



Changes in the election schedule

Discussion item

Bordeaux, France, 19 October 2024

Background information

Currently, Region officers other than Directors (Secretary, Treasurer, Vice-Chairs) are elected in the Fall R8C Meeting before their term starts.

E.g. 2025-2026 officers elected during the 123rd R8C meeting in October 2024

After the election, new Committee Chairs and members need to be appointed to start in January. This is a very tight deadline.

A joint OpCom meeting is typically held in November/December to facilitate the transition.

Discussion

Would a change in the election schedule benefit the transition and continuity in Region operations?

If new officers are elected during the Spring meeting (around March/April) there is a 6 months overlap period that can be used as training for the new officers.

No change is required to Bylaws or Operations Manual for this.

Pros/Cons

PROS

Overlapping with previous officers would help in training and the transition

Appointments can be started earlier, making sure they are ready for 1 January

CONS

Nominations would be collected earlier, with less time for people to consider applying and submit their applications

Overlapping can undermine the decisions of the sitting officer

Discussion