

Regional Officers/Methods of Election

The PAC-NW has a need for a structured method of election for regional reps and other regional officers. We need to find a more efficient way of electing our leaders, one which will reduce some of the problems encountered in previous years and allow us as a region to progress. Some ideas for how we might do this follow.

Plan A:

- Overview:
 - Candidate chosen from each sub-region at Eastern and Western fall sub-regional retreats.
 - Candidates travel to National Gathering held over the New Year's holiday where the election is held.
 - The candidate who wins the election becomes the regional rep. The other candidate becomes the vice president/rep for the region.
 - Campus pastors/ministers of the regional rep and vice president serve as regional advisors for the term.
 - All other regional offices are filled at the spring retreat by either election or appointment.
 - Old officers and rep work with new rep and vice president until the spring retreat, allowing approximately a three-month carryover period.
- Offices:
 - **Regional rep/President**- Coordinator of Spring Retreat; recognized as the "head" of the region by LSM-USA.
 - **Vice President**- Work closely with rep; help facilitate communication between sub-regions; take over as rep if needed.
 - **SIMC** (Secretary for International and Multicultural Concerns)-
 - **Treasurer**- Work with financial concerns (budget, fundraising, etc.).
 - **Secretary**- Minutes; Coordinate newsletter; facilitate communication between officers.
 - **Eastern Coordinator**- Coordinator of Eastern sub-regional retreat in fall.
 - **Western Coordinator**- Coordinator of Western sub-regional retreat in fall.
 - **Webmaster**- Start and maintain regional website.
 - **Historian**- Document region's activity; Collect names of future alumni; take over certain positions if needed.
- Benefits:
 - Eliminates the eight-month carryover period.

- May encourage National Gathering attendance.
- Allows each sub-region representation.
- May help build cohesiveness in region (between sub-regions).
- Facilitates more communications.
- Allows for two advisors, one in each sub-region.
- Allows for a vice president/rep to take over as regional rep if needed.
- Allows region to collect names of alumni (historian).

Plan B:

- Overview:
 - Make fall retreat a business retreat for the whole region. Have sub-regional retreats in the spring.
 - Elect a regional rep and a vice president as well as other officers at the fall retreat.
 - Have new regional rep initiated at the National Gathering.
 - Campus pastor/minister of regional rep becomes regional advisor for the term.
 - Add the position of SIMC.
 - Change “utility person” to historian.
- Offices:
 - See plan B
- Benefits:
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 - May encourage National Gathering attendance.
 - Allows for a vice president/rep to take over as regional rep if needed.
 - Allows region to collect names of alumni (historian).

