

**HL7 Governance and Operations Manual (GOM)  
HL7 Essential Requirements (ER)  
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56	<p>As a newly-elected co-chair as of the Jan. 2019 WGM and a relative newbie to the HL7 organization in general, I appreciate a "rolling" WG co-chair election process where I can lean on the experience of my fellow co-chairs while getting my feet under me.</p> <p>WG co-chair seats are the "lowest" level of elected positions within HL7 and also the most numerous, and there could be times of limited interest or availability of bodies to fill vacant co-chair seats. Thus, the chances are higher for WG co-chair seats that someone like myself would "volunteer" to self-nominate, get elected, and assume duties without a wealth of experience in HL7 processes and procedures. In that scenario, a "rolling" WG co-chair election process seems like it could provide the benefit of better ensuring process integrity after each election. By comparison, enforcing single, annual elections of WG co-chair seats could result in multiple (or even a majority of) co-chair newbies for a given WG assuming duties at the same time, which would almost surely lead to some confusion and process inconsistencies.</p>	<p>The GOC is of the opinion that the proposal for annual elections of WG co-chairs should serve to alleviate the anxieties of those relative "newbies" who seek WG co-chair positions.</p> <p>You will note that while the elections occur in July with the results announced during the Plenary, the newly elected WG co-chairs are not seated (i.e., do not assume responsibility) until January 1 of the following year.</p> <p>This should provide ample time for those new to the position to mirror their contemporaries while becoming familiar with the Co-chair Handbook; the WG's DMP; and both the Governance and Operations Manual (GOM) and HL7 Essential Requirements (ER). The thought being to facilitate the process of "hitting the ground running."</p> <p>No further action recommended.</p> <p>PIC concurs 03/20/2019</p>

	<p>By the time someone is nominated for TSC, SD, etc. positions, they should theoretically have more time and experience invested with HL7 to be able to “hit the ground running” in those roles, so annual elections for those positions would still probably make sense.</p> <p>However, I think WG co-chair elections are inherently different (as my own scenario exemplifies) and may still merit “rolling” elections, e.g., coinciding with each WGM.</p>	
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