

1. Do alternates have term limits?

Answer: While Rec. 3 and 6 do not specify term limits, we believe alternates are also term-limited. The appointing organization is responsible for determining an alternate's term and communicating that to the CSC. We did, however, note that the term served as an alternate will not count against the allowable term as a member. (In other words, an alternate could serve in an alternate capacity for two years, but upon appointment as a member, their term as a member would start anew.

2. Can alternates serve as liaisons to the IFRT/SCWG?

Answer: No. We have specified this in the CSC Charter.

3. May alternates be removed at any time by the appointing org?

Answer: Yes. Similar to a member or liaison, there may be a change in circumstance or cause for removal. According, we added language to this effect.

4. Do alternates have attendance requirements that make the CSC removal applicable?

Answer: Members can be removed from the CSC for reasons other than delinquent attendance (change in circumstance, resignation, etc.), so we think removal is still applicable. The strict attendance requirements only apply to members/liaisons.

5. When an alternate is present, is the strict attendance rule for the member/liaison still applicable?

Answer: In our reading of the CSC Effectiveness Review Team's Recommendations 3 and 6, we understand the ability to appoint Alternates is to mitigate the concern regarding the quorum requirement. In other words, an alternate may take the place of a member if a member is absent so that the CSC can still take decisions during a meeting. However, the appointment of alternates does not affect the attendance requirements for members. In other words, members must still attend at least 9 meetings per year and cannot miss more than two consecutive meetings. (We liked Sam's proposed language and included it in the proposed edits to the Charter.)

6. If the appointment of an alternate is advisable but not required, is there any accounting for a vacancy in the alternate position?

Answer: Because there is not a requirement to appoint an alternate (and just a strong encouragement), I drafted language to note that upon the vacancy of an alternate, the appointing org will be strongly advised but not required to appoint a replacement within 60 days.

7. If an alternate has been appointed and there is a vacancy in the primary member/liaison role, is there a preference that the alternate be made the primary?

Answer: Yes. We changed the timing to organize selection from 30 days to 60 days.