

**OPTN/UNOS Histocompatibility Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 5th, 2019
Conference Call**

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Introduction

The Histocompatibility Committee met via Citrix GoTo teleconference on 03/05/2019 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Future Project Discussion

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

1. Future Project Discussion

The Committee will hear an update on the project to *Modify Appointment Process for the Histocompatibility Vice Chair* and decide whether to recommend this to the OPTN/UNOS Policy Oversight Committee (POC) later this month.

Data summary:

- The Histocompatibility Vice Chair is elected through a national election. The Vice Chairs for all other OPTN committees are appointed by the OPTN Vice President.
- This is an effort to increase efficiency, reduce administrative burden and to make the appointment process for the Histocompatibility vice Chair be more consistent with other OPTN committees.
- This project would have minimal financial cost and staff time.
- UNOS staff is currently researching OPTN archives to identify how and why this election process started.
- The timeline of the project was presented.

Summary of discussion:

- Members were concerned about the selection process for the Vice Chair and ensuring that during the appointment process a candidate is chosen with histocompatibility experience and OPTN committee experience.
 - Members suggested putting into policy a requirement for experience/participation in OPTN committees.
 - The Chair assured the committee that during the appointment process the current chair, Vice Chair and UNOS staff will work together to suggest appropriate candidates for the position and members agreed that leadership's input is sufficient.
- There was discussion on whether this project is ready for Policy Oversight Committee (POC) consideration. Members expressed the following concerns and suggestions:
 - The Vice Chair gave a brief review of the function of the Policy Oversight Committee (POC) to refresh the committee members.
 - The Chair and Vice Chair were supportive in moving this to the POC and stated that there should be no issues in receiving POC approval on the project.
 - The timeline of this project was presented and members wanted to make sure that the implementation of this project would be effective in time for the next Vice

Chair appointment process. UNOS staff assured that the timeline could be expedited to factor that in.

- The committee had no opposition to moving this project forward.

Voted to move this project to Policy Oversight Committee approval. The votes are as follows 13 yes; 0 no; 0 abstained.

Next steps:

- UNOS Staff will get back to the committee on why the election process for vice chair was put into place.
- Development timeline in order to apply to the next Vice Chair appointment process as of March 5th, 2019:
 - POC consideration on March 26th, 2019
 - Executive Committee in April 12th 2019
 - Committee vote in June 2019
 - Public Comment August 2019 to October 2019
 - Board consideration December 2019

Upcoming Meeting

- March 26th, 2019 In-person committee meeting Chicago, IL