

Board Position Appointments

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Issue	<p>Appointment of additional Board members in the second year of a term</p> <p>What the GOM currently says is that if one of the Directors resigns, the Board chair can appoint and interim until the next election and the person who is then elected serves through the end of the vacated term. This works well when the position is vacated the first year of a terms and prior to the nomination/election period that same year. It does not work well when the position is vacated after that, which was the case this past year. Walter's position as a Director became vacant when he won the chair elect position. Calvin then appointed Nancy Orvis. The EC doesn't think it makes sense to then have an election the second year and the elected person serve out the last few months of the vacated term. What makes more sense if for the appointed person to serve thru the end of the vacated term.</p>
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GOM Section(s) affected by Issue	<p>06.01.05 Vacancies</p> <p>06.01.05.01 Officer Vacancy</p> <p>06.01.05.02 Appointment of an Interim HL7 Director to Fill a Vacancy</p> <p>06.01.05.03 Appointment of an Interim Affiliate Director to Fill a Vacancy</p>
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GOC Analysis

06.01.05 Vacancies

06.01.05.01 Officer Vacancy

HL7 Bylaws §06.02 defines the process for filling Officer vacancies.

06.01.05.02 Appointment of an Interim HL7 Director to Fill a Vacancy

The Chair may choose to appoint an Interim HL7 Director to fill a vacancy until a duly elected HL7 Director is seated as a result of the [scheduled election for the vacated Director](#)

position. Those individuals nominated for HL7 Director during the most recent election, but who were not elected, shall form the primary pool of possible appointees should the Chair choose to pursue an appointment.

The process for selecting an appointee shall be hierarchical and consider the expressed support of the membership for the various candidates. The HL7 Chair, with the assistance of HL7 staff, shall contact the Director nominee receiving the second highest vote tally in the most recent election. Should this individual be unable or choose not to accept the appointment, the candidate with the third highest vote tally shall be contacted. And so on, until a candidate accepts the appointment.

Should no candidate for Director in the most recent election accept the appointment, the Chair may choose to consider those candidates for Officer positions in the most recent election; applying the same process of contacting that candidate with the second highest vote tally, then the third highest vote tally, etc.

As a further contingency, should the slate of candidates for HL7 Director or Officer from the most recent election not produce an appointee; the Chair with the assistance of HL7 staff may consider those nominees from the prior year's election, again prioritizing the order of contact based on most votes received. HL7 Staff shall validate that those nominees approached are current members and still meet the criteria for election. Should this last effort fail to produce an appointee, the HL7 Director position in question shall remain vacant pending the outcome of the next regularly scheduled Board election.

Upon appointment, the Interim HL7 Director shall be seated to fill the vacancy and shall complete **the term of the vacant Director position.**

The Interim HL7 Director **may** be placed on the slate of candidates to be considered for the replacement HL7 Director.

If the term served is longer than one year, then it is considered a full term for the purpose of eligibility for re-election.

06.01.05.03 Appointment of an Interim Affiliate Director to Fill a Vacancy

The Chair may choose to appoint an Interim Affiliate Director to fill a vacancy until a duly elected Affiliate Director is seated as a result of the **scheduled election for the vacated Director position.** Those individuals nominated for Affiliate Director during the most recent election, but who were not elected, shall form the primary pool of possible appointees should the Chair choose to pursue an appointment.

The process for selecting an appointee shall be hierarchical and take into account the expressed support of the Affiliates. The HL7 Chair, with the assistance of HL7 staff, shall contact the Affiliate Director nominee receiving the second highest vote tally in the most recent election. Should this individual be unable or choose not to accept the appointment, the candidate with the third highest vote tally shall be contacted. And so on, until a candidate accepts the appointment.

As a contingency, should the slate of candidates for Affiliate Director from the most recent election not produce an appointee; the Chair with the assistance of HL7 staff may consider those nominees for Affiliate Director from the prior year's election, again prioritizing the order of contact based on most votes received. HL7 Staff shall validate that those nominees approached still meet the criteria for nomination and election. Should this last effort fail to produce an appointee, the Affiliate Director position in question shall remain vacant pending the outcome of the next regularly scheduled Board election.

Upon appointment, the Interim Affiliate Director shall be seated to fill the vacancy and shall serve **the term of the vacant Director position.**

The Interim Affiliate Director **may** be placed on the slate of candidates to be considered for the replacement Affiliate Director.

If the term served is longer than one year, then it is considered a full term for the purpose of eligibility for re-election.