

# Lapsed Co-Chair Membership

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Issue	We really do not address WG co-chairs with lapsed memberships. The GOM currently states that they must step-down immediately, but that almost never happens. Frequently, a co-chair doesn't even know they or their organization's membership has lapsed and in truth, they have little or no control over when/if that membership will be reactivated. In looking at 09.02.07.04 it does not specify what "immediately" is, particularly in regard to the added verbiage of "Resolution of the individual's membership status..." To avoid further problems, I recommend we set a time frame on what "immediately" is; i.e., how long do they have to resolve their membership status so that there is more control over the situation.
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## GOC Analysis

The issue raised is valid given that the individual involved may not be aware of the change in their membership status until informed by HQ. Following discussion with the submitter, the GOC recommends that 09.02.07.04 be revised to read "Should a seated co-chair be notified of a change in membership status due to either the loss of individual membership or loss of membership by their organization or Affiliate, that individual shall have 30 days from the date of notification to resolve such membership issues. If unresolved by the end of that period, said individual shall immediately step down from the position of co-chair."

## Notes from May 2019 GOC WGM meeting:

- should be some discretion if there is a reasonable attempt to resolve their membership status.
- concern about how this is implemented with Affiliate members

# Proposed Revision to GOM

## 09 The Working Group

### 09.02 Work Groups

#### 09.02.07 Work Group Co-chairs

09.02.07.04 Co-chair Vacancy due to Change in Membership Status

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Should a seated co-chair experience a change in membership status due to either the loss of individual membership or loss of membership by their organization or Affiliate; that individual shall have 30 days from the date of notification to resolve such membership issues. If unresolved by the end of that period, that individual shall immediately step down from the position of co-chair. The Work Group shall notify HL7 Headquarters of the loss of a co-chair; request a co-chair election for the next WGM, and seek nominees for the position. Resolution of the individual's membership status would allow them to seek nomination for reelection as a co-chair. The Work Group may, using their decision-making practices, designate an individual other than the individual who stepped down to serve as a co-chair interim to the election who may be a candidate for said position.