

ASPAN COMPONENT REORGANIZATION FAQ

Why is ASPAN reorganizing?

ASPAN is creating 10 new Regions to provide a stronger and more sustainable structure, more consistent support, clearer connections with National, and greater opportunities for collaboration among members and leaders.

Why are some Regions further along than others?

Every Region progresses independently. Regions contain different Components and may have different governing documents, legal structures, financial circumstances, and state requirements. A Region advances when all participating Components have completed the requirements for its current phase.

Does a different timeline mean our Region is behind?

No. Different timelines are expected, and ASPAN National will keep Component leaders informed about their Region's individual timeline and next steps. Component leaders will share relevant updates with members.

What is the Designated Entity?

The Designated Entity is the existing Component legal entity identified to provide the legal and corporate structure through which the new Region may be established. It is needed for the legal establishment of the Region; it is not selected to govern the developing Region.

Does the Designated Entity's existing board govern the new Region?

Selection as the Designated Entity does not give its existing board authority to govern the developing Region. The Interim Regional Board provides regional governance during the transition, while each Component board remains responsible for its own Component and required Component-level work.

What is the Interim Regional Board?

The Interim Regional Board is responsible for governing and planning the developing Region during the transition. Participating Components identify representatives in accordance with ASPAN guidance. The Interim Regional Board begins its regional planning work after the required Component approvals are completed.

What will the Interim Regional Board plan?

Its work includes the Region's governance framework, leadership structure, operations, communications, regional activities, ASPAN affiliation, and implementation plan.

What happens to existing Component boards?

Existing Component boards remain active and continue managing Component operations during the transition. They also complete any Component-level transition and legal closeout activities required by ASPAN. Their responsibilities continue until they are formally concluded.

Are Components still conducting business as usual?

Yes. Components remain active and continue their normal meetings, educational events, leadership activities, financial responsibilities, and member communications unless ASPAN provides different instructions.

What will happen to Component funds?

Existing Components continue managing their own finances and operating funds during the transition. The treatment of Component assets and legacy funds will depend on the approved legal reorganization method and instructions provided by ASPAN and legal counsel. Components should not independently transfer, distribute, designate, spend down funds, or close accounts in anticipation of the reorganization unless specific guidance has been provided.

Will members lose their ASPAN benefits?

No. Members will continue to have access to ASPAN education, standards, resources, professional development, national programs, volunteer opportunities, and professional connections.

Do members need to take any action now?

No individual member action is required unless a Component or ASPAN communicates a specific request. Members should continue participating in their Component and watch for official updates.

When will the new Regions launch?

The new regional organizations are expected to launch in summer 2027. ASPAN will provide additional information and instructions as Regions move through planning and implementation.

Where can members find more information?

The Component Reorganization Roadmap and Roadmap Guide are available on the ASPAN website. Members should also watch for updates from their Component leaders and official ASPAN communications.

What if I am asked a question that is not covered here?

Do not speculate or independently interpret legal, financial, or operational requirements. A helpful response is: 'I want to make sure you receive the most accurate and current information. I'll capture your question and refer it to Erica for follow-up.' Send the question to Erica Hunter at ehunter@aspan.org.