

## Notice of OPTN Bylaw Change

# Modify Appointment Process for the Histocompatibility Vice Chair

<b>Sponsoring Committee:</b>	<b>Histocompatibility</b>
<b>Bylaw Affected:</b>	<b><i>Bylaw 7.1: Composition of Standing Committees</i></b>
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### Purpose of Bylaw Change

Prior to this change, Vice Chairperson of the Histocompatibility Committee was elected by Histocompatibility laboratories. This process differed from all other OPTN Standing Committees, where the Vice Chair is appointed by the Vice President of the OPTN Board. This change establishes consistency, efficiency and reduces administrative burden by modifying the appointment process.

### Proposal History

- The Committee started working on the proposal in early 2019.
- It went through public comment August 2-October 2, 2019.
- No concerns were identified during the public comment period.
- The proposal was supported in all regions and by all major professional associations.

### Summary of Changes

- The Vice Chair election process will be eliminated.
- The Vice Chair will be appointed by the OPTN Board Vice President.

### Implementation

- Communication to the member community that all future Vice Chairpersons will be appointed.

### Affected Bylaw Language

#### 7.1 Composition of Standing Committees

Each standing Committee must be represented by each of the OPTN geographic regions. For more information about the OPTN regions, see *Article IX: Regions* of these Bylaws.

All standing Committees should have at least one representative from each region as well as representatives from the following:

- Transplant hospitals
- OPOs
- Transplant coordinators
- Transplant candidates, recipients, donors, or their family members

The Histocompatibility Committee should have at least one histocompatibility laboratory representative from each region-

The vice president, as incoming president, will appoint representatives to the Committees from a list of nominations received from the regional councillors. Committees will, to the extent practical, include racial and gender representation reflecting the diversity of those served by the OPTN.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Project Officer for the OPTN contract and the Director of the Division of Transplantation, or representatives they designate, serve *ex-officio* and do not have a vote on the Committees.

Committee members are usually appointed to only one standing Committee at a time, but the vice president may appoint members to multiple Committees to enhance communication between Committees, or for any reason that may increase knowledge and productivity of the Committees.

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