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Consideration of Procedures, nominations and protocols for the election of Commission Officers

Term

Commission officers are elected and serve for a one year term. There is no policy preventing officers from serving multiple terms. Any Commissioner interested in seeking office may do so at the time of annual elections.

For Commission Consideration and discussion

Currently, officer elections are held annually during the November Commission meeting. There is an average of six Commission meetings per year. Commission members may choose to re-elect current officers during the November meeting. If a Commissioner elected as an officer, completes their appointment time during their office term, the Commission may hold elections to fill the vacancy at the next scheduled meeting. The officer elected would serve out the remainder of the term.

The Commission may want to consider that the newly elected officers officially begin January 1st.

Who can nominate?

- Nominations may be submitted to Keri Tippins, General Counsel
- Anyone may submit a nomination
- Self-nominations are permitted and encouraged
- Current Officers may also nominate themselves

Interested Candidates should submit their names prior to or during the October teleconference meeting. Nominations may be submitted via e-mail.

Nominations shall be presented, accepted and finalized during the October Teleconference meeting.

Elections

Elections shall be held during the November 2013 Commission meeting

During the November meeting an agenda item will be reserved to conduct officer elections. Names of nominated candidates shall be included in an agenda item.

All interested candidates and nominees will have an opportunity to address the commission and share their vision for their service as an elected officer

Elections will determine the three officers of the Commission:

- The Chairperson,
- Vice Chairperson
- Secretary

Voting

Those present* at the annual November meeting shall vote for their candidate of choice. The vote is frequently done by voice vote and shall remain part of the minutes.

Note: “Present” does not exclusively mean physically present. A Commissioner may participate via a conference call if their physical location is noticed. A participating Commissioner must be able to hear and participate in the proceedings.

Elected officer will be determined by majority of votes of those present* and voting.

Qualities of nominees

Nominees should be:

- Elected on merit and ability.
- Willingness to devote adequate time to the responsibilities involved.
- Knowledgeable regarding the eligibility requirements and the qualifications necessary for the offices to be filled as well as the responsibility of each office.
- Aware of the qualifications and abilities of potential nominees.