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# Proposed Governance Update – 2020



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# Process for Governance Change

- ▶ The “ITRC Governance Document” may be amended by majority vote of the general membership. All amendments must be first reviewed by the ITRC Board of Advisors, require a minimum 30-day notice prior to voting by the general membership, and which is approved by ERIS
- ▶ Timeline
  - ▶ October 22: Email 2020 ITRC Members asking for a vote on the Governance change to allow electronic voting for the co-Chair position
  - ▶ November 23 – December 14, 2020: Vote open to 2020 General Membership
  - ▶ ERIS must approve the revised Governance
- ▶ ITRC will post the revised Governance to the website

# Voting Privilege

Change clarifies where/how a vote can take place, as well as defining the majority of the general membership?

## Current Language:

The ITRC membership is entitled to vote [votes] to elect ITRC Board of Advisors Co-Chairs and on issues that are presented to the general membership in accordance with the ERIS Bylaws. **Voting, by majority, occurs at regular meetings of the general membership.** The ITRC Board of Advisors may decide to hold a membership **vote by e-mail** or in other venues that are timelier to the issue, and that vote must be fair and accessible to the membership.

## Proposed Language for Vote:

The ITRC membership is entitled to vote [votes] to elect ITRC Board of Advisors Co-Chairs and on issues that are presented to the general membership in accordance with the ERIS Bylaws. **Voting, ~~by majority,~~ occurs at meetings of the general membership and/or virtually as needed. An election needs to be confirmed by a majority of votes cast within a designated timeframe from the current year membership base.** The ITRC Board of Advisors may decide to hold a membership **vote by e-mail** or in other venues that are timelier to the issue, and that vote must be fair and accessible to the membership.

# Election and Terms

Proposed changes: virtual or in person vote; start the Co-Chair term on the calendar year; clarify state member for Co-Chair

## Current Language:

The ITRC Board of Advisors Co-Chairs are **elected by the ITRC membership at the Annual Meeting** and serve staggered, three-year terms. Nominations for the Co-Chairs must be submitted to the ITRC Director no later than 30 days prior to the election. If a co-chair cannot fulfill the duties of their position during their term and prior to the upcoming Annual Meeting, then a member of the existing voting Board may fill that position in an acting status until the **next meeting when an election can be held**. The Acting Chair's prior position on the Board will then be backfilled (as a temporary assignment) via an Acting Appointment by the two Chairs and with concurrence from the Board and public, tribal, and stakeholder members.

## Proposed Language:

The ITRC Board of Advisors Co-Chairs are **elected by the ITRC membership at the Annual Meeting in person and/or electronically as needed**. The Co-Chairs serve staggered, three-year terms **aligning with the calendar year**. Nominations for the Co-Chairs must be submitted to the ITRC Director no later than 30 days prior to the election. If a co-chair cannot fulfill the duties of their position during their term and prior to the upcoming Annual Meeting, then a **state** member of the existing voting Board may fill that position in an acting status until ~~the next meeting when an election can be held in person or virtually~~. The Acting Chair's prior position on the Board will then be backfilled (as a temporary assignment) via an Acting Appointment by the two Chairs and with concurrence from the **Voting Board, and public, tribal, and stakeholder members**.