

RAQPC Action Item Summary

RAQPC Bylaws: Article 4: Sections 1, 2, 3, and 7

1. The officers of the Committee will be a Chair, a Vice Chair, and the immediate Past Chair.
2. The Chair and Vice Chair shall be elected by a majority of those present and voting at the meeting at which these bylaws are adopted; and subsequently, at the first meeting after June 30 of each year. The Chair will be a current Executive Committee member or have severed as an Executive Committee member within the last three years. If no candidate for Chair meets these criteria, this position may be filled by any member of the Committee.
3. The Executive Committee Members shall be composed of the Chair, Vice Chair, Past Chair, and one member of each of the following three broad categories of membership: local government, business and industry, and citizens and environmental organizations. Each membership category shall recommend its membership for the Executive Committee.
7. Each officer will serve a one-year term. Consideration should be given to electing the Chair on a rotating basis to accommodate the broad categories of membership as represented by local government, business and industry, and citizens and environmental organizations.

Discussion:

Staff's records indicate that Mr. Tejada assumed Chair in December of 2008 due to an emergency situation. July elections were not held due to an oversight of informing RAQPC members of elections during the June meeting.

The current Executive Committee discussed how to proceed with elections and term lengths. It was decided that new elections were needed, and that the incoming officer terms will end by the July 2010 meeting in order to get back on schedule with the bylaws.

There was also a consensus to continue with RAQPC tradition in encouraging a rotation of Chair. The rotation is to have the current Chair assume the Past Chair position, the Vice Chair assume the Chair position, and have the broad category that is not represented by either the incoming Past Chair or incoming Chair nominate the incoming Vice Chair. The current rotation is citizen and environmental organizations obtain the Past Chair, local government obtains the Chair, and business and industry obtains the Vice Chair.

Summary:

a. Election of Executive Committee Members

Staff prompted members in each broad category to propose their officers for the Executive Committee. The results provided are:

Local Government:

Paulette Wolfson, City of Houston (Chair)

Snehal Patel, Harris County

Business and Industry:

Beth Whitehead, Greater Houston Partnership (Vice Chair)

Bob Lanham, Association of General Contractors

Citizen and Environmental Organizations:

Matthew Tejada, Galveston-Houston Association for Smog Prevention
(Past Chair)

Elena Craft, Environmental Defense Fund

A vote from the RAQPC membership will be needed to elect the positions of Chair and Vice Chair.