

**OPTN/UNOS Executive Committee
Meeting Summary
January 19, 2017
Web Conference**

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Discussions of the full committee on January 19, 2017 are summarized below. All committee meeting summaries are available at <https://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov>.

Committee Projects

1. Rewrite of Bylaws Article II: Board of Directors

The OPTN/UNOS Executive Committee, through its Board Governance Subcommittee has been reviewing the structure and recruitment process for the OPTN/UNOS Board of Directors. As part of that review, the subcommittee identified improvements that are needed in the Bylaws governing the structure and operations of the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee, and the Nominating Committee. UNOS staff presented a rewrite of Article II to accomplish the following changes:

- Clarify that the maximum number of Board members (42) applies to voting Directors and the OPTN Executive Director and two HHS representatives are not included in that count.
- Clarify that the voting Directors approve the final slate of nominees for the national ballot of the Board of Directors with a majority vote of those present at the meeting.
- Clarify that the Nominating Committee recommends a slate of officers and at-large directors and regions elect an associate councillor that subsequently becomes the nominee for regional councillor (except in rare cases of regional or associate councillor vacancies).
- Allow an officer to serve in more than one position for the unexpired term of another officer vacancy.
- If a vacancy occurs in the office of the president, the vice president will become the president and serve the unexpired portion of the previous president's term + the normal one-year term.
- Add language to require that the regional councillor and associate councillor reside or be employed in the region they represent throughout the entirety of their term in these roles.
- Clarify the Board's options for extending a term and the voting threshold required to do so. In the case of a regional councillor vacancy, the Board will have the option to extend the current regional councillor for up to a year, appoint the associate councillor to serve for three years, or fill the vacancy with a new Director to serve for the unexpired portion of the Director's term.
- Make consistent the voting Directors' authority to fill vacancies and remove voting Directors, and clarify the voting threshold that applies to each action.
- Add language to clarify how vacancies will be filled on the Executive and Nominating Committees.

After reviewing the changes, the Committee unanimously approved that the language in the proposal (11-Y, 0-N, 0-A) be distributed for public comment.

Public Comment Proposals

By unanimous vote, the Committee approved the following proposals to be distributed for public comment during the Spring 2017 cycle:

- White Paper Addressing Financial Incentives for Organ Donation (Ethics Committee)
- Histocompatibility Laboratory Bylaws and Policies Guidance Document (Histocompatibility Committee)
- Rewrite of Bylaws Article II: Board of Directors (Executive Committee)
- Improving Allocation of En Bloc Kidneys (Kidney Transplantation Committee)
- Liver Review Board Guidance Documents (Liver and Intestinal Organ Transplantation Committee)
- National Liver Review Board (Liver and Intestinal Organ Transplantation Committee)

New Committee Projects

By unanimous vote, the Committee approved the following new committee projects:

- Assessment of Transplant Programs Conducting A2/A2B to Blood Type B Deceased Donor Kidney Transplants (Minority Affairs Committee)
- Education to Reduce Unnecessary Discard of Kidneys with Small RCC Found Pre-Transplant (Disease Transmission Advisory Committee)
- Tracking Pediatric Transplant Outcomes Following Transition to Adult Transplant Programs (Pediatric Transplantation Committee)
- Expedited Organ Placement (Organ Procurement Organization Committee)

Other Committee Work

2. By recommendation the majority of voting members and member electors in Region 7, the Committee was asked to approve Dr. Srinath Chinnakotla as the region's nominee for the national Board of Directors slate. The Committee unanimously approved this request. Dr. Chinnakotla will be listed as uncontested on the national ballot as the nominee for the Region 7 councillor.

Upcoming Meetings

- February 27, 2017
- March 20, 2017