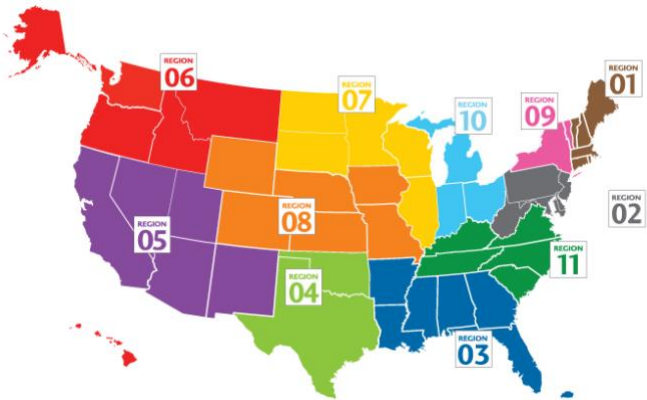


# OPTN *Regional Meeting*

## Regions



The Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN) is organized into 11 regions. Regional meetings are held twice each year during the winter and summer public comment periods. The meeting is led by the regional councillor who is the region's representative on the OPTN Board of Directors. You will hear presentations from OPTN committee members and others about proposed changes to the transplant system, opportunities to get involved, and updates about ongoing efforts to improve organ allocation.

## Regional Meeting Overview

- Public comment periods offer an opportunity to provide feedback on proposed changes to OPTN policies ([OPTN public comment](#))
- Meetings are held twice each year during the winter (Jan-March) and summer (Aug-Oct) public comment periods
- In order to protect the health and safety of attendees, all meetings are being held virtually for the winter 2022 cycle
- The meeting agenda is divided into two sections: discussion and non-discussion (ND) policy proposals\*
- Discussion policy proposals are presented and discussed at the regional meeting
- ND policy proposals are *not* discussed at the regional meeting

## Regional Meeting Agenda

The regional meeting is chaired by the Regional Councillor. A typical meeting includes the following components:

- Regional update presented by the Regional Councillor
- OPTN update presented by a UNOS executive or President/VP of OPTN Board of Directors
- OPTN committee updates presented by Regional Representatives of OPTN committees
- Policy proposals presented by Regional Representatives from the sponsoring committees followed by discussion

## Sentiment

OPTN representatives submit sentiment on public comment items. Sentiment is advisory and helps the Regional Councillor represent the viewpoints of the region to the OPTN Board of Directors on each policy proposal.

- Each organization may submit sentiment one time for each public comment item, but anyone may voice feedback or ask questions.
- Transplant Community Administrators announce sentiment and take notes on the feedback voiced by meeting attendees to create written comments that express the viewpoints of the region.
- Regional sentiment and comments on proposals are posted to the OPTN website in the [public comment section](#) and shared with the sponsoring committee for each proposal and the OPTN Board of Directors for consideration.
- Members and the public are encouraged to post individual comments on the OPTN website in the public comment section.