

Proposed Policies Regarding ICOC Meetings

Being a member of the ICOC requires a serious commitment to the State of California. The ICOC has held more than 112 meetings, including subcommittee meetings.

In order to advance the important mission entrusted to them by the voters, members are expected to attend as many of the ICOC's scheduled meetings as is possible. (Likewise, members of subcommittees are expected to attend as many meetings of subcommittee as possible.)

We recognize, of course, that from time to time, members will be unable to attend a meeting because of personal or other reasons. If a member is unable to attend a scheduled meeting of the ICOC or subcommittee, the member should notify the Executive Director of the ICOC as soon as is reasonably possible.

Board members who have the power to appoint an alternate should make all appropriate efforts to have an alternate attend an ICOC meeting or subcommittee meeting if the member is unable to attend.

Under the ICOC's bylaws, members are expected to attend all ICOC meetings in person. (Subcommittee meetings may be attended by teleconference.) In recognition of the members' busy schedules and in an effort to secure a quorum, however, the ICOC could amend its bylaws to permit attendance by teleconference or video-conference under certain circumstances.

For example, the bylaws could authorize up to three members per meeting to participate by teleconference or videoconference if the members would otherwise be unable to attend the meeting and if their participation is necessary to establish or maintain a quorum. Priority to participate by teleconference or videoconference could be accorded as follows: (1) members who have significant medical needs; (2) members who do not have the power to appoint an alternate; (3) members who are traveling out of state at the time of the meeting; and (4) other members.

Participation by teleconference or videoconference could be limited to no more than two meetings per member per year.