

# SOMETHING BETTER THAN HOPE

**Accessibility and Affordability Working Group**  
*Draft By-Laws*

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# Overview of Draft By-Laws

- AAWG is one of 4 working groups that were created by Props 71 and 14
- ICOC's previous desire was to have similarity between the By-Laws for the WGs – so this draft was created pursuant to that philosophy and modeled after the GWG By-Laws
- Prop 14 articulates much of the mandate for the AAWG, its membership, and its functions – so By-Laws follow the mandate closely

# By-Law Highlights

Article III – Functions: articulates Prop 14 mandates and lays out areas of independent action by AAWG as well as interactions with CIRM staff to accomplish purpose

## Article IV – Membership

- Appointment: highlights the breadth of experience of the AAWG membership
- Ad Hoc Members: allows ICOC to add Ad Hoc members as necessary for any expert review session
- Compensation: members are entitled to daily rates as established by ICOC
- Conflict of Interest/Confidentiality: members are subject to these additional policies that will be adopted by the ICOC
- Removal of Members: articulates grounds for removal as well as the process

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## Article V: Duties with Respect to Grant Applications and Contracts

- Contract Proposals/Applications – outlines broadly the process for reviewing requests for contracts and grant applications within the functional purpose of the AAWG
- Roles: discusses the roles of the President and CIRM Staff in this process

## Article VI: Meetings – sets for the timing and structure of meetings as well as open meeting concept

## Article VII: Procedure for Recommending Grants and Contracts

- Section 3: Evaluation and Scoring – currently left to AAWG to develop the evaluation process for reviewing and making recommendations to Application Review Subcommittee of the ICOC

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## Article VII: Procedure for Recommending Grants and Contracts

- Section 7: Recommendations and Minority Reports – recommendations are made by a majority vote of quorum of AAWG members present. If 35% of AAWG members support an opportunity that does not receive a majority vote, a minority recommendation report shall be submitted to the Application Review Subcommittee of the ICOC