail will allow for volunteers to participate in the governance of nonprofits while providing flexibility for the volunteer's schedule and time commitment.
- **Cost savings for nonprofits.** It is important that nonprofits manage their budgets carefully. SB 485 will help nonprofits save money by reducing the need for in-person meetings or mail ballots.
- **Create flexibility in nonprofit governance.** With SB 485 nonprofits will be able to more efficiently address issues such as bylaw changes, board elections, policy issues, etc.
- **Keep Wisconsin a favorable state for nonprofits to be headquartered.** With passage of SB 485 Wisconsin would join Illinois, Delaware and Virginia as well as the District of Columbia in allowing electronic voting for nonprofit organizations.

WSAE strongly supports the adoption of Senate Amendment 1 to SB 485 that specifically addresses membership meetings.

Thank you for consideration. I respectfully request your support SB 485.

ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTING SENATE BILL 485 (2/26/04)

American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry
American Academy of Emergency Medicine
American Bowling Congress
American College of Cardiology-Wisconsin Chapter
American Council of Engineering Companies of WI
American Society for Quality
American Society of Agronomy
American Society of Experimental Neurotherapeutics
American Society of Gene Therapy
Apartment Association of South Central Wisconsin
Association of Lutheran Development Executives
Association of Wisconsin Cleaning Contractors
Bowling Incorporated
Civil Trial Council of Wisconsin
Clinical Immunology Society
Community Bankers of Wisconsin
Conners/Barrett & Co. LLC
Council for Accreditation in Occupational Hearing Conservation (CAOHC)
Credit Union Executives Society (CUES)
Crop Science Society of America
Excel Leadership Consulting, LLC
Executive Director Inc.
Financial Planning Association of Southeastern Wisconsin
Greater Madison Area Society of Human Resource Management
Hendrickson & Associates
International Certified Crop Advisors
Meeting Professionals International Wisconsin Chapter
Midwest Equipment Dealers Association
Milwaukee Kickers
Muni Electric Utilities of Wisconsin
NaSPA
National Association of Health Education Centers
National Association of Insurance & Financial Advisors-Wisconsin
National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO) - Greater Madison
National Funeral Directors Association
National Reading Conference
Nelson Associates
Perinatal Foundation
Professional Insurance Agents of Wisconsin, Inc.
Rehabilitation for Wisconsin
Residential Services Association of Wisconsin
Scoliosis Research Society
Soil Science Society of America
SPEBSQSA, Inc. (Society for the Preservation of Barber)
Svinicki Association Management, Inc.
Tavern league of Wisconsin
The American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology, Inc.
Tomorrow's Home Foundation
WACHA (The Premier Payments Association)
Wisconsin Association for Perinatal Care
Wisconsin Association of School Business Officials

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SB 485 – Supporting Organizations

Wisconsin Automotive Aftermarket Association
Wisconsin Automotive Parts Association
Wisconsin Bakers Association
Wisconsin Bed & Breakfast Association
Wisconsin Dental Association
Wisconsin Funeral Directors Association
Wisconsin Housing Alliance
Wisconsin Innkeepers Association
Wisconsin Institute of CPAs
Wisconsin Library Association
Wisconsin Manufactured Housing Association
Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce
Wisconsin Merchants Federation
Wisconsin Ready Mixed Concrete Association
Wisconsin Realtors Association
Wisconsin School Food Service Association
Wisconsin Society Of Professional Engineers
Wisconsin Society of Architects
Wisconsin Society of Association Executives
Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association
WOCNCB (Wound, Ostomy, Continence, Nursing Cr. Bd.)