NGAC Bylaws Revision

NGAC Meeting
October 28, 2020
NGAC Charter & Bylaws

NGAC Charter:

- **Required** by FACA
- Follows format provided by GSA & DOI
- **Current NGAC charter** updated March 2020, addresses NGAC roles/responsibilities described in GDA

NGAC Bylaws:

- **Not required** by FACA
- No prescribed format
- **Current NGAC bylaws** adopted by NGAC in 2008
NGAC Operations Subcommittee

- **Established 2019**
- **Initial Task:** Revise NGAC Bylaws to reflect and align with GDA
- **Membership:**
  - Cy Smith (Chair), Xavier Irias, Rebecca Somers, Harvey Thorleifson, Bobbi Lenczowski, Gar Clarke, Jason Warzinik, Christine Stinchcomb, John Mahoney, Ken Shaffer, Tricia Gibbons
- **Developed revised draft bylaws – August 2019**
  - Incorporated NGAC roles/responsibilities required under GDA
  - Consistent with Charter language
Bylaws - Outline

Sec. I Purpose
Sec. II Authority
Sec. III Membership Selection and Appointment
Sec. IV Meeting Procedures
Sec. V Subcommittees
Sec. VI Decision-Making
Sec. VII Role of NGAC Officials
Sec. VIII Expenses and Reimbursement
Sec. IX Reports and Information
Sec. X Review and Amendments of the Bylaws
DOI Review

• Draft Bylaws reviewed by DOI Solicitors Office & FACA Committee Management staff.

• Suggested changes:
  • Clarified that all NGAC meetings should be fully open to the public ("DOI does not close FACA meetings to the public")
  • Meetings should always include opportunity for public comment ("We should always allow the public to make an oral public comment even if it’s for a limited time")
DOI Review

• DOI suggested changes, cont’d:
  
  • Subcommittees: Notes that subcommittee appointments should be made by NGAC Chair “in consultation with the DFO.”
  
  • Remove provision for proxy voting (“...It is not forbidden in statute or regs as far as I know, but I think it would be problematic for a member who has not been at meeting hearing all views, including the views of the public in the open setting of a meeting, to be voting for a given decision. Alternates are allowable if charter allows, but proxy votes I think would not work.”)
Discussion / Action