



Council Policy

Policy Name	Executive Committee Composition
Issue Date	March 7, 2024
Revision Dates	N/A

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish the number of Executive Committee Vice Presidents in relation to the election of an Immediate Past President to the Committee.

Scope

In accordance with the 2021 Operational Review, and in support of the implementation of the OAA Strategic Plan, a governance review was undertaken in 2022. Changes to the composition of Executive Committee and committee leadership were among the key reforms implemented. In addition to the reduction in the number of Vice Presidents, the elimination of the Vice President portfolios has resulted in much greater clarity between operations and policy (i.e. Council governance).

The following specific changes were approved by Council on November 24, 2022 as a direct result of the governance review:

- Move from seven (eight) Executive Committee members to five; and
- Executive Committee will be comprised of the President, the SVP & Treasurer, the Immediate Past President (IPP), and two Vice Presidents.

Upon further review, consideration would need to be made in any given year where there is no Immediate Past President (IPP). The status of IPP is intended for a one-year period as it mirrors the one-year term of President, notwithstanding a member of Council may wish to run for a second consecutive year as President.

At the December 4, 2023 meeting of the Governance Committee, this matter was discussed followed by a recommendation to the OAA Council intended to maintain the intent of the governance reforms.

Policy Statement

The Executive Committee will be comprised of the President, Immediate Past President, Senior Vice President & Treasurer and two Vice Presidents. A President may serve two consecutive years. On the second year that the President serves, there is no Immediate Past President. As such, a third Vice President will be elected to serve in a year where there is no Immediate Past President.

Authority and Definitions

From [Regulation 27](#):

16. (1) At a meeting of the Council, the members of the Council shall elect by ballot from among the elected members a president, a vice-president and treasurer and two or more vice-presidents. R.R.O. 1990, Reg. 27, s. 16 (1).

(7) *No person is eligible to hold office as president for more than two terms in succession. R.R.O. 1990, Reg. 27, s. 16 (7).*

17. (1) *The Executive Committee is continued. R.R.O. 1990, Reg. 27, s. 17 (1).*

(2) *The Executive Committee shall be composed of the president, who shall chair it, the vice-president and treasurer, the vice-presidents and, if so elected by ballot by the elected members of the Council, the immediate past president of the Council. O. Reg. 253/96, s. 1.*

From the [OAA Bylaws](#):

6. Terms of Office

The term of office of the President, the Senior Vice-President and Treasurer and the Vice-Presidents shall commence on the day following their election and shall end on the day of election of their respective successors.

From the OAA Council Meeting on January 18, 2024:

Action

Council to consider the following motion:

It was moved by Wilson and seconded by Longlade that Council approve the following clarification regarding the composition of the Executive Committee of Council in support of the governance reforms implemented in 2023:

that the Executive Committee will be comprised of the President, IPP, Senior Vice President & Treasurer and two additional Vice Presidents, however a third Vice President will be elected in a year where there is no IPP; and, that the Governance Committee be directed to articulate this direction within a policy document.

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