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A Governance Study Initiative

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After years of experience with our current governance structure the Executive Committee (EC) decided that it would be timely to have an intensive study of each of the major parts of our governance. A Governance Study Committee (GSC) would be established with 5 to 7 members with the experience and trust needed to have the process be most effective.

Under current governance the EC is responsible for appointing committees. The process we recommend is to ask past and current chairs to send the EC the names of past chairs, All Star I committee members and any other member of our conference who they think would be excellent candidates for the GSC. Confidential recommendations would be sent directly to the EC which would serve as a Nominating Committee for the purpose of appointing the GSC. The EC would then present a slate of nominees to the Past Chairs via e-mail with no more than two nominees being current or past members of the EC. Past chairs would vote electronically on the slate as a group rather than individually.

Once established the GSC would be charged to begin the study process. This would include selecting input from current and past members for the EC, past and current Chairs at large and other All Star I conferees as needed. Following this study the GSC would recommend which, if any, parts of the current structure should be changed and how.

The GSC report and recommendations would then be discussed by the EC for clarification and to indicate where further input from the GSC would be helpful. The final report and recommendations from the GSC would be sent to the Chairs prior to the fall 2012 meeting at which the report would be discussed and voted upon.