

Chapter 3: Rule on Rotating Ex-Officio Member of the Executive Committee

Reason for the Rule:

The purpose of this rule is to operationalize the process for identifying, rotating, and appointing a nonvoting ex-officio member from national social work organizations to the Executive Committee.

Authority:

This rule is promulgated pursuant to Section 12 of the Social Work Licensure Compact and fulfills Article IV, Section 2(c) of the Commission Bylaws, which authorizes a rotating ex-officio, nonvoting member seat on the Executive Committee.

Purpose: To establish the selection, term, and rotation process for the rotating ex-officio, nonvoting member of the Social Work Licensure Compact Commission's Executive Committee, as authorized in Article IV, Section 2(c) of the Commission Bylaws.

A. Definitions:

1. **Commission** means the Social Work Licensure Compact Commission.
2. **Executive Committee** means the committee established pursuant to the Commission Bylaws, Article IV.
3. **Rotating Ex-Officio Member** means one of four ex-officio, nonvoting members of the Executive Committee, whose seat is held by a representative of a national social work organization on a rotating basis.

B. Eligibility and Approval:

1. The Commission shall establish and maintain a list of recognized national social work organizations eligible to serve in the rotating ex-officio role.
2. Eligibility criteria shall include:
 - a. National scope and reach in the field of social work.
 - b. Demonstrated commitment to professional standards, education, practice, licensure, and public protection in social work.
3. The Commission shall review the list of eligible organizations no less than every four (4) years and may add or remove organizations by majority vote pursuant to its authority under Section 10(C) of the Compact

C. Term and Rotation:

1. The rotating ex-officio seat shall be held for a term of two (2) years.
2. No organization may serve two consecutive terms; provided, however, that there is only one eligible organization pursuant to Section B then the Commission may approve consecutive terms for the sole eligible organization by majority vote.

3. The Commission shall establish the initial order of rotation by majority vote. Thereafter, the rotation shall proceed in the approved order unless revised by Commission vote.

D. Selection and Confirmation:

1. Each organization designated to serve in the rotation shall nominate a representative to serve as the ex-officio member.
2. The Commission Chair shall confirm the appointment in writing and notify the Executive Committee and the full Commission.

E. Vacancies:

1. If an ex-officio representative resigns or is unable to serve, the organization holding the seat may appoint a replacement for the remainder of the term.
2. If the organization fails to appoint a replacement within 60 days, the Commission may appoint the next organization in the rotation to fill the seat early.

F. Role and Restrictions:

1. The rotating ex-officio member shall be a nonvoting member of the Executive Committee.
2. They may participate in discussions, provide input, and speak during Commission meetings, but may not vote on Commission or Executive Committee actions.