# MOBIUS Policy on Board Elections

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## Purpose of the Policy

This policy is intended to ensure that the elections of members of the Board of Directors are conducted in a fair and orderly manner that is in compliance with the MOBIUS Bylaws as well as Missouri laws regarding non-profit entities.

## Content of the Policy

As a non-profit entity in the state of Missouri, MOBIUS is responsible for maintaining a Board of Directors, made up of voting and *ex officio* members. Prior to each annual meeting of the Membership, the Members shall elect directors to hold office as described by the Terms of Office below. Members must be elected to fill open positions as listed in Section 3:2 of the MOBIUS Bylaws. Voting members are to be drawn from the greater Membership.

**Terms of Office**

Board Members may serve up to two (2) consecutive three year terms, or a combination of terms, totaling not more than eight (8) consecutive years. The Board of Directors shall, as necessary, assign one (1) year term appointments to incoming and re-elected Members of the Board of directors to maintain staggered terms and to ensure a rotation of new and experienced Board members. Terms shall begin at the annual meeting, held each year in June. The first required action of the new Board is to attend the June Board meeting.

**Election Procedures**

Election procedures, as outlined in the MOBIUS Procedure on Board Elections, must be in compliance with the MOBIUS Bylaws and with Missouri laws regarding non-profit entities. The President of the Board, in consultation with the Board Secretary and the Executive Director and legal counsel if necessary, will review the procedure annually prior to the election to ensure compliance.

**Extending the Term of a Board President**

A Board Member may serve as Vice President/President Elect or President even if his or her elected term as Board Member will end before the term as President would be completed. In this case, prior to the expiration of the Board Member’s elected term, the Membership should be asked to vote to extend this Board Member’s term to cover the entire Vice President/President Elect and President period.

**Vacancies**

A Board Member can resign at any time by delivering written notice to the Board, President, or Secretary. The resignation will become effective upon delivery unless the notice specifies a later effective date. Any vacancy occurring in the Board shall be filled with an appointment from the Membership by a majority vote by the Directors remaining in office. In the case of a mid-term appointment, the time between this appointment and the election shall not be considered when calculating the term limits of the Director.

## Related Documents

The MOBIUS Procedure on Board Elections details the steps for electing members of the Board of Directors.