

**OPTN/UNOS Executive Committee
Meeting Summary
November 14, 2016
Web Conference**

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Discussions of the full committee on November 14, 2017 are summarized below. All committee meeting summaries are available at <https://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov>.

Requests for Feedback

1. UNOS staff presentation of new member fiscal impact tool

Over the past several years, members of the transplant and procurement community have advocated for the Board to consider the financial impact to members when making decisions about policy changes. Due to substantial feedback, the Board included this objective in the 2015-2018 OPTN strategic plan. UNOS staff have been working with different types of members to develop a member fiscal impact assessment process. The draft process for gathering the information was presented to the Board as part of a breakout session during the June 2016 Board meeting. For the first time in December 2016, the Board will receive additional information about member fiscal impact as part of the overall Resource Assessment Impact Statement (RAIS) provided on each policy proposal.

UNOS staff presented the format and content of the new tool to the committee and asked for feedback. One committee member suggested it would be beneficial to have a member of the OPTN/UNOS Finance Committee on the fiscal impact working group. Another member suggested it would be beneficial to understand whether the financial impact to the member would be borne by the member or a third party (such as a payor). UNOS staff explained that they may be possible in the future as more experience and knowledge is gained about transplant program and OPO finances.

2. MPSC presentation on revisions to Bylaws Appendix L

Appendix L of the OPTN Bylaws details actions that the OPTN, through the Membership and Professional Standards Committee (MPSC), Executive Committee, and Board of Directors, may take when members fail to comply with OPTN obligations. Appendix L also outlines members' due process rights when the MPSC or Board of Directors is considering taking certain actions.

The MPSC is currently working on a proposal to revise this section of the Bylaws and requested initial feedback from the Executive Committee, especially with regard to sections dealing with the Executive Committee and Board role in the imminent threat review pathway.

The Committee members voiced some concerns about the limited options that the Executive Committee and the imminent threat review panel have to protect patient safety in instances where a member cannot immediately mitigate the threat identified. Although the current process includes an option for public notice when the Board or Executive Committee issues an adverse action of Member Not in Good Standing or probation, the members of the committee stated that notice does not provide for safety of all patients.

There was also concern about separating the Executive Committee decision on whether to issue an adverse action and the decision of whether to provide public notice. The concern was about instances where the Executive Committee issued an adverse action and public action and public notice and the adverse action was later overturned by the Board of Directors.

The Committee did agree that having the committee interact with the member earlier was a step in the right direction. Committee members also viewed positively the change to have both parties present (the MPSC chair and the member) when the MPSC Chair presents a recommended action to the Board.

Upcoming Meetings

- December 5, 2016
- January 19, 2017
- February 27, 2017