

**OPTN/UNOS Executive Committee
Meeting Summary
April 24, 2017
Web Conference**

**Stuart Sweet, MD, PhD, Chair
Yolanda Becker, MD, Vice-Chair**

Discussions of the full committee on April 24, 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 Executive Committee sponsored a Spring 2017 public comment proposal to rewrite Bylaws Article II: Board of Directors. All commenters (committees, regions, and societies) were in support of the changes and no concerns were expressed. The Committee did discuss and decided to move forward with two post-public comment changes:

1) Clarifying that the Board of Directors could call a special meeting if 25% of voting Directors request it in writing to the Executive Director. Previously, the Committee had proposed that a majority of voting Directors must make the request. Members of the committee proposed the change to be more in line with requirements of other such non-profits.

2) Clarifying that individuals serving on an OPTN committee who are not affiliated with a transplant hospital, OPO, or histocompatibility laboratory will have regional voting privileges.

By unanimous vote, the Executive Committee recommended that the revised proposal move forward for Board approval.

Requests for Policy Clarifications

2. The Histocompatibility Committee requested a clarification to changes approved but not yet implemented in Policy 4.10 Reference Tables of HLA Antigen Values and Split Equivalences. The Histocompatibility Committee recently discovered an unacceptable antigen (DQA1*04:03N) in the reference tables that needed to be removed. The Executive Committee unanimously approved the new language.

3. The internal SLK policy implementation team requested a clarification to changes approved but not yet implemented in Policy 8.5.G Prioritization for Liver Recipients on the Kidney Waiting List. The clarifying language makes clear that a liver recipient who becomes permanently eligible for the new kidney “safety net” classification will be able to transfer that eligibility with a request for transfer of primary waiting time. The Executive Committee unanimously approved the new language.

New Committee Projects

4. The VCA Committee requested approval to begin work on a new project, “Aligning VCA Transplant Program Membership Requirements with Those of Solid Organ Transplant Programs”. The POC recommended approval of this request. By unanimous vote, the Executive Committee approved the new project.

Upcoming Meeting

- May 15, 2017