

AWC Ad Hoc Bylaws Review Committee

The AWC Bylaws provide for the AWC Board to review the size, make-up, and structure of the Board at least once every five years through a Bylaws Review Committee. Any changes to the powers, duties, number, qualifications, terms of office, manner of elections, and criteria for removal of board members must be adopted by the membership.

The 2023 Bylaws Review Committee recommended, and the AWC Board approved, the creation of a committee with broad, statewide representation to review board districts. The ad hoc committee is comprised of one representative from each of the 14 board districts appointed by the AWC President.

Ad Hoc Bylaws Review Committee by district

- 1: Cristella Kaminskas, Mayor, Liberty Lake
- 2: Jillian Henze, Councilmember, Waitsburg
- 3: Matthew Schuh, Councilmember, Bridgeport
- 4: Nancy Goodloe, Councilmember, Ellensburg
- 5: Anne McEnery-Ogle, Mayor, Vancouver
- 6: Julie Door, Councilmember, Puyallup
- 7: Angela Birney, Mayor, Redmond
- 8: Brett Gailey, Mayor, Lake Stevens
- 9: Betsy Wilkerson, Council President, Spokane
- 10: John Hines, Deputy Mayor, Tacoma
- 11: Dan Strauss, Councilmember, Seattle
- 12: Julie Struck, Mayor, South Bend
- 13: Dana Ralph, Mayor, Kent
- 14: Paul Cocke, Councilmember, Sedro-Woolley

Committee Charter

The charter adopted by the AWC Board sets the scope for the committee's work:

- Preserve strengths of the Board composition by ensuring representation from cities across the state, of a variety of sizes.
- Evaluate whether to modify existing structure, or whether there is a need for a wholesale change in districts and board seats.

- Strive for geographically equitable representation of 281 cities and towns.
- Strive to work within the framework of current Board size (25 members or less).
- Utilize an equity lens to evaluate different scenarios before a decision is made.

Ad Hoc Committee timeline

The ad hoc committee has met since February 2024 to review data related to board composition and update the criteria for evaluating board districts. A membership listening session was held on May 2 to inform the members about committee considerations and seek input.

In the interest of transparency, the committee made the decision to extend their work to include discussion at AWC's annual district meetings. The revised goal is to bring any recommended changes, if any, for potential adoption by the membership to the 2025 Business Meeting in June (hosted during the Annual Conference).

Criteria for evaluating districts

The committee has adopted the following criteria for evaluating districts and board representation:

- Average percentage of city population.
- Average percentage of number of cities.
- East and west city representation.
- Small, medium, and large city representation.
- Geographically equitable representation.
- Representation from all types of cities, including rural.
- Geographic commonality (i.e., economic similarities, county boundaries).

The guidelines provide that the committee will support outcomes that benefit the entire city family and AWC and seek win-win solutions; evaluate unidentified consequences; and come to consensus before forwarding recommendations to the membership.

Board districts – cities and population

■ Percentage of cities ■ Percentage of population

