

You're Invited: Regional Meeting

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Regions



The U.S. is organized into 11 geographic regions to facilitate transplantation. In each region, a Regional Councillor, an Associate Regional Councillor, a UNOS Transplant Community Administrator and Policy Associate work together to coordinate regional activities. Each region is represented by a Regional Councillor on the OPTN/UNOS Board of Directors, and there is a regional representative on most of the standing OPTN committees. Regional meeting information is located in the [Regions](#) section of the UNOS Transplant Pro website.

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 spring (Jan-March) and fall (Aug-Oct) public comment periods
- 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

**All policy proposals – discussion and ND – are presented during national webinars held during the public comment period.*

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
- UNOS update presented by a UNOS executive or President/VP of OPTN/UNOS 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 and voting (*discussion items only*)

Voting

Regional meeting votes are advisory and help the Regional Councillor represent the viewpoints of the region to the OPTN/UNOS Board of Directors on each policy proposal. This information also helps the Board understand the community's sentiment on each policy proposal.

- Each organization receives one vote, but anyone may voice feedback or ask questions. When the Councillor calls for a vote, members are asked to indicate support, opposition, or abstention on proposals.
- Anyone may propose an amendment to a proposal, which may be voted on with the proposal or can be voted on separate from the proposal as written; there may be a call to vote on amended proposals.
- Policy Associates announce vote tallies and take notes on the feedback voiced by meeting attendees to create written comments that express the sentiment of the region.
- Regional 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/UNOS Board of Directors for consideration.

**Members and the general public are encouraged to post individual comments on the OPTN website in the public comment section.*

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