

Eastern Region of NATS Governance Structure

Approved by the Eastern Region of NATS Board

Below the current language from the new governor's manual, regarding region governance structure/s.

Region Cabinet/Board to Advise Governor

*At a minimum, the Region Cabinet should include the Region Governor and all District Governors. Additional positions may be included at the discretion of the Region Governor. Similarly, it is unlikely that ALL past Region Governors **must** be appointed to the region cabinet, but the Governor may certainly call upon them for service. A more common model would be that which the National Board follows with the immediate Past Governor serving as Past Governor on the Region Cabinet providing that person resides in the region and maintains a full or emeritus membership. The Region Cabinet serves at the pleasure of the Region Governor in an advisory capacity. Policy is enacted only by the vote of the region membership through the leadership of the Region Governor.*

Regions have flexibility and can adjust to what they see their specific needs are. Despite what the article states: "*Policy is enacted only by the vote of the region membership through the leadership of the Region Governor.*", it would be good practice to have some business subject to vote exclusively by the board and/or cabinet in representation of the region membership.

Based on the Governor's recommendation, the Eastern Region of NATS Board have approved the following governance structure for our Region (**Summer 2021**):

1. **REGION BOARD**: composed of **ALL** Chapter Presidents (voting members); **ALL** District Governors (voting members); **ADDED** Past Region Governor (ex-officio, voting member) and the student auditions Chair/s (ex-officio, non-voting member/s). *The Past Governor position is a regular figure in all types of boards and governance bodies across NATS.

In addition, the Eastern Region Board voted and passed the following Governance Structure policies in Fall 2022:

- a) **ADDED** the Region Development Liaison position to the Eastern Region Board as an ex-officio (non-voting) member. This will facilitate more efficient communication and coordination of development/advancement initiatives across the region, represent the region's development agenda and strategic planning etc.
- b) **ADDED** the position of SNATS Coordinator to the Eastern Region Board as an ex-officio (non-voting) member. This position will be integrated into the

planning for the annual Eastern Region Student Auditions & Conference, among the other duties specified in the job description.

2. **REGION CABINET:** composed of ALL District Governors (voting members). There are some region businesses that *may* not need the entire board's attention, approval etc., and this structure will offer some flexibility in conducting those business. This will potentially reduce additional workload for the board as well. *We have referred to this body previously and informally as the Region Council of Governors.