

Policy for Staggered Commission and ELATE-GS Leadership

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For the next election cycle and all subsequent elections, each ELATE Commission and the ELATE Graduate Student Council (ELATE-GS) will elect chairs on a staggered basis. This will ensure that historical knowledge, developed resources/materials, and ongoing initiatives are passed to the next leader. The composition of leadership for these ELATE subgroups will be:

1. Past Chair (1 year)
2. Chair (2 years)
3. Vice Chair (1 year)

Nominations for Vice Chair of a Commission or the ELATE-GS should be solicited by the current Chair and ELATE EC liaison in September or October in odd numbered years. The request for nominations must be sent out to all current subgroup members (of either the commission or ELATE-GS). Self-nominations are welcome. Candidates who accept their nomination will submit a short statement of interest and bio via email to the current Chair and Past Chair of the subgroup and ELATE EC liaison. The Vice Chair shall be elected by a confidential electronic vote of the ELATE subgroup's membership before the fall meeting in odd numbered years. The election will be run by the ELATE EC liaison who will send out an electronic ballot prior to the fall meeting. Also before the fall meeting, the ELATE EC liaison will tabulate results and inform the current Chair and Past Chair of the new vice Chair. The term for the office of Vice Chair shall be for one year beginning at the close of the NCTE annual convention. At the conclusion of a one-year term, the Vice Chair shall assume the position of Chair, and shall serve as Chair for a term of two years. After this two year term as Chair, the Chair will move into the Past Chair position for a year. The Past Chair should facilitate documenting key activities and initiatives that can be shared with members and elected leaders.

Note on transition to this policy: Since most ELATE subgroups currently have two Co-Chairs that are recently elected, these two Co-Chairs will operate as a paired Chair. Recent Chair/Co-Chairs of the subgroup may be invited to serve as Past Chair(s) if the current Chair/Co-Chairs desire this mentorship. In the next election in 2025, a vice-chair will be elected. The ELATE EC member who serves as a liaison for each ELATE commission will work with each commission to adopt this policy. The ELATE Chair will work with the ELATE-GS to adopt this policy.