Nominations, Elections and Governance Committee Meeting Meeting Minutes

Subject	NEG Committee	Meeting Notes : Dates	September 10, 2013		
Facilitator	Peter Schenck, Chair	Time	2:02 PM until 2:40 PM		
Location	GoToMeeting®	Scribe	Peter Schenck		
Attendees	R. Allen, L. Coller, J. Cushman, P. Schenck, B	. Sensenbach, J. Smith, G. Williams Exc	cused/Absent: G. Glessner (E), M. Shah (A)		hah (A)
	This workgroup's responsibility is: Standi	ng Committee			
	Key Poi	nts Discussed and Action Items			
No.	Topic	Action Item(s)		Resources	Target Date
1	Introductions and Work Plan Regular Meeting				
2	Old Business Open MLREMS and REMAC positions	 Presented nominee slate for open seats on both the MLREMS Council and REMAC. All nominee information will be sent to the Program Agency for distribution to all Council members. Discussed Justin Schindler's nomination, as the letter of support provided was not from a MLREMS Course Sponsor. Justin has been contacted and is working to get an appropriate letter of support prior to the next Council Meeting. 		P. Schenck	9/10/13

- Finance policy	The policy has been returned from the attorney. There are minor grammatical changes, and a Credit Card section added. The document will be edited for format and then sent out to all Council members for review prior to the next Council Meeting	P. Schenck/ B. Sensenbach	9/11/13
Background Check Policy	Discussed status of background checks since the Vice Chair is currently vacant. The committee's recommendation will be for the Council to entertain a motion to wave the policy until January 2014, when there will be a new Vice Chair. All current members will then have checks run by the Vice Chair.		

3	New Business		
	Council Member Attendance	Discussed the current state of attendance. Special meetings were discussed, whether or not they should be counted towards the attendance requirement. After discussion, it is the committee's recommendation that all Council meetings, whether they are regularly scheduled meeting or special meetings, should count towards the attendance requirement. Also, ex-officio members were discussed, specifically if they lose their voting rights if they fail to make the attendance requirement. After discussion, it is the committee's recommendation that ex-officio members of the Council can lose their voting rights if they fail to make the attendance requirement.	
	Potential Regional Council merger update from Dr. Cushman	Dr. Cushman reported that NYS is looking to merge regional councils. The current proposal being considered merges the Monroe-Livingston Council with the Finger Lakes Council. This type of proposal has been considered for the last four years, and Dr. Cushman doesn't recommend that the NEG committee take any action at this time.	

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Election Planning for 2014	Discussion on which Council members complete terms at the end of 2013. Also discussed Council Officer terms. Mark Tornstrom has been Chair for four years and cannot run again, per the by-laws. The committee will work on this more at the	
	October committee meeting.	

4	Next Steps - Submission of information on nominees to the Program Agency for distribution to all Council members	- Submit information in pdf format P. Schenck	9/10/13
	 For both MLREMS and REMAC, continue to plan for which positions term out at the end of 2013 and of these, which positions will be up for election for new four year terms beginning in January, 2014 	Action item for October NEG Committee meeting	10/15/13
	 Election Ballots for the September MLREMS Council Meeting will need to be prepared 	 Need to be ready for the September Council Meeting P. Schenck	9/16/13
5	Next Meeting	The next regularly scheduled NEG committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 15, 2013 at 1400 via GoToMeeting®. The information for participation and public involvement at this meeting is published on the MLREMS website.	