

8. Board Representation

Early in the summer, the Nova Scotia Chambers of Commerce sent a letter to its membership regarding regional representation and the creation of a Board of Directors. In the letter, the following seven (7) regions were proposed:

- 1) Cape Breton – 2 years
- 2) HRM – 1 Year
- 3) Eastern Shore (Pictou-Antigonish-Guysborough) – 2 years
- 4) Central Nova Scotia (Cumberland-Colchester-East Hants) – 1 year
- 5) Valley (West Hants-Kings-Annapolis) – 2 years
- 6) South Shore (Lunenburg-Queens) – 1 year
- 7) Tri-county (Yarmouth-Shelburne-Digby) – 2 years

We're proposing that regions 1, 3, 5 and 7 start as two years terms, while 2, 4 and 6 start with one year terms. Once the first terms are up, all will move to two years each. This will help ensure we don't have a mass exodus of board members.

The Executive would initially approve regional nominees. Once board members are brought on, they would vote for or against new or replacement regional representatives.

Any nominee to the provincial board of directors must be a director chamber of commerce, as set out in our shared bylaws.

(17.0.1.1 Each member Board or Chamber, in good standing, within the applicable province shall be entitled to appoint a delegate who must also be a Director of the member Board or Chamber.)

Travel to Quarterly Meetings by regional representatives would be paid for by the NSCoC.

We're also proposing a policy committee be created that consists of the President, 1st Vice and three members of the board of directors. These members can be decided on once regional representation is in place.