

OPTN/UNOS Membership and Professional Standards Committee (MPSC)
Meeting Minutes
June 26, 2018
Conference Call

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Introduction

The Membership and Professional Standards Committee (MPSC) met via Citrix GoToTraining and teleconference on June 26, 2018, to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Hospital-based OPO Voting Privileges Project
2. Committee Actions

The following is a summary of the Committee's discussions.

1. Hospital-based OPO Voting Privileges Project

The Committee continued its discussion of a proposal to grant voting privileges to hospital-based OPOs (HOPOs). The OPTN received a request in February 2018 from the administrative directors of the seven HOPOs. This request provided reasons for changing the Bylaws to grant HOPOs individual votes on OPTN matters, instead of a single vote that is currently provided for OPOs and transplant hospitals located within the same hospital. The MPSC considered this request when it met in March and indicated general support but suggested that any changes would need language that assured separation within the hospital organization between the OPO and transplant programs at the hospital. The chair tasked a work group of the committee to develop the HOPO proposal for further consideration. The work group met monthly from March through June 2018 to develop the proposal.

The proposal gives a HOPO the opportunity to submit a request to be considered for voting privileges if it meets the qualifications. The HOPO must provide documentation of a level of separation from its supporting hospital to avoid the concern that giving the HOPO voting status would result in multiple votes for one member.

During the June 26 meeting, staff presented the proposal to revise the following sections of the OPTN Bylaws: Article I: Membership; Appendix B, Membership Requirements for Organ Procurement Organizations (OPOs); and Appendix M: Definitions.

Following the discussion, which resulted in several minor changes, the Committee voted in support of a motion to distribute for public comment the proposed Bylaws changes reviewed and discussed during the call (25 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions).

2. Committee Actions

The Committee unanimously agreed that actions regarding Bylaws, Policy, and program-specific decisions made during the OPTN session would be accepted as UNOS actions.

RESOLVED, that the Committee accepts those program specific determinations made during the meeting as UNOS recommendations.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Committee also accepts the recommendations made relative to Bylaw and Policy changes.

The Committee voted 25 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

Upcoming Meetings

- July 17-18, 2018, Chicago
- October 16-18, 2018, Chicago