

Proposal for HAB Consideration and Consensus

Proposal:

Change the period of assignment for all HAB leadership positions to start on October 1 and end on September 30.

This would include: HAB Chair, Vice Chair, National Liaison, Committee Chairs and Committee Vice Chairs.

This change would not impact the term length. HAB Chair, Vice Chair and National Liaison would continue to be 2-year terms (as stated in the OGR) and Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs 1-year term.

Background:

When term limits for Board membership were not enforced, holding elections and starting the leadership position in the January-March timeframe made sense. However, the membership term now ends on September 30, which can impact Board/Committee operations if an individual is elected to a leadership position but terms off the Board on September 30. According to how the HAB currently operates, the leadership position would remain vacant or the Board/Committee would need to hold special elections to appoint an interim or acting person to serve in the leadership position. This proposed change would remove that potential issue.

This change would also necessitate moving the elections for Chair/Vice Chair/National Liaison to the summer/late summer timeframe.

According to the OGR, Section VIII.B, the Committees determine their leadership election process. During the March 2024 Committee meetings each committee agreed to change their term periods for Committee Chair and Vice Chair to start on October 1 and end on September 30.

Actions Needed:

1. Consensus by HAB members on the decision to change the HAB Chair, Vice Chair and National Liaison term of service start and end dates to start on October 1 and end on September 30.
2. Agree to extend the current HAB Chair, Vice Chair and National Liaison current terms to end on September 30, 2025, to allow for the transition to the new term periods.
3. According to the OGR, Section VI.A.1, the HAB Chair selection is officially appointed by the TPA agencies by letter and that approval will end on January 31, 2025, therefore, the agencies would also need to officially extend the current Chair's term to September 30, 2025. If not, an election would need to be held for an interim or acting chair from January 31, 2025 to September 30, 2025 to cover the transition period.