



Bylaws: Legislative Committee Region Representative Terms

Recommendation

Discuss with regions whether to amend the bylaws to stagger the two-year terms of Legislative Committee service region representatives, with even-numbered regions changing on January 1 of even-numbered years, and odd-numbered regions changing on January 1 of odd-numbered years.

Background

Legislative Committee region representatives currently serve two-year terms that coincide with the legislative session. The terms begin on January 1 of each even-numbered year.

The current bylaws state:

The chair and chair-elect serve a one (1) year term based on the calendar year. The Service Region representatives shall serve two (2) year terms that coincide with state legislative sessions. Steering Committee liaisons shall serve a one (1) year term based on the calendar year. (Bylaws (VI)(G)(2)(a)(2).)

The Legislative Committee reviewed the current bylaws and, when presented with the recommendation above, voted to support a change to the bylaws. This change would provide continuity between legislative sessions by staggering the two-year terms, with even-numbered regions changing on January 1 of even-numbered years, and odd-numbered regions changing on January 1 of odd-numbered years.

Currently, region representatives will complete their terms ending December 31, 2022. Depending on the timing of implementation (and the desire of the committee chair and members), the staggered terms could begin starting January 1 of either 2022 or 2023.

Example of Revised Terms, Starting January 1, 2022

	Term (Years)	2021	2022	2023	2024
Chair	1*	Jan. 1	Apr. 1	July 1	July 1
Chair-Elect	1*	Jan. 1	Apr. 1	July 1	July 1
Regions 1,3,5,7,9,11	2	Jan. 1		Jan. 1	
Regions 2,4,6,8,10	2	Jan. 1	Jan. 1		Jan. 1
Steering Committee Liaison	1	Jan. 1			

* Pursuant to bylaw changes to align executive committee members to fiscal year terms, the current chair and chair-elect will serve 1.25-year terms.