

## Policy 5.1 - Authority to Appoint

**Purpose** – Every organization requires the need to appoint board or committee members if a vacancy occurs. This policy describes the method for filling vacancies of the Executive Committee Officers, Central Committee and Committee Chairs.

### 1. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

**1.1. Temporary Appointment** – In the event of a vacancy on the Executive Committee, a temporary appointment may be necessary for the organization to conduct normal operations. A temporary appointment (Pro Tempore) to fill a vacant office will be made by the Chair and majority concurrence of the Executive Committee. If the vacancy is the Chair, then the Vice Chair will preside in accordance with BCRP Bylaws §5.2.3.

Within 60 days of vacancy, the Executive Committee shall call for nominees from the Central Committee for consideration to fill the vacancy in the Executive Committee. Within 90 days of vacancy, the Central Committee members by a majority vote will fill the vacancy in the Executive Committee. The Chair may participate in the process but does not have the authority to be the sole determiner in the selection of replacement officers.

The Chair also has the authority to appoint as directed by his responsibilities in the Bylaws.

2. **Precinct Committee Officer (PCO)** – If there is a precinct that has a PCO position open, and a candidate expresses a desire to serve, then the candidate shall be **nominated by the respective candidate Legislative District Chair (LD Chair)** prior to **appointment by the BCRP Chair** in accordance with RCW 29A.80.041 and BCRP Policy 3.1 – Voting and Non-Voting Membership Eligibility.
3. **Precinct Captain (PCap)** – If an individual expresses an interest to volunteer with the BCRP as a PCO and there is already a PCO in their precinct, they may serve as a PCap to assist the PCO. The volunteer *shall* be **vetted by the PCO**, and the *respective LD Chair shall nominate* the candidate prior to the **appointment by the BCRP Chair**. The PCap assists in conducting the PCO's duties but does not have voice or voting privileges during the Central Committee meetings. The PCap may speak on behalf of the PCO if directed by the PCO or upon recognition by the BCRP Chair. The PCap can serve as a Delegate/Proxy if given the assignment by the PCO in accordance with BCRP Policy 3.5 – Delegate/Proxy.

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BCRP Chair